

### About **Cacau**

Cacau is a sweater dress with two sleeve options and three collar styles. You can choose between long, slim sleeves or flared trumpet sleeves with cuffed bands. The large V-neck can be sewn with a facing or an overlapping shawl collar. Alternatively, you can opt for the oversized hooded collar. The cut is straight and slightly flared, with optional seam pockets and a kangaroo pocket included in the pattern. Thicker, stretchy fabrics like sweat, French terry, knit jacquard, etc., are suitable for sewing.

### **Body Measurement Chart**

The following chart helps you choose the correct size. The bust measurement is key for selecting the right size. If your hip measurement exceeds the one listed in the chart, you can flare the pattern from the underarm down. Instructions for doing so are available in this tutorial: https://erbsuende.com/2019/10/17/tutorial-schnittmuster-groessenanpassung/

Size EU	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
Bust	up to												
circumference	92cm	96cm	100cm	104cm	108cm	112cm	115cm	120cm	125cm	130cm	135cm	140cm	145cm
Hip	up to												
circumference	95cm	100cm	105cm	110cm	115cm	120cm	125cm	130cm	133cm	137cm	140cm	145cm	150cm

### Fabric Recommendation

Thicker, stretchy fabrics such as sweat, summer sweat, wool fabric or knit jacquard are suitable. If you use thicker or heavier fabric, you should choose a thinner, lighter fabric for the hood lining, such as jersey.

### Fabric Requirements for a Fabric Width of 1.45m

The following fabric amounts apply to a Cacau with balloon sleeves and a hood.

Size EU	34	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
Fabric Length	2m	2m	2m	2,2m	2,2m	2,2m	2,5m	2,5m	2,5m	2,5m	3m	3m	3m

## Seam and Hem Allowances

The pattern does not include seam and hem allowances; these must be added individually when cutting.

## **Required Materials**

- Fabric (as recommended above)
- Tape for assembling the pattern
- Scissors, measuring tape, pins, or clips
- Sewing machine, overlock/coverlock (if available), iron

## Important Notes

- Before cutting, read the entire instruction manual carefully!
- To correctly open and print the pattern, use the latest version of Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- When printing, ensure the settings are at 100% or "no scaling."

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# Cutting Out Cacau with Balloon Sleeves and Hood

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Fold the fabric wrong sides together. Place the back piece with the "Center Back/Fold" marking along the edge. Cut the back piece once on the fold.

Fold the fabric wrong sides together. Place the front piece with the "Center Front/Fold" marking along the edge. Cut the front piece once on the fold.



Choose the balloon sleeve pattern from the template.

Cut the balloon sleeves once on double fabric layers. You will end up with two mirrored pieces.

Instructions for adjusting the sleeve length, if necessary, are provided at the end of the manual.

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Cut the cuff pieces twice on the fabric fold.

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If you prefer a tighter fit at the wrist, you can reduce the width of the cuffs. Similarly, you can cut the cuffs wider if desired.

Cut the hood pieces twice on double fabric layers. This will give you two mirrored pieces for each layer.

If you are using very thick or heavy fabric, it is recommended to use a lighter fabric for the inner hood. In this case, cut the hood pieces once from the outer fabric and once from the inner fabric, each on double fabric layers.

# Sewing Cacau with Balloon Sleeves and Hood

Place the back piece in front of you with the right side of the fabric facing up.

Now place the front piece right sides together on top of the back piece. Pin the shoulder edges together and sew the shoulder seams.

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Lay your dress open in front of you with the right side of the fabric facing up. Now take the first sleeve.

Pin the sleeve right sides together into the armhole.

Sew the seam and repeat the process with the other sleeve.

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Place the dress right sides together. Pin the underarm and side edges together, then sew the seam in one continuous line. Repeat the process on the other side.





Turn your dress right side out. This is what the dress looks like now.

If you prefer wide sleeves, simply hem the sleeves as described on page 24.

Now take the first cuff.



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Fold the cuff right sides together and pin the short edges together.

Sew the seam, then repeat the process with the second cuff.





Fold the cuff in half heightwise, wrong sides together (with the seam on the inside).

Mark the quarter points along the open edges.



Gather the sleeve hem to match the width of the cuff.

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Sew around the sleeve hem within the seam allowance using a long straight stitch on your sewing machine (maximum stitch length).

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IMPORTANT: Do not backstitch to secure the seam.



Pull gently on the loose bobbin threads to gather the sleeve hem to match the width of the cuff.

Mark the quarter points on the sleeve hem as well.

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### Now slide the cuff over the sleeve hem, right sides together. Align the quarter markings and pin them in place. Sew the cuff all the way around using a stretch stitch on your sewing machine or with an overlock.

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This is what your sleeve looks like now. Repeat the process with the other sleeve.

This is what your dress looks like now.

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Now take the first hood piece and place it in front of you with the right side of the fabric facing up.

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Place the second hood piece right sides together on top of the first.

Pin the center edges together and sew the seam.

Repeat the process with the inner hood.



Turn the inner hood so that the right side of the fabric is facing outward.

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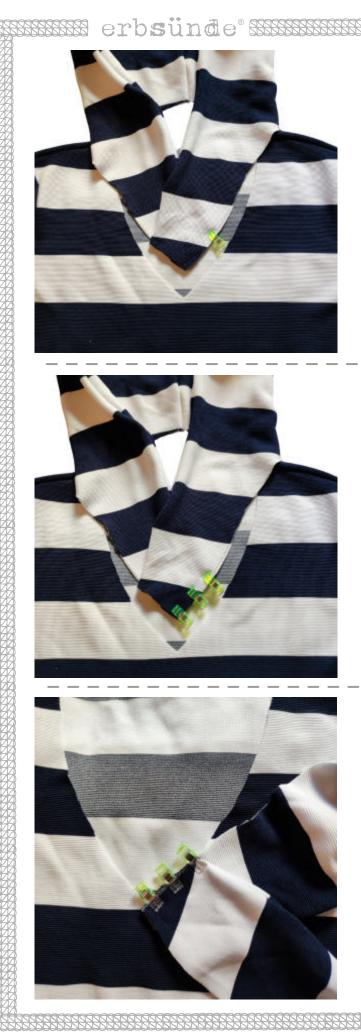
Pin the front edges together and sew the seam.

Turn the hood right side out. If you like, you can topstitch the face opening close to the edge.



Now take the hood. First, place it on the neckline as it will look when fully sewn.

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Now align the tips of the hood precisely and secure all fabric layers with a clip.

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Pin the overlap securely all the way to the tip.

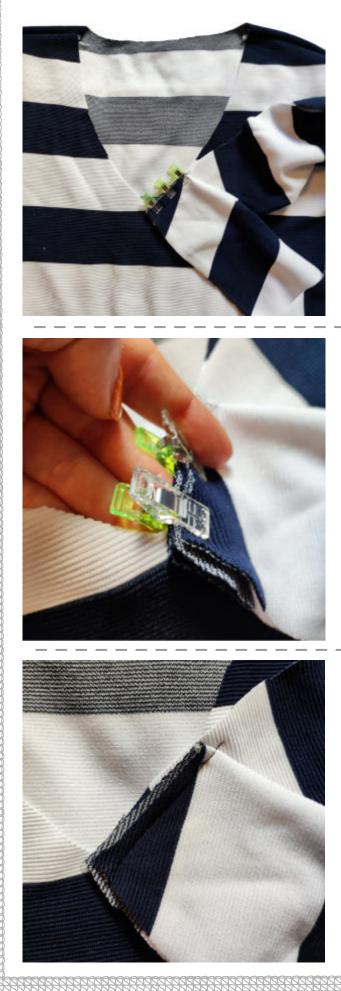
Make sure to pin all fabric layers properly.

Place the pinned hood, right sides together, along the edge of the neckline.

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Pin the hood to the edge of the neckline.

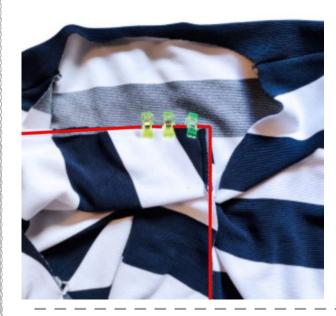


The seam allowance of the hood should slightly extend beyond the neckline.

Sew the pinned section of the hood in place. Be sure to use a simple straight stitch on the sewing machine and NOT the overlock.

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Flip the hood over and check that no folds have formed.

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Fold the hood back down. Pin the other edge of the hood, right sides together, to the neckline all the way to the tip.

The hood is highlighted in red in the image.



Make sure to pin all fabric layers securely again.

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Flip the pinned hood upward and check that no folds have formed.

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Sew the pinned edge in place using the sewing machine, and check again to ensure everything is wrinkle-free.

If a fold has formed at the bottom tip, undo the first seam you sewed and stitch it again smoothly.



Once the tip of the hood is sewn without wrinkles, pin the rest of the hood, slightly stretched, right sides together along the neckline.

Sew the hood all the way around. Again, use the sewing machine and not the overlock.

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This is what your sewn-in hood looks like now.

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This is what your dress looks like now.

Now fold the hem inward and topstitch it in place.

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Your dress with balloon sleeves and a hood is finished!

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### Cutting Out Cacau with Seam Pockets, Straight Sleeves, and Facing

Fold the fabric wrong sides together. Place the back piece with the "Center Back/Fold" marking along the edge. Cut the back piece once on the fold.



Fold the fabric wrong sides together. Place the front piece with the "Center Front/Fold" marking along the edge. Cut the front piece once on the fold.

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Cut the sleeves once on double fabric layers. This will give you two mirrored

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Cut the front facing once on the fabric fold. Cut the back facing once in single fabric layers.

Cut the pocket pieces twice on double fabric layers. This will give you 4 pieces.



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Take the front piece and the first pocket bag.

Transfer the pocket placement from the pattern onto the front piece.

Place the pocket bag right sides together at the marked position on the front piece. Pin the edges together and sew the seam.

Flip the pocket bag to the outside. This is what your attached pocket bag looks like now.

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Repeat the process with the other pocket bag on the front piece, as well as with the two pocket bags for the back piece.

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Place the back piece in front of you with the right side of the fabric facing up. Place the front piece on top, right sides together.

Pin the shoulder seams together and sew the seams.



Lay your dress open in front of you with the right side of the fabric facing up. Now take the first sleeve.

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Pin the sleeve right sides together into the armhole.

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Sew the seam and repeat the process with the other sleeve.

Place the dress right sides together. Pin the underarm and side seams together. The outer edges of the pocket bags are part of the side seam. Sew the seam in one continuous line. Repeat the process on the other side.

Turn your dress right side out. This is what your dress looks like now.

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Place the facing right sides together around the neckline of the dress. Pin the facing all around the neckline.





Sew the facing in place using a straight stitch on the sewing machine.

Carefully clip the seam allowance at the tip of the V-neck. Make sure not to cut into the seam itself.





Fold the facing inward, press the neckline neatly, and pin the edge in place again.

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Topstitch the facing all around the neckline.

The straight sleeves are simply hemmed.

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Fold the seam allowance of the first sleeve inward and topstitch it in place. Repeat the process with the other sleeve.



Hem the dress as described above. Your dress with seam pockets, facing, and straight sleeves is now finished!

### Cutting and Sewing Cacau with Shawl Collar

Cut the dress as described above.

Cut the collar once on the fabric fold.









Sew the dress together as described above.

Now take the collar. First, place it on the neckline as it will look once fully sewn.

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Align the tips of the collar exactly together and secure all fabric layers with a clip.

Pin the collar securely all the way to the tip.

Make sure to pin all fabric layers firmly in place.





Place the pinned collar, right sides together, along the edge of the neckline.

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Pin the collar in place. The seam allowance of the collar should slightly extend beyond the neckline.

Sew the pinned section of the collar in place. Be sure to use a simple straight stitch on the sewing machine and NOT the overlock.

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Flip the collar over and check that no folds have formed.

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Fold the collar back down. Pin the other edge of the collar, right sides together, to the neckline all the way to the tip.

Make sure to pin all fabric layers securely again.

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Flip the pinned collar upwards and check that no folds have formed.

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Sew the pinned edge in place with the sewing machine, and check again to ensure everything is smooth and wrinklefree.

If a fold has formed at the bottom tip, undo the first seam you sewed and stitch it again to make it smooth.

Once the tip of the collar is sewn without wrinkles, pin the rest of the collar, slightly stretched, right sides together along the neckline.



Sew the collar all the way around. Again, use the sewing machine and not the overlock.

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This is what your collar looks like now. Press the collar with plenty of steam for a crisp finish.

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Then hem the dress as described above.

### Cutting and Sewing the Kangaroo Pocket

Fold the fabric wrong sides together. Place the pocket piece with the "Center Front/Fabric Fold" marking along the edge and cut it once on the fabric fold.

This is what your kangaroo pocket looks like when unfolded.

Place the kangaroo pocket with the wrong side facing up.

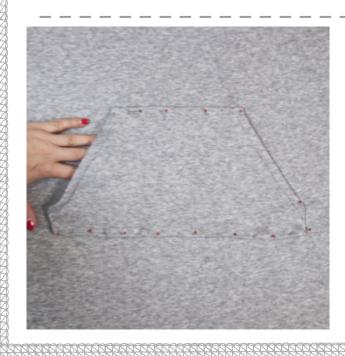
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Fold the seam allowance of the pocket openings inward and topstitch them in place.





This is what your kangaroo pocket looks like now.



Mark the desired position of the kangaroo pocket on the front piece.

Pin the pocket in place at the marked position.

Make sure not to pin the pocket openings.

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Sew the kangaroo pocket onto the front piece using a straight stitch on the sewing machine.

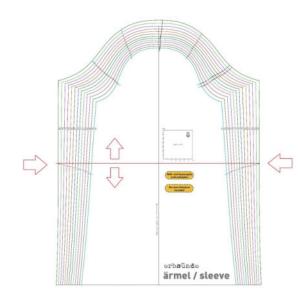
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Your kangaroo pocket is now finished. Now, complete the rest of the dress as described above.

### Shortening or Lengthening Sleeves

If you want to shorten or lengthen the sleeves, cut the sleeve pattern at the elbow marking. To shorten, slide the sleeve pieces together to your desired length. If you want to lengthen, spread the two pieces apart until you reach the desired length. In this case, tape a piece of paper between the pieces to connect them. Then, adjust the side edges of the pattern to match.



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