Sewing La La

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shoulder seam
neckline edge
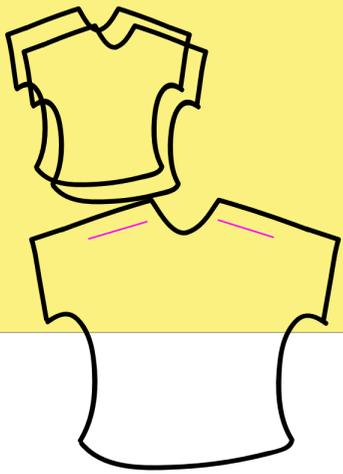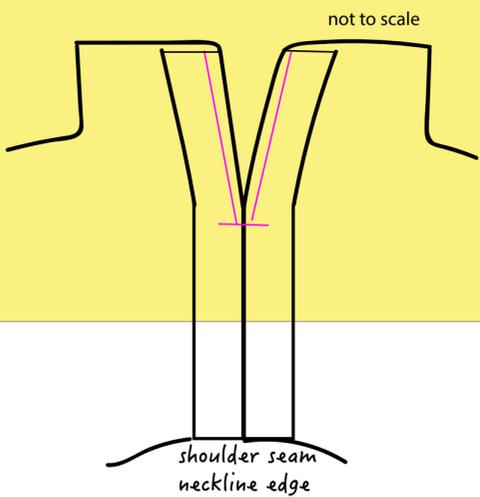
1. Place the front on back, RIGHT sides together, aligning shoulder and side seams Sew 20cm along from the neckline opening (or to where you want the peep opening to begin) with a narrow zig zag stitch

2. Open out top at shoulder seam with WRONG side up, press seam flat. Use a wide, short zig-zig stitch to secure the slit opening. Topstitch the seam allowance down over the slit opening. Repeat on both sleeves.
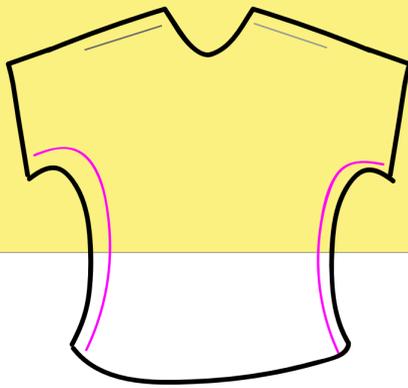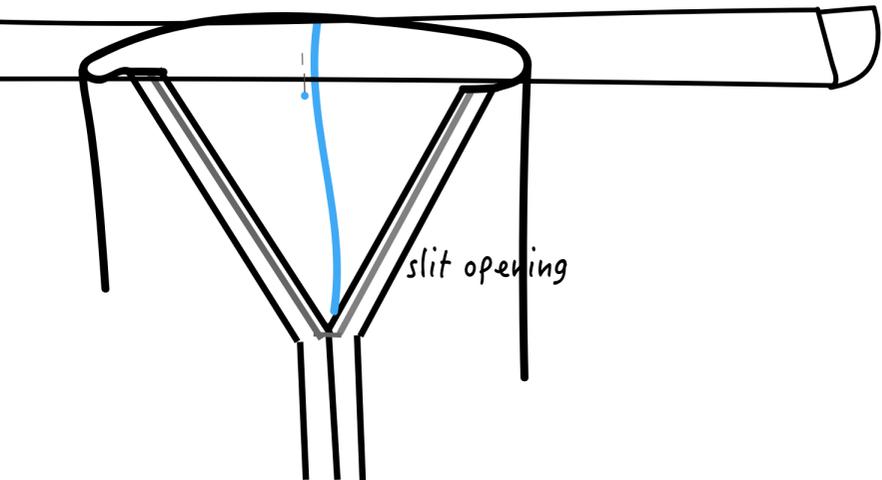
3. Align side seams and stitch together with narrow zig-zag stitch.
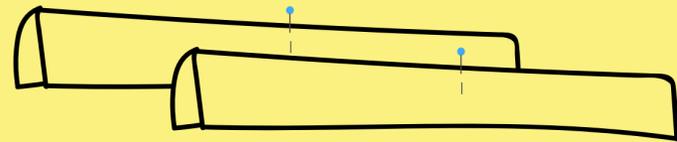
4. Fold rectangular sleeve ties in half horizontally, WRONG sides together. Mark the midpoint with a pin.
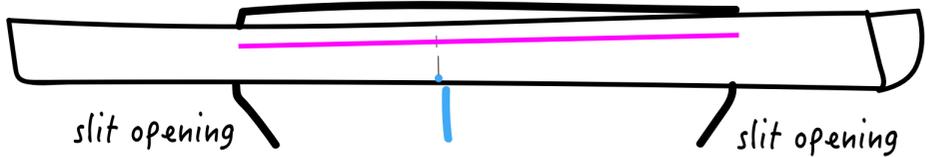
underarm/side seam from above

raw edges

slit opening

Same view as 5. except slit openings have been flattened out

slit opening   slit opening

6. Sew along this line with a straight stitch. Repeat for the other sleeve.
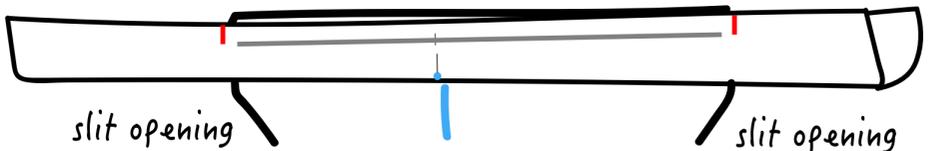
slit opening   slit opening

5. Ensure top is wrong side out. Lay it on your lap with the shoulder seams facing upwards and the top of the under-arm/side seam directly underneath. Align the midpoint of sleeve tie with the right side of the underarm/side seam. RIGHT side to RIGHT side, raw edges aligned, flatten out & pin the sleeve tie along the sleeve hem to the slit openings. Repeat for the other sleeve.

7. Make a small snip in the seam allowance of the sleeve ties just after each slit opening. Repeat for the other sleeve.

La La Top

Sleeve tie pressed up

continue along length of whole tie

slit opening

slit opening
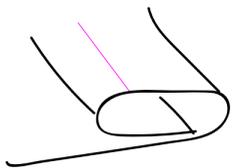
8. Hem the neckline and the base of the top. I created a narrow roll hem at the neckline. For a more professional finish you could add a knit band or a facing.

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8. Tuck in the raw edges/seam allowance of fabric for the sections of tie that extend past slit opening. Press in place. Also press the the sleeve ties and sleeve seam allowance away from the sleeve. Pin and then topstitch from one end of the tie to the other over the sleeve hem. Repeat for other sleeve. Tuck in the ends of each tie and sew in place.