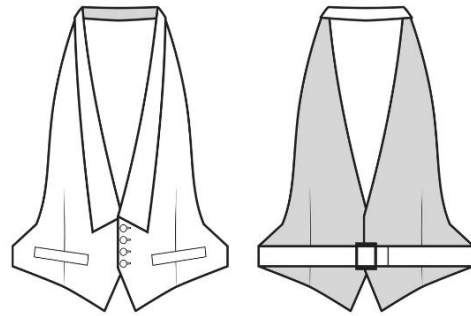


Minerva Pattern 6077

Men's Tailcoat Vest with Flat Shawl Collar, Faux Welts, Open Back & Adjustable Back Belt

Introducing a vest pattern for the formal waistcoat designed specifically for tailcoat ensembles – Classic White Tie Precision with Refined Elegance.



When To Wear Design 6077

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

- White Tie Events: Designed to sit flawlessly under a tailcoat lapel in full evening dress.
- Concerts & Ceremonial Performances: Maintains a sharp, flat silhouette beneath dress coats or costume uniforms.
- Weddings & Formal Receptions: Perfect for grooms, conductors, and performers requiring refined sartorial accuracy.

Key Design Features

Silhouette: Fitted vest with a cropped front and elongated pointed hem to balance the long tailcoat skirts.

Collar: Flat extended shawl collar, lying smoothly over the chest and neck — designed to sit neatly beneath a tailcoat lapel, similar to traditional frock or white-tie waistcoats.

Closure: Four front buttons.

Pockets: Two decorative single welt pockets at the lower front.

Back: Clean, open-back design with an adjustable strap with buckle for precise fit.

Lining: Fully lined interior finishing the armholes, hem, and front edges.

Level Of Difficulty

Intermediate. Requires precision when sewing welt details, flat collar construction, and achieving a crisp tailored finish.

Fabric Recommendations

Choose structured formal fabrics for the outer layer and lightweight lining fabrics for interior finishing:

- Wool suiting or worsted wool
- Wool blend, gabardine, or barathea
- Silk, satin, or viscose for lining
- Optional: white cotton piqué for traditional white tie attire

Additional Supplies

- Fusible interfacing
- 4 buttons for front closure
- 1 metal buckle (2–2.5 cm) for the back waist strap

Cutter's Must

From Main Fabric:

1. Front Part – 2 pieces
2. Front Facing – 2 pieces
3. Collar – 4 pieces
4. Pocket Welt – 2 pieces
5. Back Strap (Half Belt) – 2 pieces

From Lining Fabric:

For drafting 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 Collars, Front facings, Pocket WELTS.
 - Transfer all markings to fabric: dart placement, welt position, buttonholes, collar notches, and waist strap points.
 - Staystitch neckline and armholes to prevent stretching.
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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 welts (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 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 upward over the seam so the folded edge faces up.
 - Press.
 - Topstitch both short sides to secure the welt neatly and permanently.
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Front Facing & Collar Insertion

1. 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.

2. Assemble Collar:

1. Join the two under collars together at center back first

- Sew two under collar pieces together along the center back neckline seam.
- Press the seam open.
- Now you have one complete under-collar piece.

2. Join the two upper-collars together at center back

- Sew the two upper collar pieces together at the center back seam.
 - Press that seam open.
 - Now you have one complete upper-collar piece.
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3. Sew upper-collar to under-collar

- Place collar pieces right sides together.
- Sew along the outer curved edge and front edges.
- Trim seams, clip curves, turn right side out.
- Press — collar is now fully assembled as one continuous piece.

4. Attach collar between front & facing:

- Position collar between the front bodice and front facing
- Stitch through all layers: front + collar + facing.
- Grade seams, clip curves.
- Turn facing inward — collar edge is now cleanly enclosed. Press.

Back Strap

- Place back strap pieces right sides together. Sew around edges, leaving one short end open.
- Trim corners, turn right side out, press.
- Attach buckle to one end.
- Baste raw strap ends to marked waistline points on the back.

Lining Assembly

- Sew darts on the front lining pieces and press them toward the center.
- With right sides together, align the front lining pieces to the front facings and stitch.
- Align lining to the garment body at the hem and front edges; stitch around the hem and edges leaving armholes open.
- Trim, notch, or clip seam allowances as needed. Turn vest inside out and press all edges smooth.

Armhole Finishing

- Align armhole edges of lining and main fabric, wrong sides together.
- Hand stitch around the armhole.
- Press armholes flat.

Finishing

- Work four buttonholes on the left front.
- Sew four buttons on the right front.
- Thread back strap through buckle and adjust fit.
- Give a final press — ensuring sharp collar edges, flat facings, and crisp hem.

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