

Description: The princess seam tank top is a form-fitting top with seams that ensure a skin-tight tailored fit. It can be worn as a casual top, for athletics, or layered with other tops

Difficulty level: Beginner

Recommended gauge: .35mm or thinner

Optional accessories: Separating zipper for rear or front.

## **Cut out the pattern**

Step 1: Cut out each pattern piece along the solid lines.

Step 2: Place your pattern pieces face up (the side with the print on it) on top of your material.

Step 3: Cut out your material.

Step 4: [Optional] if adding a zipper to allow for easier access on and off – mark the middle of the front of rear (whichever side where you will add the zipper), and cut in half.

## **Glue the side front to front**

Step 5: Glue the left side front to the left side of the middle. Repeat for the right side front.

\*\* All seam widths should be  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch wide. All seams use a flat fell seam (lay the pattern pieces side by side, and then overlay the seams by  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.) \*\*

Work your way down the seam, ensuring that you stretch both seams an equal amount as you go. You can mark the seams at every 4 inches with scotch tape to ensure you are stretching each side equally (remove the tape as you reach that point).

## **Glue the rear to the side front**

Step: 6 Glue the left side front to the left side of the rear.

## **Rubberize / apply zipper [optional]**

Step 7: If you are adding a zipper to latex, you will first need to rubberize the zipper tape (the woven part of the zipper). Apply 3-4 thick coats of the solvent based adhesive to the top of the woven part of the zipper, or a

couple thin coats of the ammonia based adhesive. Allow several minutes for the glue to dry and 'rubberize' the zipper.

Step 8: Apply another coat of adhesive to the zipper and the rear seam and adhere the zipper to the rear. Work down the seam with the latex on the bottom side, and your hands working the zipper downward – pressing it onto the latex. This ensures the latex doesn't stretch, preventing the zipper from puckering.

## **Glue the shoulder seams**

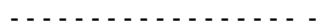
Step 9: Glue the rear shoulder straps to the front shoulder straps.

Step 10: Wait 24 hours for your glue to cure. Enjoy!

## **Legend**



Straight lines show where to cut



Dashed lines represent the space for the seam overlay