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# Interlining

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When you want to add warmth to a tailored garment, interlining is the answer. This additional layer of fabric is applied between the constructed garment and the lining. Fabrics that are generally used for interlining are:

- Lamb's Wool or Armo Wool (dry-clean only)
- Flannel — be sure to preshrink (washable)
- Polyester Fleece or multipurpose canvas (washable)

Interlining may also be a special finish that is added to the back of the lining fabric, such as milium crepe-back satin. This results in an insulated fabric.

Because of the extra bulk added by interlining, the pattern must be adjusted for wearing ease. (For this reason, sleeves are not usually interlined.) Usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 inch is added to the total size of the pattern. More allowance may be needed depending on the pattern and the interlining used.

Pattern pictured in quilted and pile fabrics will not have to be increased in size. Interlining is not necessary with pile or quilted fabrics.

To add interlining, follow these steps:

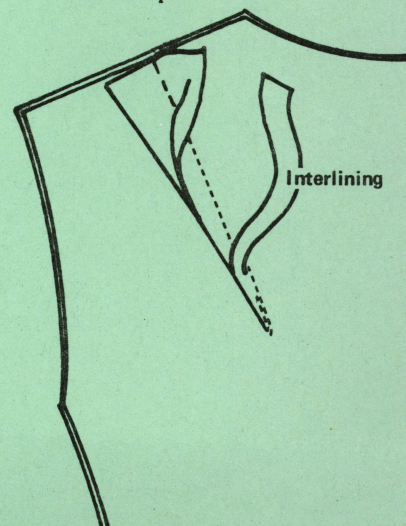
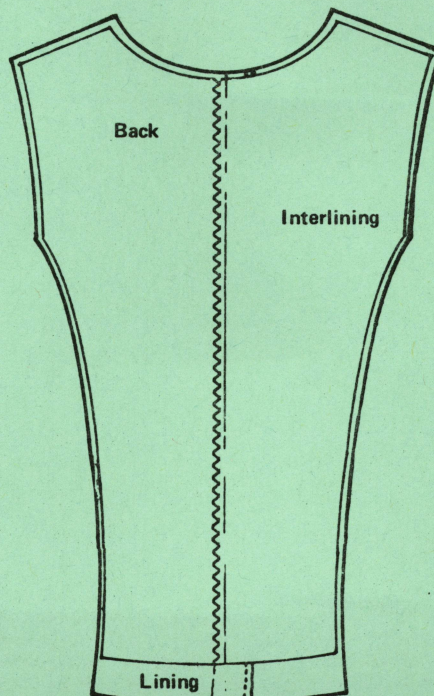
1. Use the lining pattern, but eliminate the back pleat.
2. After the pleat is constructed in the lining, attach the interlining. If there is a center back seam, do a lapped seam on the interlining.

3. Attach interlining to wrong side of lining. Stitch  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch from all seam edges, or use glue or glue stick on seam edges only.

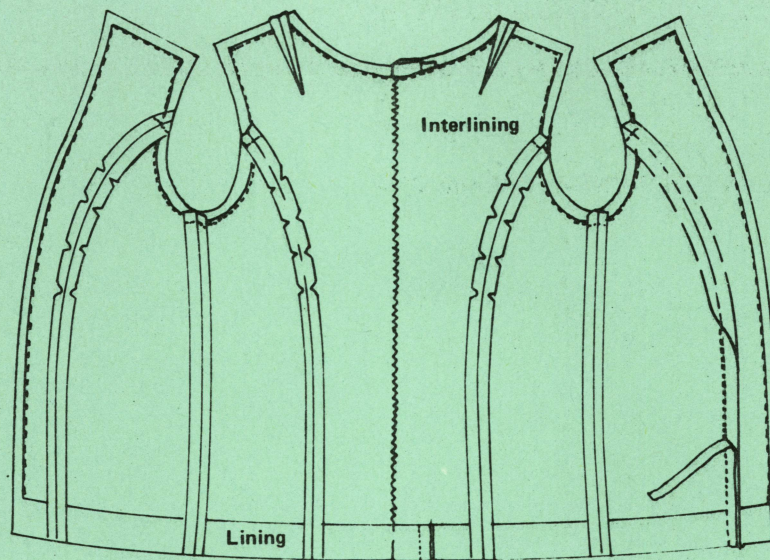
- Front opening
- Back and front shoulders
- Armhole and neck edges
- On these edges trim interlining close to stitching

4. Stitch darts.

- Slash open
- Trim interlining close to stitching
- Press open



5. Complete seams, stitching with right sides together.  
— Trim interlining seam allowances close to stitching  
— Press seams open



6. Complete construction for attaching the lining to the garment. Lining is usually attached by hand when interlining is used.

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