



TOPS & KNITWEAR

# CHAIN-STRAP CAMISOLE

*The chain rule*

There’s nothing sexier than a slinky silk camisole, especially when the weather warms up and the days get longer. But here’s another way to turn up the heat. Swap the fabric straps for ones made of chain and give the camisole an instant rock-chic look.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- A simple strappy camisole
- Fabric scissors
- Lighter
- 1 metre (3 feet) of metal chain (it should be a similar width to the original camisole strap)
- 4 x jump rings
- Pins
- Sewing needle
- Matching colour thread
- Pliers

DIFFICULTY LEVEL

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*Use a gold-coloured chain for a more romantic look.*





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# SCARF & CHAIN HALTER-NECK TOP

*A French Riviera holiday*

This top reminds us of a glamorous holiday by the sea or an after-dinner stroll on the boardwalk. We found this beautiful vintage silk scarf in a thrift store and transformed it into a luxurious top simply by threading in a thick chain necklace. There are about a million things you can do with a good scarf, and some of them require only a needle and thread. Check out some of our other projects involving scarves on pages 79 and 103.



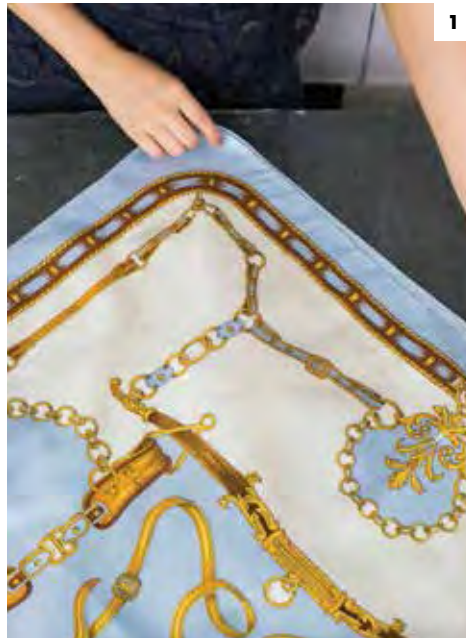
WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Medium-sized silk scarf
- Safety pins
- Chunky chain necklace
- Sewing needle
- Matching colour thread

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1

Taking opposite corners, fold the scarf in half to form a triangle.



2

Secure safety pins along the edge, 10 cm (4 inches) away from the tip on both sides.



5

Hand-sew along the edge.



3

Place the chain necklace on top of the scarf in line with the safety pins. Fold the small corner of the scarf down.



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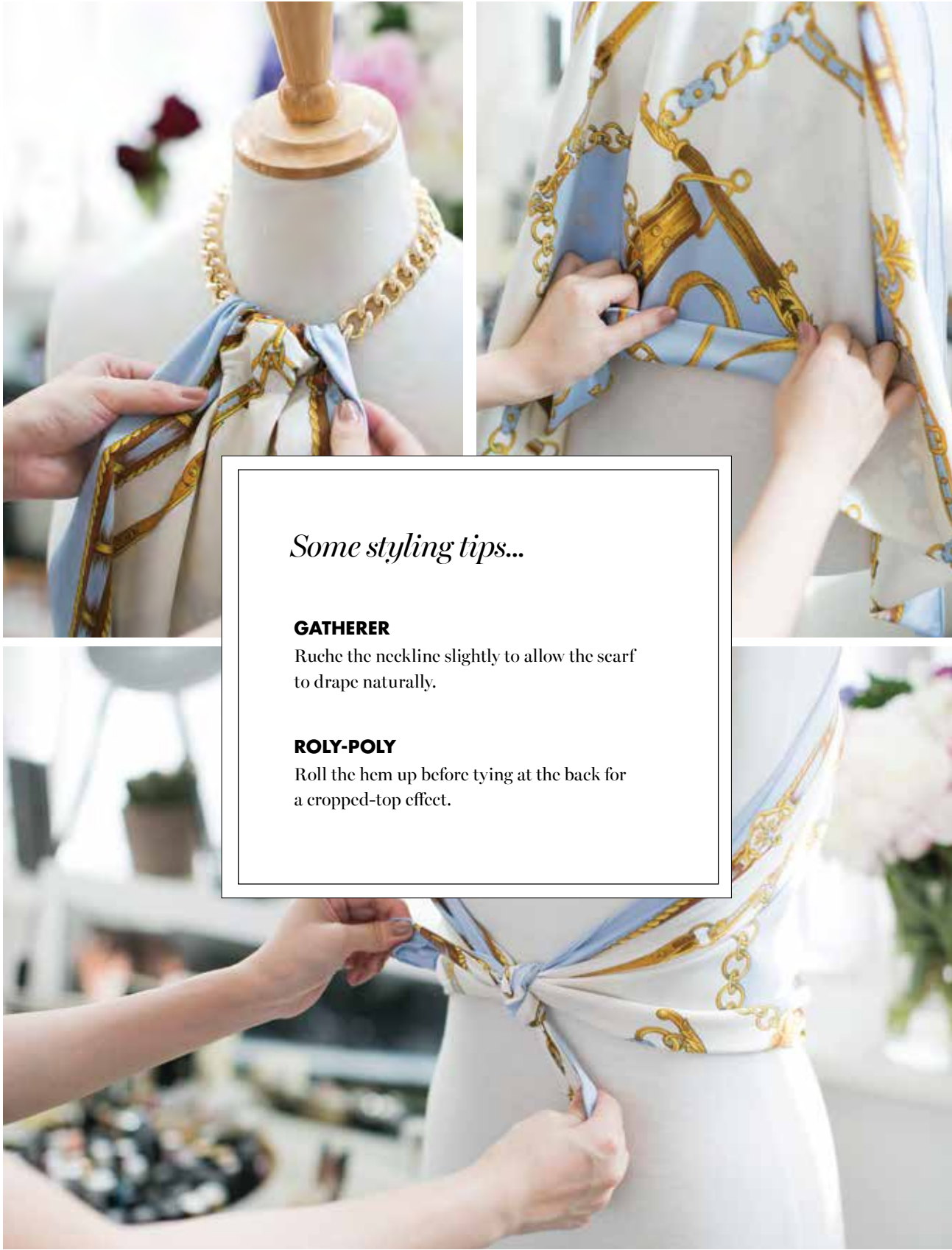
Tuck the pointy corner in to create a straight line and secure in place with a safety pin.



6

To wear the scarf, put the chain necklace around your neck and tie the scarf at the back to secure.





*Some styling tips...*

**GATHERER**

Ruche the neckline slightly to allow the scarf to drape naturally.

**ROLY-POLY**

Roll the hem up before tying at the back for a cropped-top effect.





DRESSES



FRONT  
ASYMMETRICAL  
TIERED FRINGE  
DRESS

*Happy, flappy and carefree*

We love a long fringe cascading on a dress, giving it a sleek and flirty feel. Perfect for dancing the Charleston, or perhaps for strutting down the street in high stilettos and letting the fringe do its own dance.

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Fitted dress
- 2 metres (6½ feet) of 28 cm (11 inch) looped chainette fringe trim, or cut-end fringe trim
- Fabric scissors
- Pins
- Lighter (optional)
- Matching colour thread
- Sewing machine

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SHOES

METAL  
CHAIN-FRINGER  
HEELS

Curtain call

We all crave sultry footwear that’s fit for any occasion. This shimmering chain-fringe adds salsa and spice to your heels. Time to go dancing, we think!

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- About 3 metres (10 feet) of small lightweight chain
- Strappy heels or shoes with straps
- Measuring tape
- Pliers
- Safety pins
- Glue gun
- Scrap paper
- Bull dog clips or clothes pegs

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# QUICK & EASY

Ten simple projects



01 |

Don't discard broken jewellery; keep and reuse to create another piece of jewellery.



02 |

Add 'zing' to your outfit by personalising your shirt-collar tips with bejewelled clip-on earrings – it's the perfect styling trick when you're short of time!



03 |

Bored of your leather pencil skirt? Cut simple geometric patterns out of hard cardboard, and use them as stencils to spray light coats of silver or gold metallic paints to give your skirt a futuristic-luxe look.



04 |

Jazz up your cardigan by swapping the existing buttons with bejewelled or mother-of-pearl buttons.



05 |

To give your leather jacket a classic old-weathered look, distress the leather by simply rubbing the surface with fine-grain sandpaper.



06 |

Wax your old pair of skinny jeans with a heavy-duty fabric wax, to give them the lustre look.



07 |

To brighten up your trainers (sneakers), swap the shoelaces for floral-print ribbons or bright neon laces.



08 |

Use nuts and washers as alternatives to beads for jewellery making, such as a bracelet. Apply fine coats of neon nail varnish to the surface to add colour and edge.



09 |

Transform your wide-legged trousers to culottes by cutting them below the knee.



10 |

Attach fancy corsage hair clips to your favourite pair of heels to create an instant mood change.



