

# RESOURCES

## Dress (or Shaped) Shirt Block

## ONLINE VERSION

**Book of Men's Shirts**, by Shimazaki Ryuichiro. A Japanese sewing book, in Japanese, but still of great interest because the diagrams (as with all Japanese sewing books) are very useful, and full-size pattern sheets are included. It's a fine collection of contemporary shirt-detail patterns.

**Cool Couture**, by Kenneth King. This book, written by Fashion Institute of Technology professor Kenneth King, contains the best information on piping and piped pockets you'll find anywhere, along with tons of other fascinating, unique techniques, as one would expect from Kenneth.

**Off-the-cuff-style.blogspot.com** | Pam Erny's Off the Cuff website is a source for both great shirtmaking tips and tutorials and access to some of the best interfacings home sewers can buy today, at the companion site [www.fashionsewingsupply.com](http://www.fashionsewingsupply.com), created by Pam in conjunction with interfacings manufacturers for the garment industry to her exact preferences as a custom shirtmaker; guaranteed not to shrink!

**Cutterandtailor.com** | Search "making shirts" for links to detailed, well-illustrated forum threads on shirt construction, high-resolution scans of old shirtmaking manuals, and a lot of informed chat; it's a fabulous site.



**Malepatternboldness.blogspot.com** | Peter Lappin's blog Male Pattern Boldness (Best. Blog. Name. Ever.) pretty much sets the bar for shirt-sewing sew-alongs, meaning they're extensive, well photographed, and clearly described, with active comments and replies. He's even taken a shirt-making class at FIT in New York and shared his experiences in detail. Don't miss it.

**Grainlinestudio.com** | Jennifer Beeman's site is both a pattern line and a source for equally wonderful sew-along blog posts, many in support of her much-loved Archer women's shirt pattern, an obvious candidate for block-ifying.

**Mike Maldonado** | When you're ready to get hard-core with making shirts, simply hook up with Mike Maldonado, a career old-school custom shirtmaker, who has put together a massive video curriculum on every aspect of making shirts and making a living doing it. It's expensive at \$400 but priceless if you want to really see a pro doing, and explaining, every bit of it, from pattern drafting and fitting to stitching up the smallest details like pin-bar holes and tab collars. Separate modules from the complete course are available, too, and access to Mike via email is always included. And for readers here, he's even offering a large collection of exclusive clips to download. You'll find all Mike's links online.

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