

# U Neckline and Boat Neckline Instructions for Tabula Rasa Knits

## SAMPLE PREPARATION

1. Cut out one front and one back on fabric, placing pattern on fold.

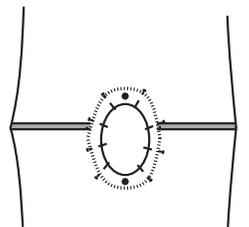
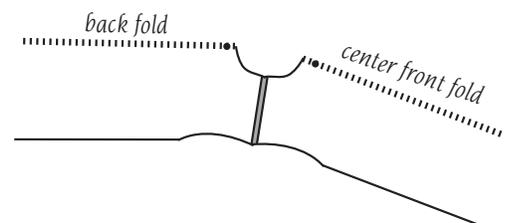
## U NECKLINE

### Preparation

1. Fuse  $\frac{3}{4}$ " strip of interfacing to each shoulder seam.
2. Sew front to back at shoulder seam with seam  $\frac{5}{8}$ " and press open.
3. Measure the neck edge, subtract  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " from that length
4. Cut a strip of fabric  $2\frac{1}{8}$ " wide by the calculated length and press the strip in half, lengthwise, wrong sides together.

### Finish Neck with U Band

1. Open each short end and sew ends right sides together with a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " seam to form the band into a circle. Press seam allowances open. Re-fold band in half, wrong sides together, along previous pressing line.
2. Mark the center back and center front point on both the neckband and the top with pins or disappearing marker.
3. Working from the right side, lay the neckband around the neckline on the top, raw edges together. Pin the center front of the neckband to the center front of the top and pin the center back of the neckband to the center back of the top.
4. Gently stretch the neckband around the curves of the back and front neckline, pinning it into place. The band should be a bit smaller than the neck edge. If the band seems too long, adjust the neckband at the center back seam and re-pin.
5. Baste the neckband into place and put the top on to test the fit. Make adjustments to the band if necessary then stitch securely.
6. Use your preferred method to finish the seam allowances together.
7. Topstitch around the neckline through all layers.

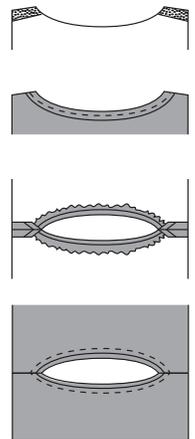


## BOAT OR BALLET NECK WITHOUT A COLLAR

### *Band Finish*

Follow these directions to apply a simple band finish to either a Boat or Ballet Neck Tee or Tunic.

1. Measure along neck edge of the front and subtract  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1" from that number to calculate length needed for front band. The stretchier your fabric is, the shorter the band will need to be. Repeat for back neck edge.
2. Cut a strip of fabric  $2\frac{1}{8}$ " wide by the calculated length for both the front and back neck edge. This will create a  $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide band when finished; you may adjust the width of your strip to create a wider or narrower band. If your fabric stretches differently in the length and width, cut along the direction with the least amount of stretch. Press each strip in half, wrong sides together.
3. Fuse a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide strip of interfacing along each front and back shoulder seam.
4. Place each band against the right side of its respective neck edge, stretching to fit. Pin, then sew band into place. Clean finish each seam allowance to  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and press the seam allowance toward the inside tee.
5. Sew each shoulder seam and press open. Clean finish the seam allowances of each shoulder seam.
6. Topstitch at  $\frac{1}{8}$ " around the neckline, through all layers, to anchor the seam allowance. Begin at the center back, pivoting at each shoulder seam for the best results.



### *Turned Under Finish*

Follow these directions to simply turn under the neck opening in a Boat or Ballet Neck Tee or Tunic.

1. Cut and fuse a  $\frac{3}{4}$ " wide piece of interfacing to each front and back neck edge and shoulder seam. (Use the interfacing's least stretchy direction, if there is a choice.)
2. Clean finish all shoulder and neck edges.
3. Sew shoulder seams, leaving  $\frac{1}{4}$ " unstitched at the neck. Press the seams open.
4. Turn the neck edge under  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and pin in place. Lightly press if desired.
5. Topstitch the neck finish in place at  $\frac{1}{4}$ " all the way around the neck opening. Begin at the center back and pivot at each shoulder seam.

