

# *Timeless Stitches*

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This pattern is for a knee-length chemise with little short sleeves. This pattern is adapted from one published in Peterson's Ladies Magazine in 1860. The chemise was worn next to your skin and acted as a layer of protection for your clothing from your perspiration and body oils. This pattern has a formed yoke in the front and a straight yoke across the back, which makes the garment very comfortable to wear. The pattern includes many suggestions and choices for different trim ideas from simple pintucks to laces and ribbon combinations. The look of this garment is limited only by your imagination and the fabrics and trims that you can find that are "of the Era".

## Sizing:

The pattern is in two general sizes with your hip measurement being the deciding factor. The back is measured yoke so adapting this pattern to fit individual bodies is very easy.

## Suggested fabric and trims:

Your chemise should be made of 100% cotton or linen. Almost all chemises were white. The ecru we see in museums today, is from age, not color. Crisp, clean, white underpinnings was a mark of class and station in life.

To be historically correct any trims you choose should be 100% cotton. Look for eyelet and flat laces that are not glossy in appearance. Eyelet and ribbon combinations work great. Grosgrain ribbon and self-fabric trims were also very popular. Many underpinnings were trimmed with handmade laces. You will probably want to bleach your chemise, so please take that into consideration when choosing trim options.

Pattern Requirements: 2 1/2 yards 45" cotton or poly-cotton fabric  
Trims of choice



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