Braided Neckline Tank

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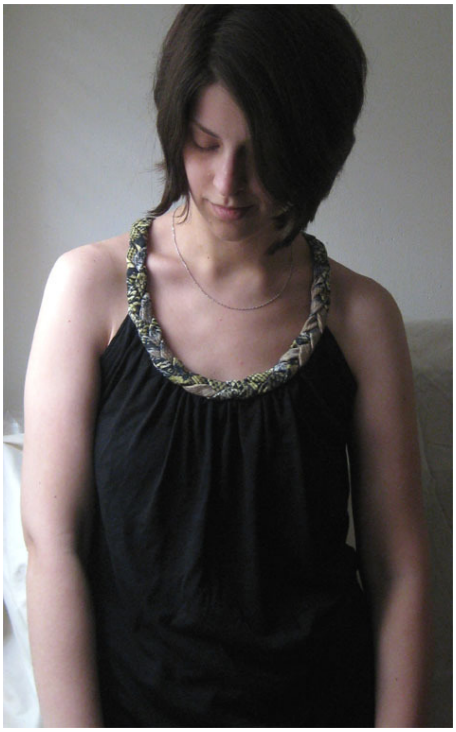


A redesign of my previous braided tank. A free pattern has been added to Burdastyle.com I believe this would fit both size 38 and 40. Below are the finished measurements of my sample. Bust – 35â– (Gathering will accommodate slightly larger busts as well) Waist – up to 35â– Hem Circumference – 44â– Circumference of neckline – 30â– Length of Side seam from Armhole – 17â– Total Length from Back of Neck – 24â–

Materials

Sample made in black Bamboo/Cotton blend from Fabric.com and in Cotton Snakeskin print jersey from Emmaonesock.com

Step 2 — Start of braid

Cut 3 strips of jersey 2" wide x 40" long across the width of your fabric. If using a print with a visible wrong side sew a scant 1/8" seam to turn the strip into a tube. If your fabric is solid the strips can be used raw.

Take the 3 strips/tubes of Jersey and overlap them side by side, about 1/4". Using your machine run a line of stitching 1.5" from the end. Check that all 3 pieces are secure and start braiding.

Step 3 — End of Braid

Continue braiding until there is 30" of braid from where the machine stitching starts. You should have about 1.5" of ends left. Run another line of machine stitching at the 30" mark to secure the braid.

Step 4 — Securing the raw ends part 1

Pick one side of the braid to be the wrong side. Take one of the raw ends and fold it back along the line of stitching.

Step 5 — Securing the raw ends part 2

You can tuck the ends under a braid edge a bit like this. Using a needle and thread hand tack the ends in place.

Step 6 — Securing the raw ends part 3

Fold the other two ends over and secure with needle and thread. The wrong side of the braid will look like this.

Step 7 — Securing the raw ends part 4

The right side of the braid will look like this. Repeat this process to the raw ends on the other end of the braid.

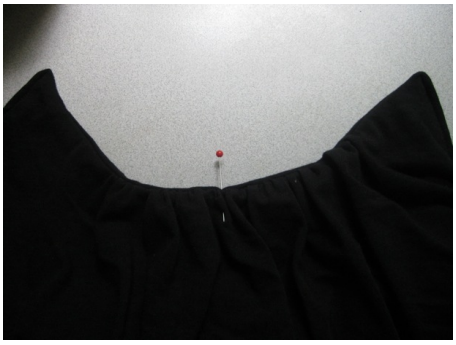
Step 8 — Attatching the braid part 1

Find the center of the back neck. Mark this with a pin

Step 9 — Attatching the braid part 2

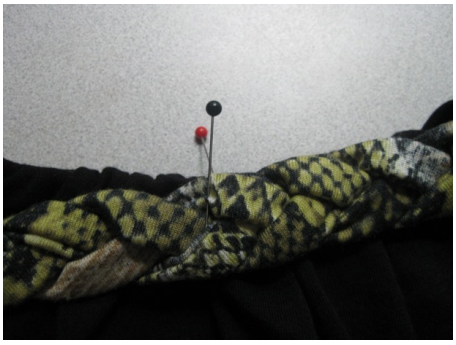
Pin the braid ends on either side of the center back mark

Step 10 — Attatching the braid part 3



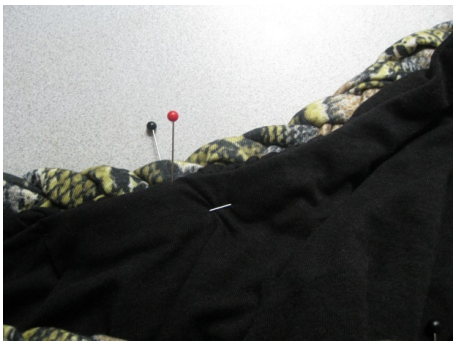
Find the center of the front neck and the center of the braid. Mark each with a pin.

Step 11 — Attatching the braid part 4



Put the braid center point over top the front neck center point.

Step 12 — Attatching the braid part 5



Pin the braid on so that on the wrong side the tank edge is in the middle of the width of the braid.

Step 13 — Attatching the braid part 6

Hand sew the braid to the tank from the right side. Then tack the two braid edges on the back neck together. It is optional to sew the braid to the tank edge on the inside. I usually do for added security.

Step 1 — Braided Neckline Tank Tutorial

Complete sewing instructions are in the pattern PDF. However I thought it would be helpful to have pictures for the braid instructions here.