

Timeless Stitches

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Gathered Body (Blouse) - Guimpe

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This pattern is for a wonderful easy to make and fit blouse called a “guimpe”. These bodies or as we know them today blouses appeared in all the fashion magazines of the Era. They were worn under all types of garments, from open-necked dresses to Swiss Bodies, vests and the Zonal waists. The blouse is styled in the peasant style, with diagonal armseye, similar to a modern raglan sleeve. This makes the garment easy to fit and wonderfully comfortable to wear. The pattern is for a blouse that gathers at the neckline and the cuffs. The blouse can be dressed up by adding a row of lace around the neck and cuffs. The blouse is closed at the center back with either a keyhole opening or buttons and buttonholes.

This Guimpe is the perfect companion to *Timeless Stitches* **TSB-110 Swiss Body**, **TSB-109 Basque Bodice** and a great blouse to wear under **TSB-105 Zouave Jackets**.

Sizing: The pattern includes four sizes: Small, Medium, Large and X-Large. The chart below shows the corresponding measurements:

Size	S(mall)	M(edium)	L(arge)	X-L(arge)
Bust	34"	38"	42"	48"
Waist	32"	35"	40"	46"

Pattern Requirements:

3 yards 45” wide fabric (depending on size)

small white buttons: 3 – ¼” buttons for key-hole opening
 7 – ½” buttons if you are doing the buttons and buttonholes

¼ yard of ¼” white ribbon or soutache for loops for the keyhole opening

1-yard narrow lace if desired for trimming neckline

Suggested fabric and trims: To be historically correct your Blouse should be made from 100% cotton in one of the many weaves of the Era. Batiste, challis, percale, cambric, dimity, chambray, and lawn are all names of suitable fabrics. Crisp lightweight cottons and blends are your best choice for holding their shape, while challis will give you soft graceful folds. Most of these Guimpes were white. Choose 100% cotton trims where possible. Eyelet and flat laces work great for a soft look.



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