

## *The Wardrobe of Bleurette*

### 1935 Three-Quarter Length Coat in Red Fabric for Bleurette *Un Manteau Trois-Quarts en Drap Rouge Pour Bleurette*

For Bleurette, a very elegant and practical lightweight coat for sports or motoring. Its lines are mostly straight, with a little bias on the sides and edges, and it is cut from 3 pattern pieces, plus the tab for the closure.

Sew the coat of wool, serge, or cotton, red for preference; it is the most fashionable color. Use all one color for coat and cape.

Another elegant model can be made of laquered satin, taffeta, or lightweight cotton velvet. For this, choose a neutral color: beige, smoke grey, ochre, or, again, navy blue or black.

Cut the coat back and the cape on the fold, but slit the front of the cape. Cut the coat front on doubled fabric—it is also open down the front. The cape forms the sleeves of the coat. Hem the front opening and the bottom edges of the cape and coat, and topstitch them. [By machine, or with a decorative running stitch by hand. Use matching or contrasting thread, as you wish.]

Narrow hem [or bind with bias fabric strips] the armholes of the coat. Sew the right side of the cape to the wrong side of the coat neckline; turn it outward so the cape covers the neckline seam allowance.

Line the little tab for the closure and sew it with a decorative button to the place marked on the right front of the cape. For the closure, either make a working buttonhole with corresponding button of the left side of the cape, or sew a matching button to the top of the tab and a snap to the underside, with the other half of the snap sewn to the left side of the cape.