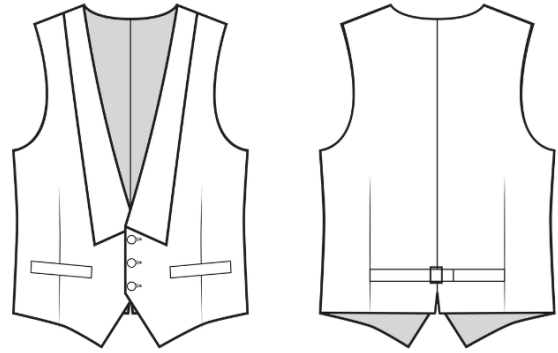


Minerva Pattern 6076

Men's Tailcoat Vest with Flat Collar, Decorative Welts & Adjustable Back Strap with Buckle

Introducing a men's vest pattern for the formal waistcoat designed for tailcoat ensembles – Refined Elegance with Traditional Detail.



When To Wear Design 6076

This waistcoat is the classic companion to a formal tailcoat, ideal for:

- White Tie Events: A traditional piece for evening dress codes requiring a tailcoat.
- Concert Performances & Ceremonies: The refined silhouette ensures elegance under formal jackets.
- Special Occasions: Weddings, galas, and receptions where sophistication is key.

Key Design Features

Silhouette: Fitted waistcoat with a cropped front length, shaped to balance with the long tails of a formal coat.

Collar: Flat collar lying neatly along the deep V neckline, creating a sharp tailored frame.

Closure: Three-button fastening at the center front.

Pockets: Two decorative single welt pockets.

Back: Streamlined back with shaping darts for a clean fit under a jacket, and an adjustable waist tie with buckle.

Lining: Full internal lining to neatly finish the front edges, armholes, and hem.

Level Of Difficulty

Intermediate. Precision is required when constructing welt finishes, setting the collar, and achieving a crisp tailored result.

Fabric Recommendations

Choose structured, formal fabrics in natural or blended fibers for the body and lightweight lining for the interior finish:

- Wool suiting or worsted wool
- Wool blend or fine gabardine
- Satin or silk for lining
- Optional piqué cotton for traditional white tie versions

Additional Supplies

- Fusible interfacing
- Three buttons for front closure
- One metal buckle (approx. 2–2.5 cm) for the back waist tie

Cutter's Must

From Main Fabric:

- Front Part – 2 pieces
- Collar – 4 pieces
- Front Facing – 2 pieces
- Pocket Welt – 2 pieces

From Lining Fabric:

- Back Part – 4 pieces
- Back Tie (Half Belt) - 2 pieces

For drafting the front part lining, use the Front Part pattern piece excluding front facing area. Cut 2 pieces.

From Interfacing:

1. Front Part – 2 pieces
2. Front Facing – 2 pieces
3. Collar - 4 pieces
4. Pocket Welt – 2 pieces

Important Information

Before cutting your fabric:

- Print and lay out pattern pieces to determine yardage.
- Check mirrored pieces, notches, and grainlines.
- For patterned fabrics, align carefully for symmetry.

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

Preparation

- Apply fusible interfacing to Front Parts, all four Collar pieces (main fabric), Front facings, Welt pocket pieces
- Transfer all markings to fabric: dart placement, welt position, buttonholes, collar notches, and waist tie (back tie) points.
- Staystitch neckline and armholes to prevent stretching.

Darts & Front Shaping

- Sew waist darts on each front panel.
 - Press darts toward the center front.
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Faux Welt Pockets (Decorative)

1. Fold welt lengthwise, wrong sides together, and press — folded edge is the visible “welt edge.”

2. Finish the Welt Ends (Before Attaching)

- Open the welt again (right sides together).
- Stitch the short ends (welt sides) along the seam allowance.
- Trim corners, turn the welt right side out, and press — now you have a clean welt with finished ends and one raw long edge.

3. Attach Welt to Front

- Place the welt on the front bodice right side up, with:
 - Raw long edge aligned with the marked welt placement line
 - Folded edge pointing down
- Stitch along the raw long edge to secure it to the front.

4. Turn & Finalize

- Flip the welt downward over the seam so the folded edge faces upward.
 - Press.
 - Topstitch both short sides to secure the welt neatly and permanently.
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Front Facing

Prepare Front Facings:

- With right sides together, sew front facings to front panels along center front edge only.
- Clip, grade, and understitch where possible — but leave neckline unstitched and open.
- Turn facings to inside, press front edges.

Collar Assembly & Insertion

- Sew upper collar and undercollar right sides together along outer edges. Trim, clip, turn, and press.
 - Position the collar between the front bodice and the front facing — matching center back, shoulder notches, and roll line.
 - Stitch through all three layers only along the neckline and lapel edges (do not stitch into the shoulder seam area).
 - Grade seam allowances, clip curves, and turn facings inward — collar edge is neatly enclosed along the front.
 - Leave collar raw edge extending into shoulder seams — it will be secured when shoulder seams are stitched.
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Back Assembly

- Prepare Back Tie (Half Belt): sew, turn, press, attach buckle. Baste tie ends into the back darts
- Sew back darts.
- Stitch center back seam leaving 20 cm opening. Press seam open.

Side Seams & Shoulder Seams

- With right sides together, sew shoulder seams. Press open.
- Join front and back panels at side seams. Press seams open.

Lining Assembly & Armhole Finishing

- Sew darts on front and back lining pieces. Press toward center.
- Attach front lining to the outer edge of front facing.
- Join front lining to back lining at shoulder and side seams.
- With right sides together, match lining to waistcoat body at neck, hem and armholes.
- Stitch around these edges.
- Trim, clip curves, turn waistcoat right side out through opening in the center back seam.
- Press edges neatly.
- Press armholes flat.
- Stitch center back opening.

Finishing

- Make 3 buttonholes on left front.
- Attach matching buttons to right front.
- Thread back strap through buckle and adjust fit.
- Give final press: emphasize lapel roll, collar shape, welt edges, and hem.

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