

ST. NICHOLAS ALB

FABRIC REQUIRED

5 ½ yards, 54-inch fabric *look for a nice weave that will have some body and hang well*

Lace or trim, as needed *model used 8 yards, 2 1/2-inches wide, of lace (one row on sleeves, three on alb body)*

NOTIONS

2 packages seam binding

22-24-inch zipper

PATTERN PIECES

Alb Back, piece #1, cut 2

Alb Front, piece #2, cut 1 on fold

Alb Front Facing, piece #3, cut 1 on fold

Alb Back Facing, piece #4, cut 2

Alb Sleeve, piece #5, cut 2



Seam allowance: 5/8–3/4- inch

Secure all seams at beginning and end

ALB SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Measure zipper length against Alb Back (#1) center seam to mark where to begin stitching the center back seam.
Stitch center back seam. Press open.
2. Insert zipper, following package instructions.
The top zipper teeth should be at the level of the neck seam allowance.
Press.
3. Stitch Alb Front (#2) to Alb Back (#1) at shoulder seams **RIGHT SIDES** together.
Press seams open.
4. Stitch front facing (#3) to back facing (#4) at shoulder seams **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.**
Press seams open.

5. Pin neck facing to alb RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.
Fold center back facing seam allowance out of the zipper's way before stitching.
Stitch facing and alb neck seam.
Turn and press. Hand stitch facing seam allowance in place at zipper opening so it won't interfere with the zipper.
6. Top stitch top 1/4-inch from alb neck edge on RIGHT SIDE.
This keeps facing in place.
7. Stitch lace on sleeve (#5), if desired.
Determine hem width before deciding on trim placement.
Model has one row of lace, with the lower edge 2 3/8-inches above hem.
Stitch seam binding to at bottom edge of sleeve.
8. Pin sleeve to alb front and back RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.
Stitch. Repeat for other sleeve.
Clip seams and press toward sleeve.
9. Pin side and underarm seams RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.
Stitch, leaving an area open in side body seams for a convenience opening to allow access to trouser pockets.
Press seams open.
10. At each side of openings, fold seam allowance under, making a 1/4 -inch hem.
Hand stitch in place.
Make a bar tack at top and bottom of opening to secure seam.
11. Pin hem in place. A 2- or 3-inch hem is sufficient. Cut off excess material, if any.
Stitch seam binding on raw edge; slip stitch hem.
12. Lace on the model was stitched on after the alb was finished.
Model has three rows of lace, the lower edge of the bottom row is 7 inches up from the bottom of the garment
Stitch starting at the center back.
Turn under ends of lace at the center back and stitch folded edges together for each layer of lace.