

ABOUT ARDEN

For this issue of Seamwork, we took some inspiration from Biba and the 1970's glam to create dresses that will add flare to your wardrobe. Arden is a babydoll dress reminiscent of late 60's London street wear, but with a modern twist. Arden has a contrasting yoke, shawl collar, center front bow, and full sleeves with cuffs. The dress hits at the knee, and has long darts that create the bell shape.

With all the ease that Arden provides, there is no need for a closure. Make it from silk or rayon challis to create a beautiful, drapery dress. Or add some structure to Arden by using a lightweight flannel or cotton lawn. Experiment with different colors for the front and back yokes, or try an eyelet or a fun print. Paired with some tights and boots, Arden makes a fabulous fall outfit.

SUPPLIES

All-purpose polyester sewing thread,^{80/10} sewing machine needle, ³/₄ yards of lightweight fusible interfacing.

MAIN FABRIC

Lightweight to medium weight wovens such as cotton lawn, voile, silk, rayon challis, and wool crêpe.

CONTRAST FABRIC

Lightweight to medium weight wovens such as cotton lawn, voile, silk, rayon challis, and wool crêpe.

IMPERIAL

	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
BODY MEASUREMENTS (INCHES)														
BUST	33	34	35	36	37	38 1/2	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54
HIP	35	36	37	38	39	40 1/2	42	44	46	49	51	53	55	57
FABRIC REQUIRED (YARDS) *														
MAIN FABRIC														
45" **	2 3/4	2 3/4	2 7/8	2 7/8	3	3	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
60" **	2 1/2	2 1/2	2 5/8	2 5/8	2 5/8	2 3/4	2 3/4	3	3	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 3/8
CONTRAST FABRIC														
45" **	5/8	5/8	5/8	3/4	3/4	3/4	1	1	1	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8	1 1/8
60" **	5/8	5/8	5/8	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	3/4	7/8	7/8	7/8
FINISHED GARMENT (INCHES)														
BUST	40	41	42	43	44	45	46 1/2	49	51	53	55	57	59	61
WAIST	41	42	43	44	45	47	49	51	53	56	59	61	64	66
HIP	49	50	51	52	53	54	56	59	62	65	68	70	73	76
SWEEP	54	55	56	57	58	60	61	63	65	68	70	72	74	76
BACK	35	35 1/2	36	36 1/2	37	37 1/2	38	38 1/2	39	39 1/2	40	40 1/2	41	41 1/2

* Sizes 14 - 26 will not fit on 45" wide fabrics.

** Pattern layouts are nondirectional. Purchase additional yardage if using napped or printed fabrics.

*** Back length is measured from the back of your neck to the hem.