



Two Half-Gloves Make a Whole Lot o' Style

Half gloves are not only stylish, but a great way to help protect your hands and wrists from repetitive stress injury while working on the computer. (Thanks for the tip from Ergonomics Consultant, Melissa A!) Here's a quick, easy project so you can look hot while keeping warm.



Cost: \$0.00-\$5.00

Time to make: 30 minutes

Level of difficulty: Seamster level 2 + (i.e., you are comfortable using a sewing machine)

Start Item: Sweater, Long sleeved knit shirt

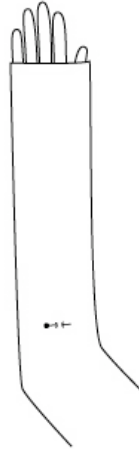
Finish Item: Gloves, Arm warmers

Tools You'll Need:

- Refashionable Sweater
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Thread
- Seam ripper
- Straight Pins

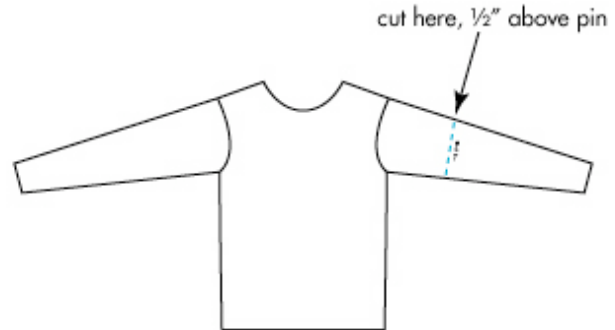
Step 1: Mark Your Spot

Place your arm through one of the sleeves and mark the length of your glove with a straight pin. Make sure the end of sleeve just covers your knuckles. This pattern is for a long glove, one that ends just at the elbow. Feel free to make your glove longer or shorter. Heck, make a couple pairs while you're at it!

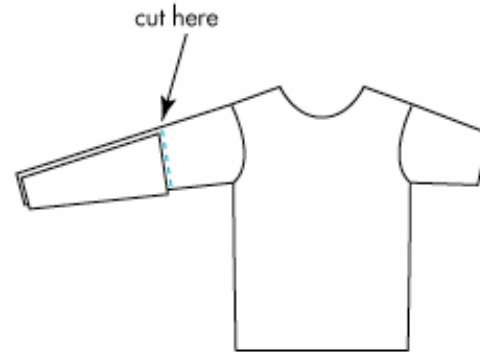


Step 2: Chop Chop

Cut the sweater sleeve 1/2 inch past the straight pin (the extra 1/2 inch is the seam allowance for the hem).

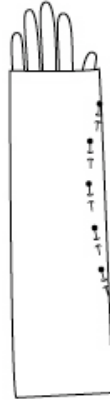


You should now have a fabric tube and a one-armed sweater. Take the fabric tube you just cut and match the hem to the hem of the other sleeve. Cut the other sleeve, using your fabric tube as a guide for length.

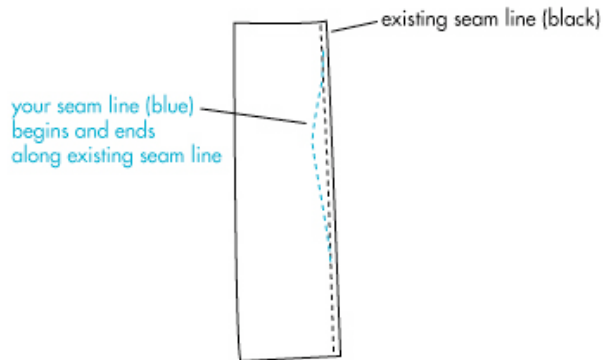


Step 3: Fit Happens!

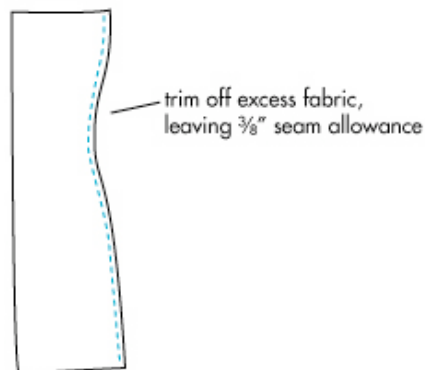
Most likely, your half glove will be too baggy around the wrist area, but you'll fix that now. Start by turning one tube inside out and slipping it over your hand (again, just covering the knuckles). Use some straight pins to trace a line next to your hand, wrist, and arm, marking the width of the glove. Start and end your curved pin line along the existing seam line.



Slide the tube off your arm. Set up your sewing machine with a zigzag stitch of medium stitch width and stitch length. Sew a seam along the line that you just marked with your pins. Remember to start and end your stitches along the existing seam line.



Once you're done sewing, trim off the excess fabric, leaving a 3/8" seam allowance on the outside of the stitches.



Step 4: Hemming and Hawing

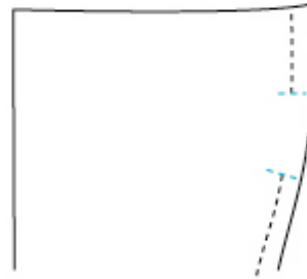
You're almost there! Finish the unhemmed end of the glove folding the cut end over a 1/2 inch. Make sure your glove is still inside out at this point so the folded fabric is business side to business side. Sew it down using a wide zigzag stitch with medium stitch length.



fold cut edge over 1/2"
and sew down with
a zigzag stitch

Step 5: Thumbs Up!

Finally, you'll need to create a hole for your thumb. Starting about 1 1/2 inches below the top of the glove, use your seam ripper to tear out about 1 inch of stitches in the seam line. Be careful not to seam rip the thread of the sweater, just the seam! If you want to keep the seam from opening further around your thumb hole, you can stitch a very small line of stitches perpendicular to the seam line at the top and bottom of your thumb hole.



seam rip a thumb hole,
and stitch at blue lines to
prevent further unravelling
(optional)

Additionally, you can also hem the thumb opening, but that is entirely optional!



Warm Those Arms

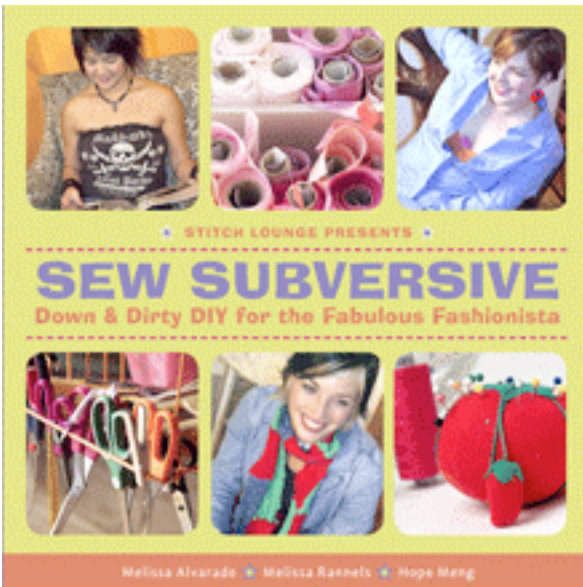
Slip your new half gloves on and compute in warmth and style!



NOTE: You can use the excess bodice of the sweater as a vest by cutting the sleeves completely off. OR, make a hat from the remaining sweater, following steps from our book, *Sew Subversive*. Voila! Instant outfit!

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