

Summer Nights Shawl by Valori Wells

Finished size approximately 26" x 71"

The reversible Summer Nights Shawl is made of voile, which is ever so soft and drapes beautifully. There are two ways to approach the making of the shawl:

Version I

The most efficient use of fabric uses one fabric and there is a seam in the center back. For Version I, purchase **1 yard of 54"** wide voile fabric for the front and **1 yard of 54"** wide for the lining or back.

Version II

This version does not have a seam in the center back. It takes **2 yards each of 54"** wide fabric for the front and the lining, which is a total of four yards. You will have enough fabric to make two and give one for a gift.

Directions:

For each version trim off the selvage edges from the fabric, approximately 1/4" before you begin. Cut the fabric in half lengthwise. **Figure 1.**

For Version I stitch the two halves together using a 1/2" seam allowance, creating a 72" length piece for the front and lining.

The remaining instructions are the same for both versions.

Place right sides together, pinning around all of the edges. Sew together leaving a 4" opening along one side.

Trim excess fabric from the corners. **Figure 2.**

Turn to the right side. Press all of the edges.

With a needle and thread hand stitch the opening closed.

Measure in 8" from each side and top stitch the two fabrics together. **Figure 3.** (This stabilizes the shawl.)

Trim Variation:

You could cut off 4" wide rectangles from each end of the front and lining fabric. Then stitch the lining trim to each end of the front and vice versa with the lining. This would add some interest at each end of the shawl.

Figure 4.

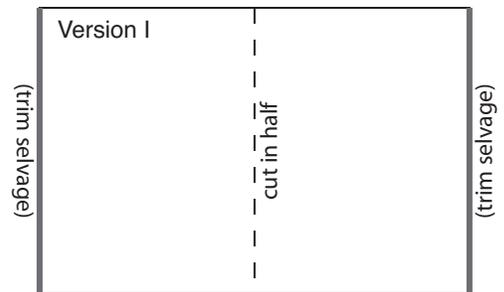


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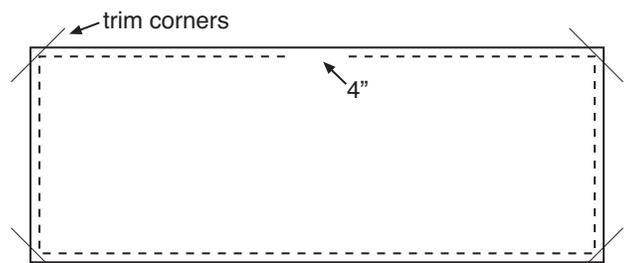


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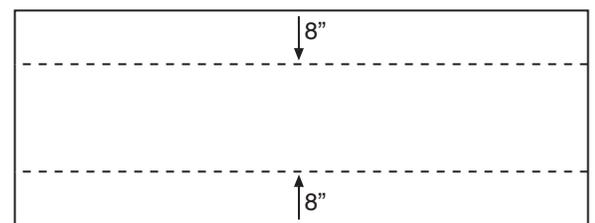


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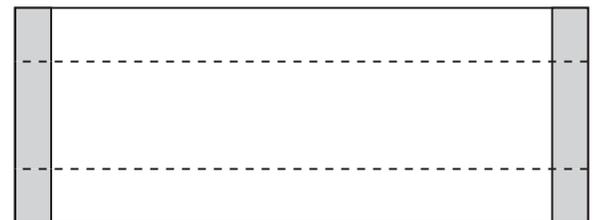


Figure 4

You could also add purchased bead or fringe trim to each end of the shawl.

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