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## Simplicity 8800

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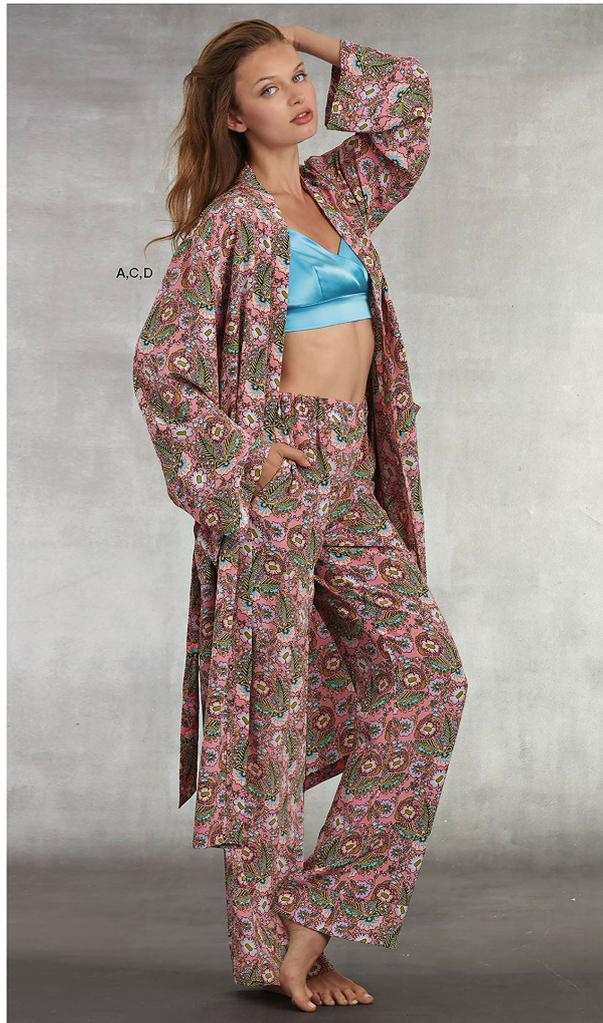
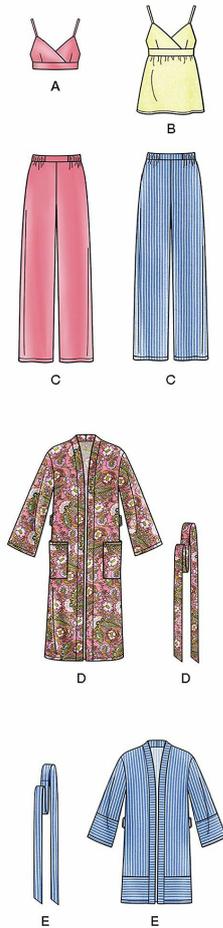
## INTRODUCTION

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This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for using Simplicity Pattern 8800. This pattern allows you to create a complete loungewear set for misses, including a robe in two lengths, pull-on pants, a top, and a bralette. The pattern is designed for sizes XS-XL. Following these instructions will help you successfully construct each garment with precision and ease.

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Image: Simplicity Pattern 8800 envelope. This image displays the front of the pattern envelope, showcasing the finished designs for the robe, pants, top, and bralette included in the pattern. It illustrates the style and fit of the garments.

## PREPARATION AND SETUP

Before beginning any sewing project, proper preparation is crucial. This section outlines the necessary steps to prepare your materials and pattern pieces.

### 1. Fabric Selection and Preparation

- **Choose appropriate fabric:** Refer to the pattern envelope for recommended fabric types, typically light to medium-weight wovens or knits suitable for loungewear.
- **Pre-wash and dry fabric:** This prevents shrinkage after the garment is completed. Follow the fabric manufacturer's care instructions.
- **Press fabric:** Ensure your fabric is smooth and wrinkle-free before cutting to ensure accurate pattern pieces.

### 2. Gather Supplies and Notions

Ensure you have all necessary tools and notions as listed on the pattern envelope. Common items include:

- Matching thread

- Sewing machine and appropriate needles
- Scissors or rotary cutter
- Pins or fabric clips
- Measuring tape or ruler
- Fabric marking tools (chalk, disappearing ink)
- Iron and ironing board
- Elastic (for pants and bralette, as specified)

### 3. Pattern Piece Preparation

- **Identify your size:** Use your body measurements to determine the correct pattern size (XS-XL).
- **Cut out pattern pieces:** Carefully cut out the required pattern pieces for your chosen garments and size.
- **Transfer markings:** Use your fabric marking tools to transfer all notches, dots, and other pattern markings onto your fabric pieces. These markings are essential for accurate assembly.

## SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

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This section provides a general overview of the sewing process. Always refer to the detailed guide sheet included with your Simplicity Pattern 8800 for specific step-by-step instructions for each garment component.

### General Sewing Steps

1. **Read the guide sheet:** Before you begin, read through all instructions on the pattern guide sheet to understand the entire construction process.
2. **Pin and stitch:** Align fabric pieces according to pattern markings, pin them together, and stitch along the designated seam lines. Use a consistent seam allowance as indicated on the pattern.
3. **Press seams:** After each seam is sewn, press it open or to one side as instructed. Pressing is vital for a professional finish.
4. **Finish raw edges:** To prevent fraying and ensure durability, finish all raw seam edges using methods such as zigzag stitching, serging, or French seams, depending on your fabric and preference.
5. **Construct individual components:** Follow the guide sheet to assemble the main body pieces, sleeves, neckbands, waistbands, and other elements for each garment (robe, pants, top, bralette).
6. **Attach closures and elastic:** Install any necessary elastic for waistbands or bralette bands, and attach ties or other closures as specified.
7. **Hem garments:** Finish all raw edges at the bottom of the robe, pants, and top with a neat hem.
8. **Final pressing:** Give your finished garments a final press to remove any wrinkles and set the stitches.

### Specific Garment Notes

- **Robe:** Pay attention to collar/band attachment and sleeve insertion for a smooth finish.
- **Pants:** Focus on accurate inseam and outseam stitching, and proper elastic insertion for the waistband.
- **Top & Bralette:** Ensure accurate dart placement (if applicable) and neat finishing of necklines and armholes. Elastic application for the bralette is key for fit.

## GARMENT CARE AND MAINTENANCE

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Once your garments are complete, proper care will ensure their longevity and appearance. Always refer to the care instructions for the specific fabric you used.

- **Washing:** Most loungewear fabrics can be machine washed on a gentle cycle with cold or warm water. Separate colors to prevent bleeding.

- **Drying:** Tumble dry on low heat or hang to dry to minimize shrinkage and preserve fabric quality.
- **Ironing:** Iron on a low to medium setting, appropriate for your fabric type. Use a pressing cloth if necessary to protect delicate fabrics.
- **Storage:** Store garments folded or hung to prevent excessive wrinkling.

## TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON SEWING ISSUES

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Even experienced sewers encounter challenges. Here are solutions to some common issues:

- **Skipped Stitches:** Check your needle; it might be bent, dull, or inserted incorrectly. Ensure you are using the correct needle type for your fabric.
- **Uneven Stitches:** Verify your machine's tension settings. Both upper and bobbin tension should be balanced.
- **Fabric Puckering:** This can be due to incorrect tension, using the wrong needle size, or pulling the fabric while sewing. Let the machine feed the fabric naturally.
- **Seams Not Matching:** Double-check your pattern markings and ensure accurate cutting. Pinning carefully before stitching is essential.
- **Fabric Feeding Issues:** Clean your machine's feed dogs. Ensure the presser foot pressure is appropriate for your fabric.

## SPECIFICATIONS

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<b>Model Number</b>	8800
<b>Brand</b>	Simplicity
<b>Garment Types</b>	Robe (2 lengths), Pants, Top, Bralette
<b>Sizes Included</b>	Misses' A (XS-XL)
<b>Material</b>	Paper (for pattern pieces)
<b>Product Dimensions</b>	6.3 x 8.27 x 0.39 inches (Pattern Envelope)
<b>Item Weight</b>	3.68 ounces

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

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Sewing patterns, including Simplicity Pattern 8800, are typically sold as-is and do not come with a manufacturer's warranty for the pattern itself. The quality of the finished garment depends on the user's skill, fabric choice, and adherence to instructions.

For questions regarding the pattern instructions or general sewing advice, please refer to the official Simplicity website or contact their customer service directly. Many online sewing communities and resources also offer valuable support and tips for using Simplicity patterns.