Basic skirt pattern-drafting tutorial based on your body measurements

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I'm glad you're using my basic skirt tutorial designer and decided to purchase this document. On the following pages, you'll find the dimensions for all parts of the skirt pattern needed to easily draft the basic skirt.

You will also find step-by-step tutorials on how to draft various types of fixed waistbands for the skirt, or a facing instead of a waistband.

Additionally, you'll find links to other patterns you might be interested in: the basic bodice, basic sleeve, and basic pants.

Your measurements overview

Waist circumference: 37 "

Ease at waist: 0 "

Hip circumference: 43 "

Ease at hips: 2 "

Waist to hip length: 10 "

Skirt length: 22 "

Seam allowance: 1 "

Hem allowance: 1 "

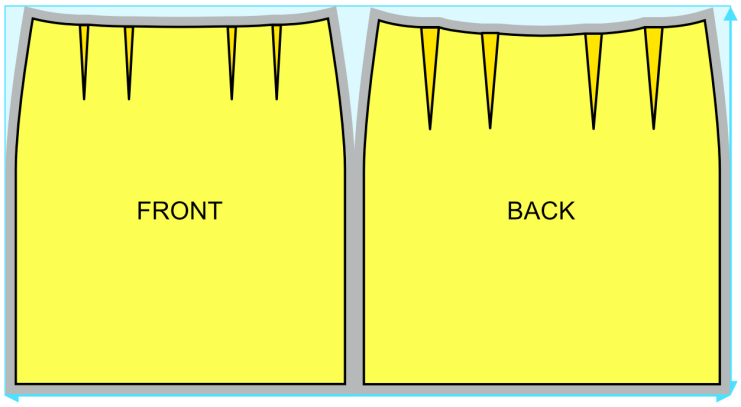


The tutorial uses provided seam and hem allowances only to calculate fabric consumption requirements. The drafting tutorial itself does NOT include seam and hem allowances. Do not forget to add them before cutting the pattern out of the fabric.

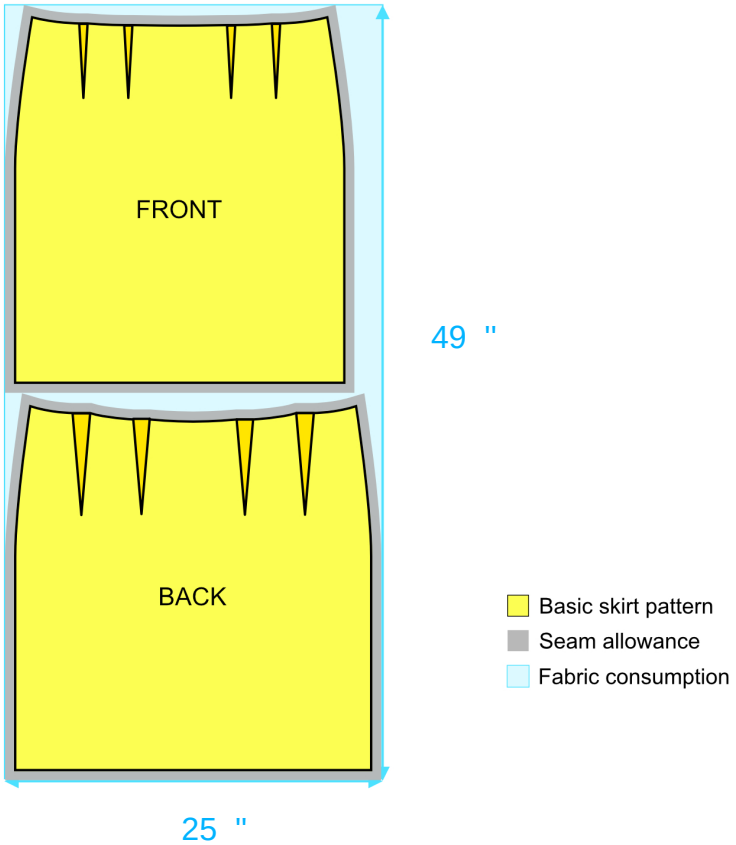
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Approximate fabric consumption

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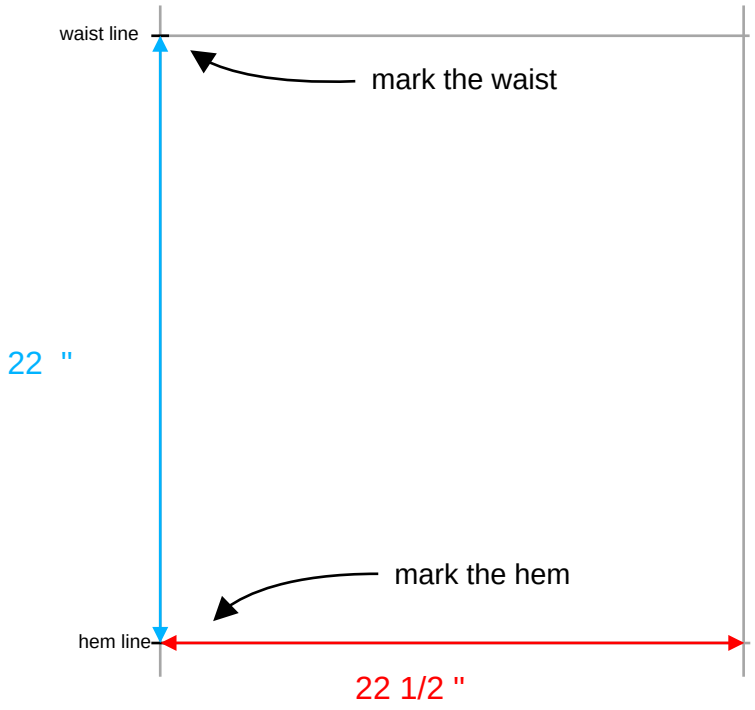
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The calculated values in the tutorial are custom to your measurements, ensuring a personalised fit. The illustrations are purely illustrative and do not reflect your specific proportions. The provided seam and hem allowances are included only to help estimate approximate fabric consumption.

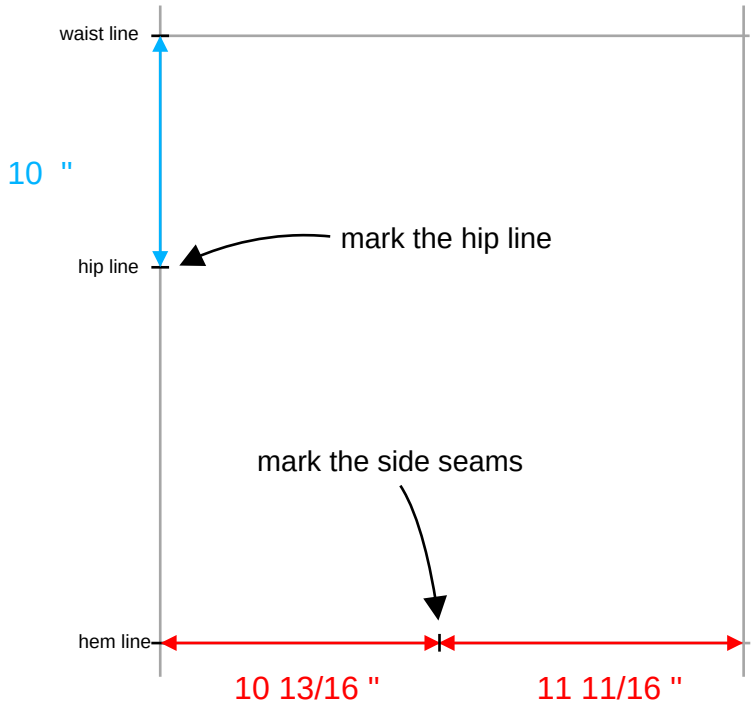
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1. Draw a large rectangle and **mark the waist and hem line.**



22 " = skirt length
22 1/2 " = (hip circumference + ease) / 2

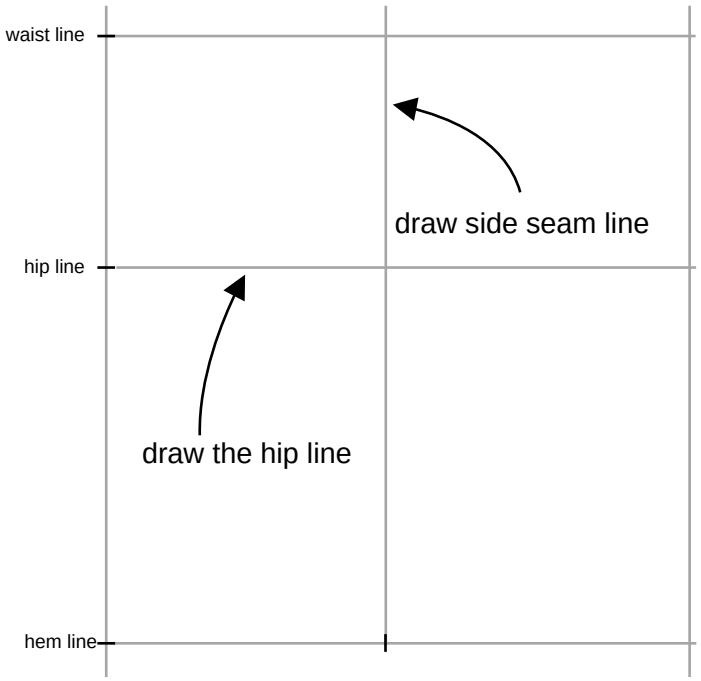
2. Mark the **hip line and side seams.**



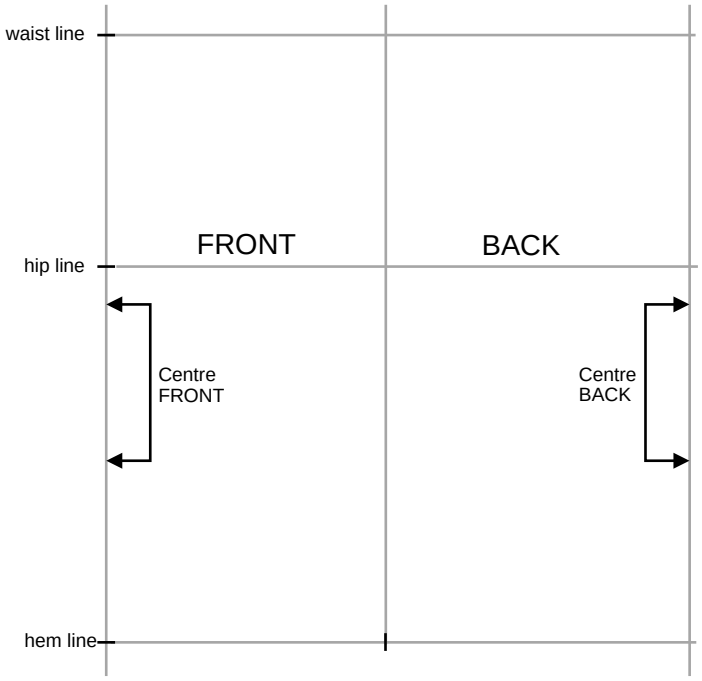
10 " = waist to hip length
10 13/16 " = (hip circumference + ease) / 2 × 0.48
11 11/16 " = (hip circumference + ease) / 2 × 0.52

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3. Draw the **hip line and the line for the side seams** .

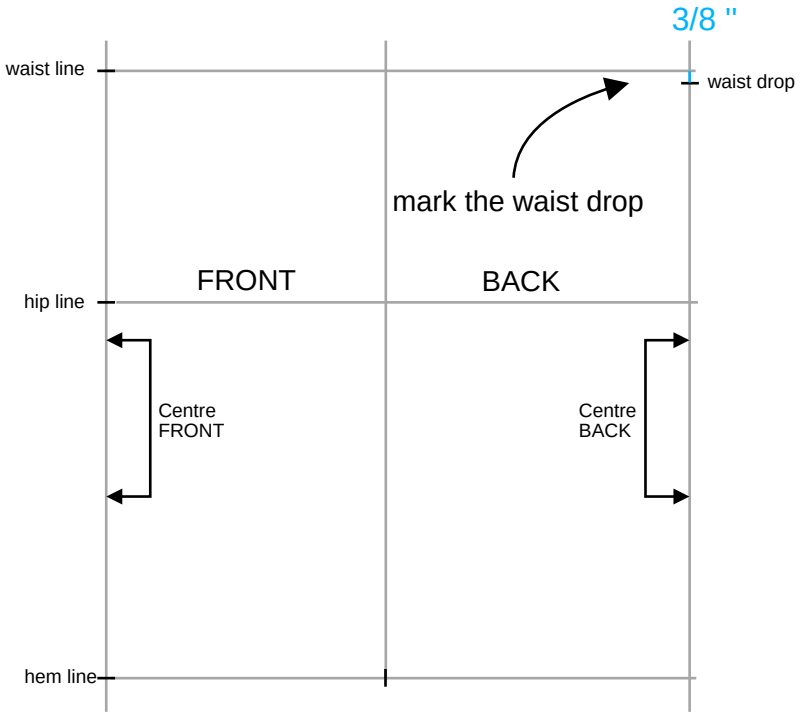


4. Label the FRONT and BACK of the pattern.



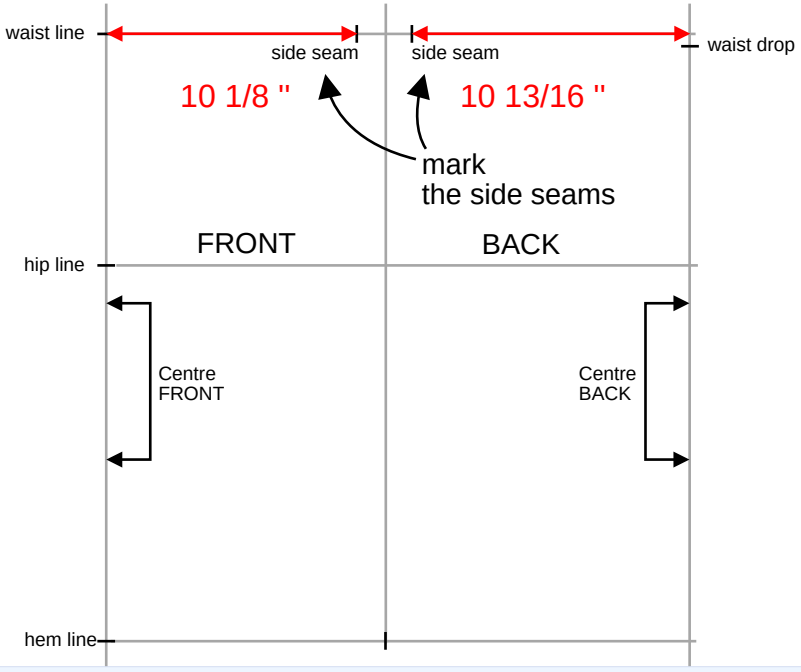
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5. On the centre BACK, **mark a waist drop**: 3/8” (1 cm).



3/8 " = waist drop

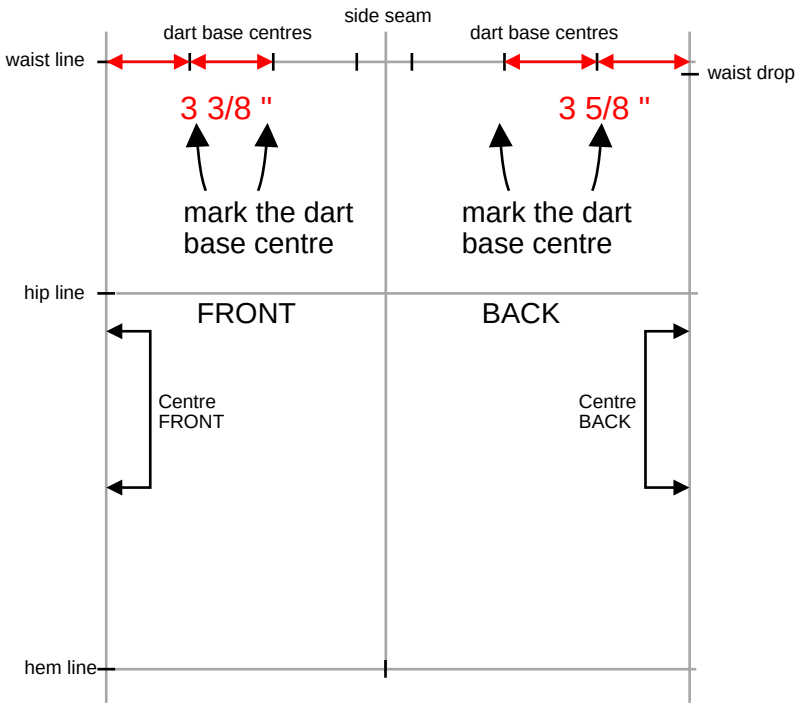
6. On both the FRONT and BACK waist,
mark the preliminary side seam position.



10 1/8 " = (waist circumference + ease) / 4 + 2 × FRONT dart width
10 13/16 " = (waist circumference + ease) / 4 + 2 × BACK dart width
3/8 " = FRONT dart width = ((hip circumference + ease) – (waist circumference + ease)) × 0.2 / 4
13/16 " = BACK dart width = ((hip circumference + ease) – (waist circumference + ease)) × 0.4 / 4

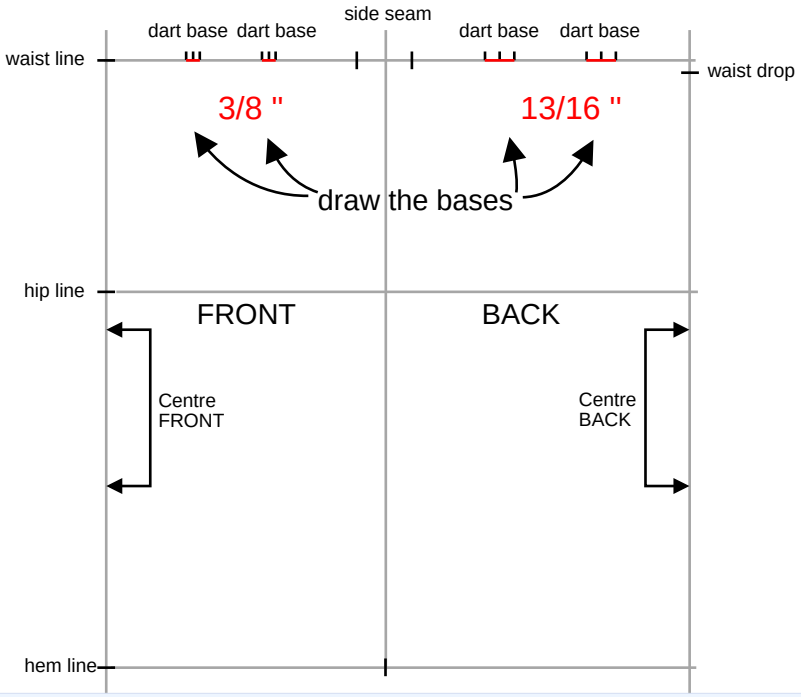
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7. On both the FRONT and BACK pattern piece, mark the dart base centre.



3 3/8 " = FRONT waist width / 3
3 5/8 " = BACK waist width / 3

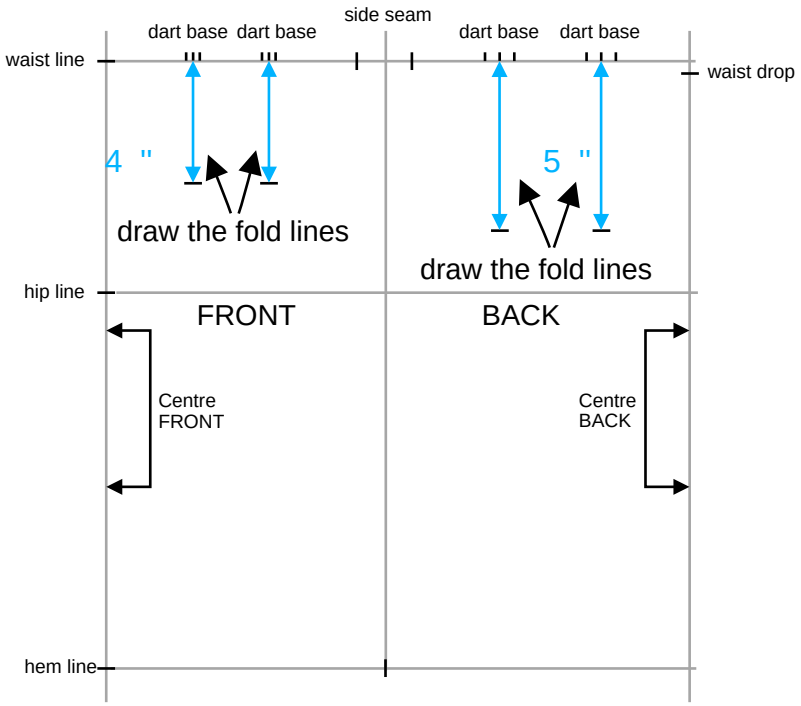
8. Draw the dart bases.
Check that they are properly aligned with the dart centre line.



3/8 " = FRONT dart width = ((hip circumference + ease) – (waist circumference + ease)) × 0.2 / 4
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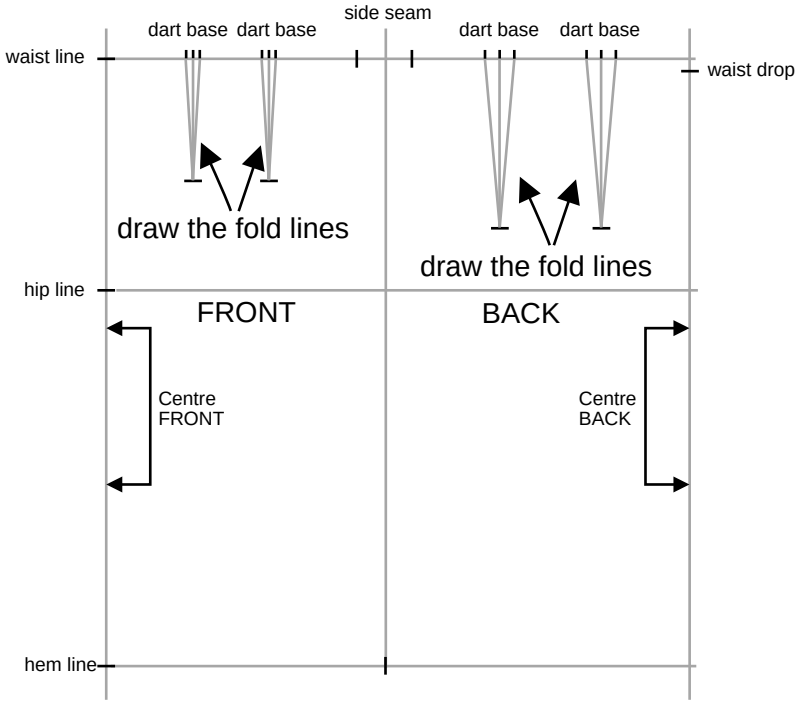
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9. From each dart base centre, draw a dart fold line.



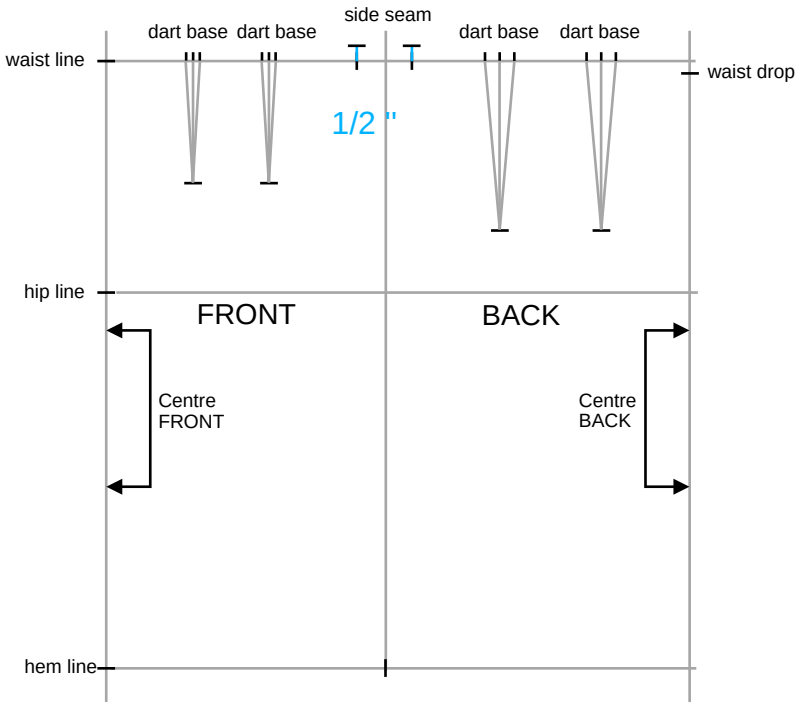
4 " = dart length FRONT
5 " = dart length BACK

10. Draw **preliminary dart legs** at the FRONT and BACK pattern piece.



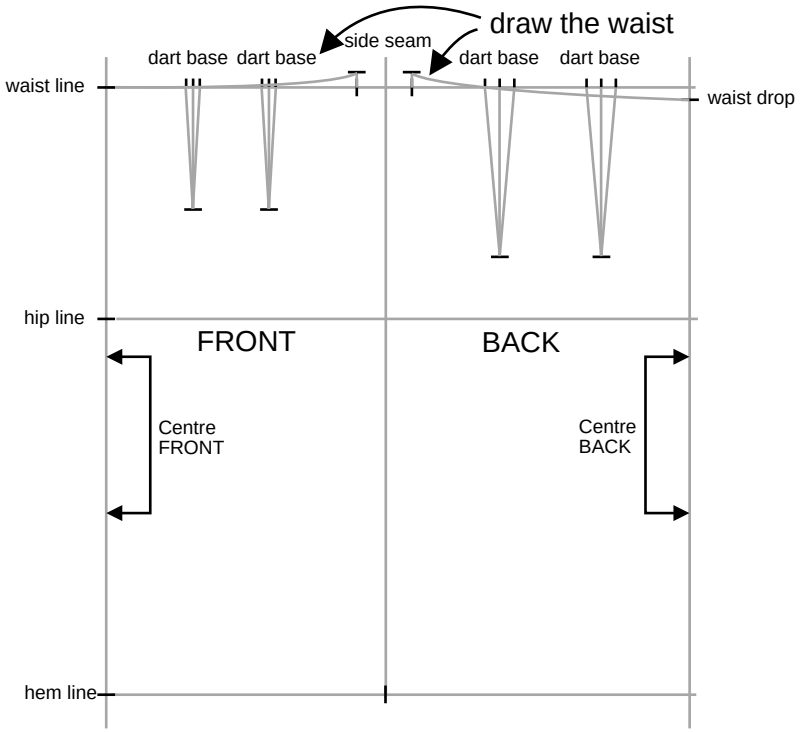
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11. Raise the side seams by 1/2” (1,2 cm) to accommodate the hips.



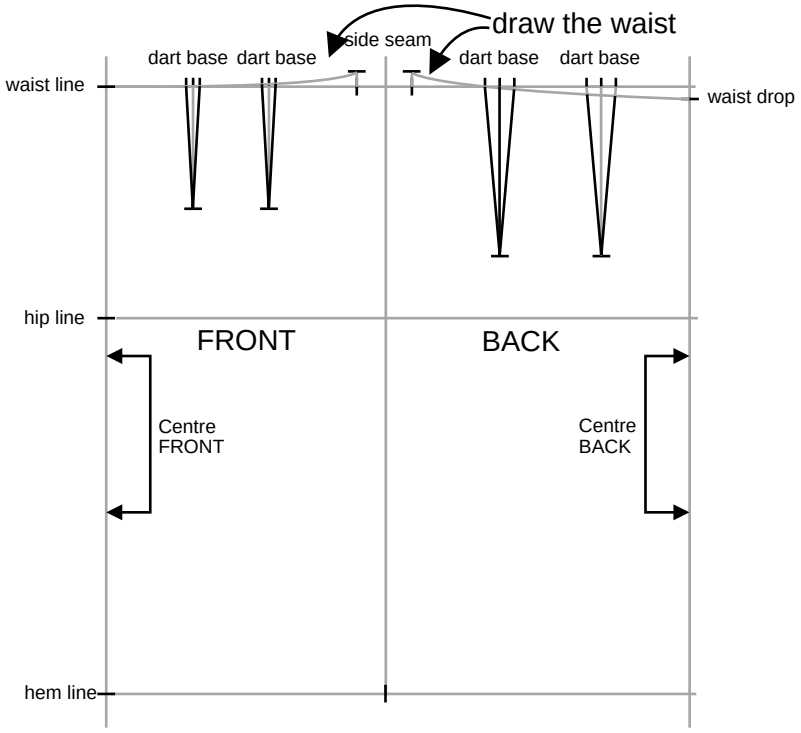
1/2 '' = raising the side seam

12. Using a French curve, **draw a preliminary waist on both pattern pieces** .

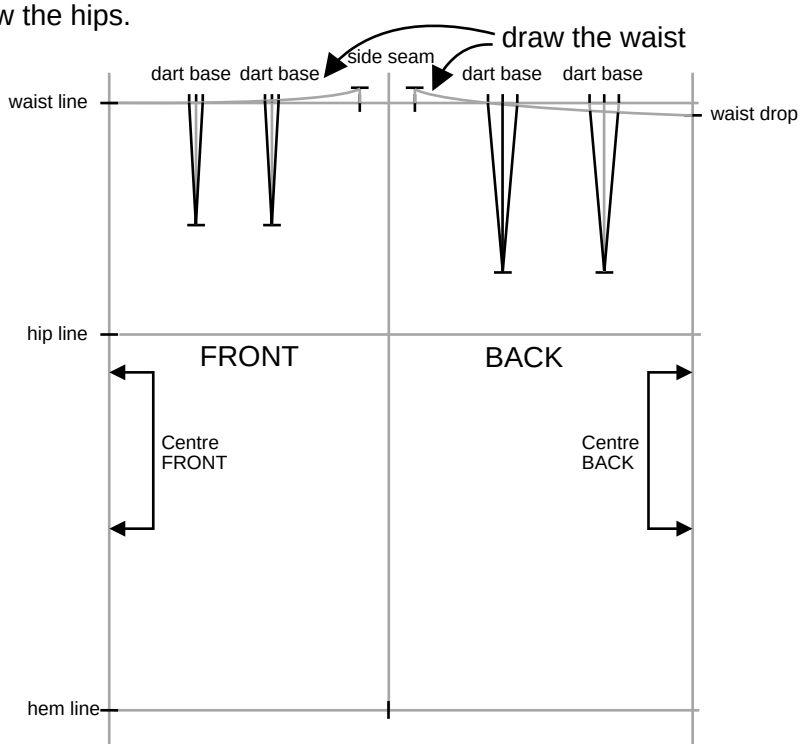


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13. Make the length of both dart legs is equal by adding to the shorter one.

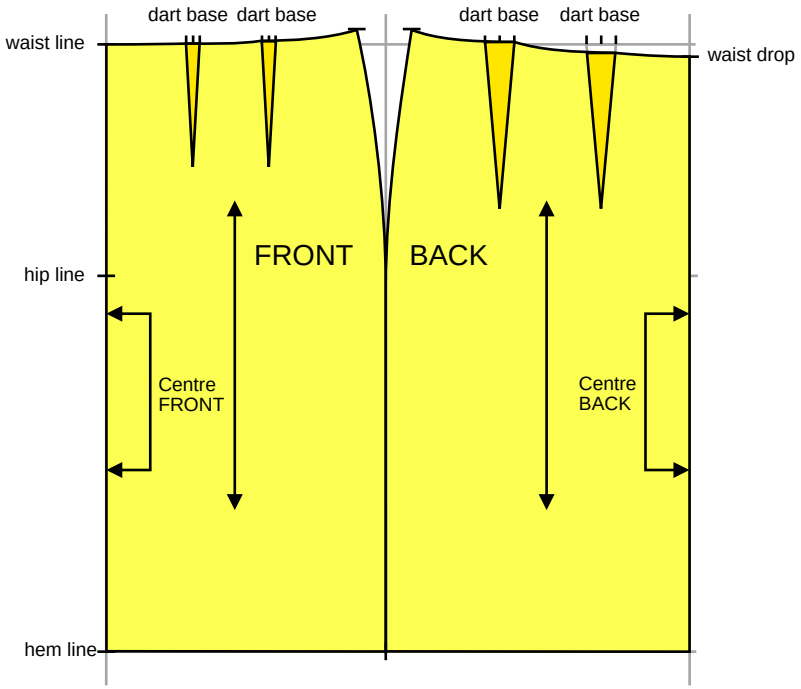


14. Using a French curve, finalise the waist at both the BACK and the front. Also, draw the hips.



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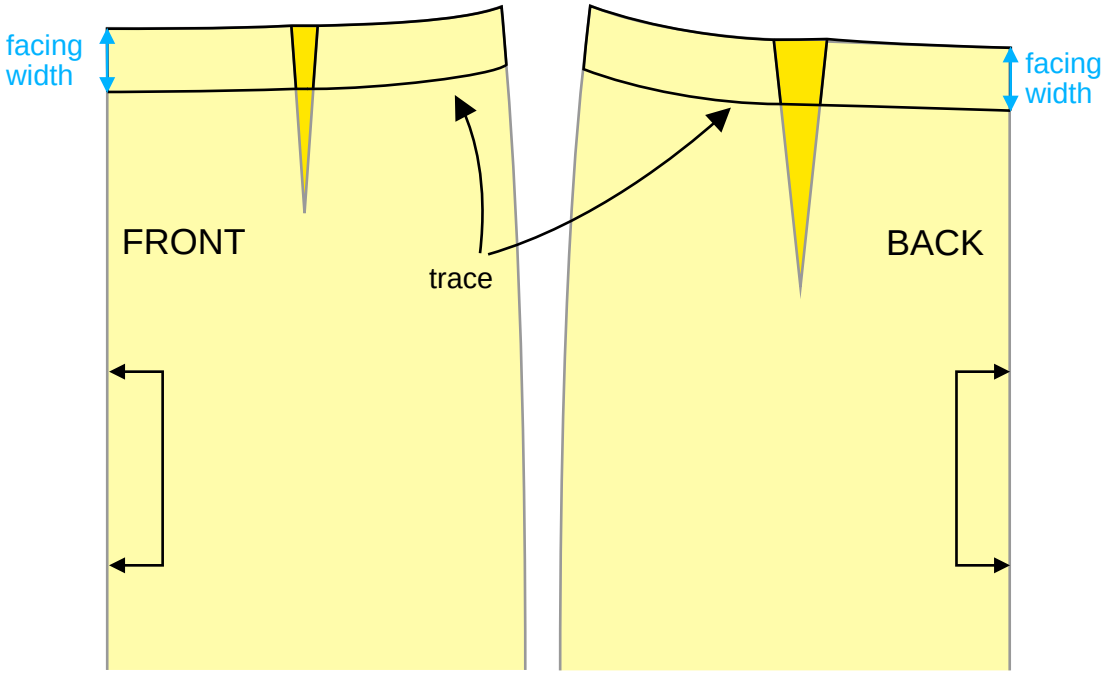
15. Using a long ruler, draw the rest of the pattern and mark the gainline.
Your pattern is complete.



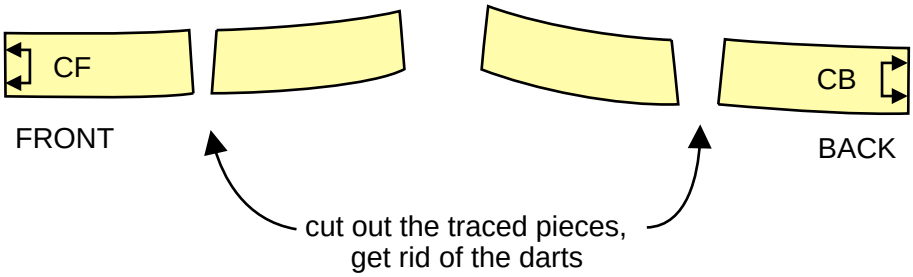
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How to draft a facing for a basic skirt

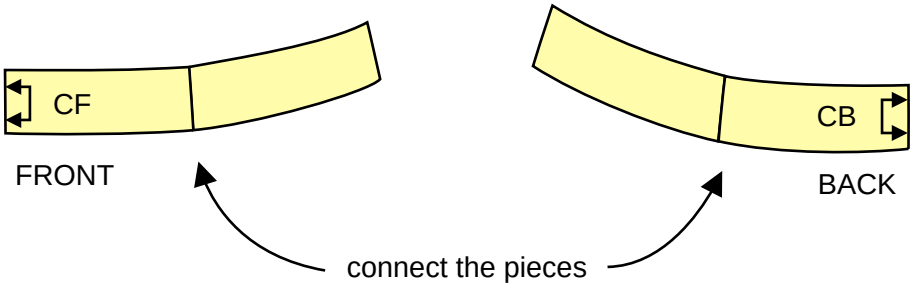
1. Decide the facing width (about 7 cm - 3").
Trace parts of the pattern according to the dashed lines.



2. Cut out the traced part at the waist.

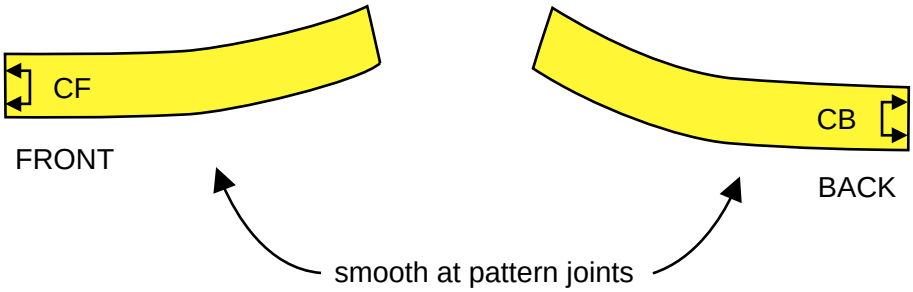


3. Close the "darts".



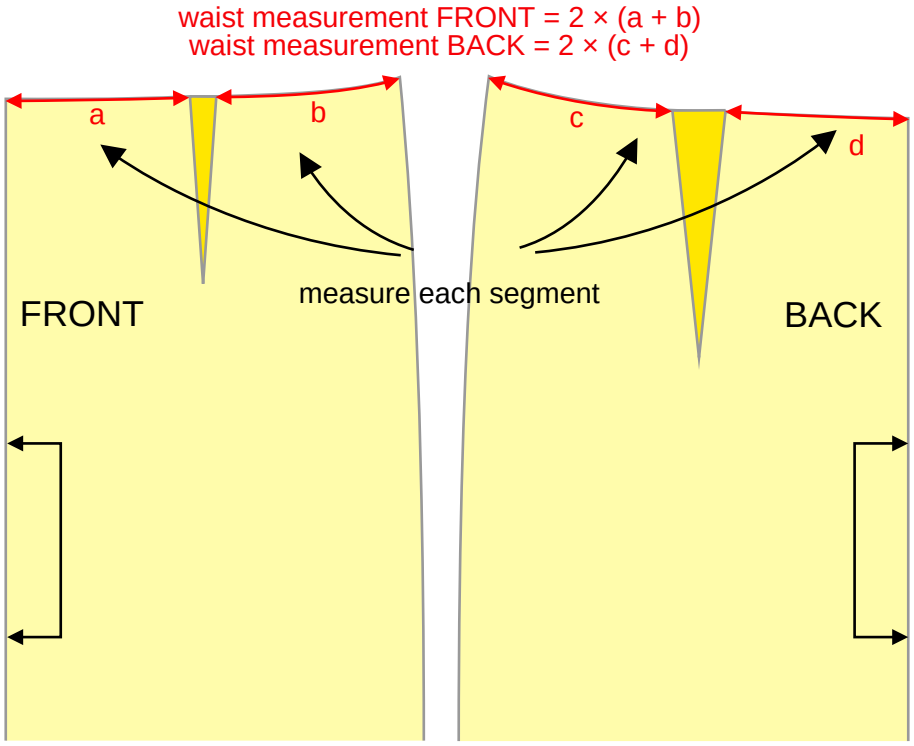
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4. Smooth out any edges. **The facing is complete.**



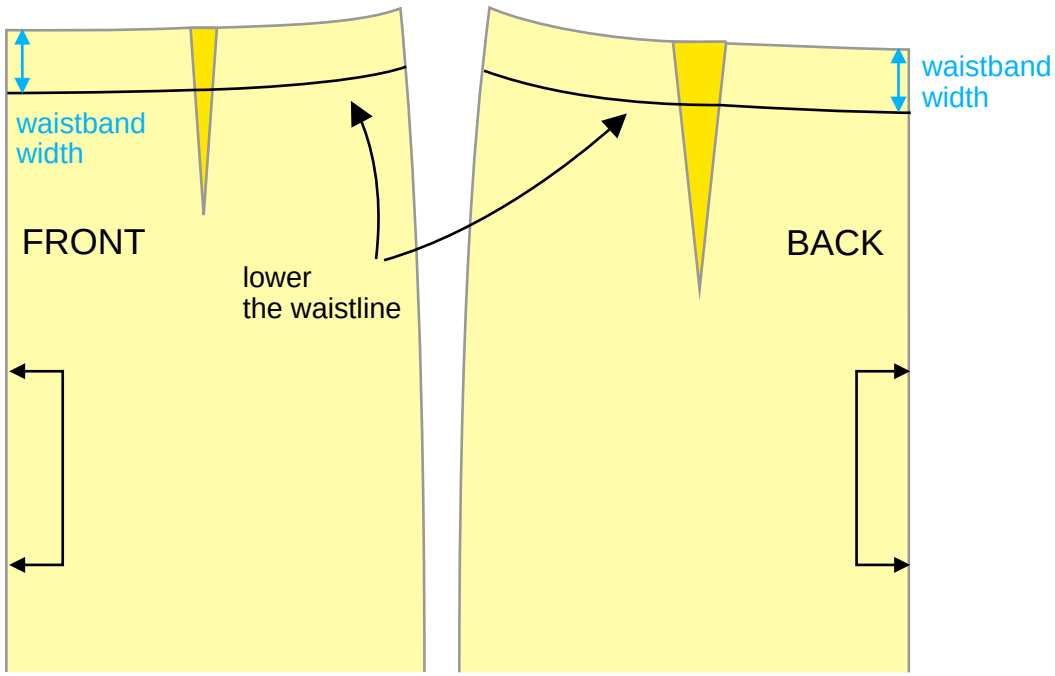
How to draft a shaped waistband for the skirt

1. Measure and calculate the complete waist length (do NOT include the darts).



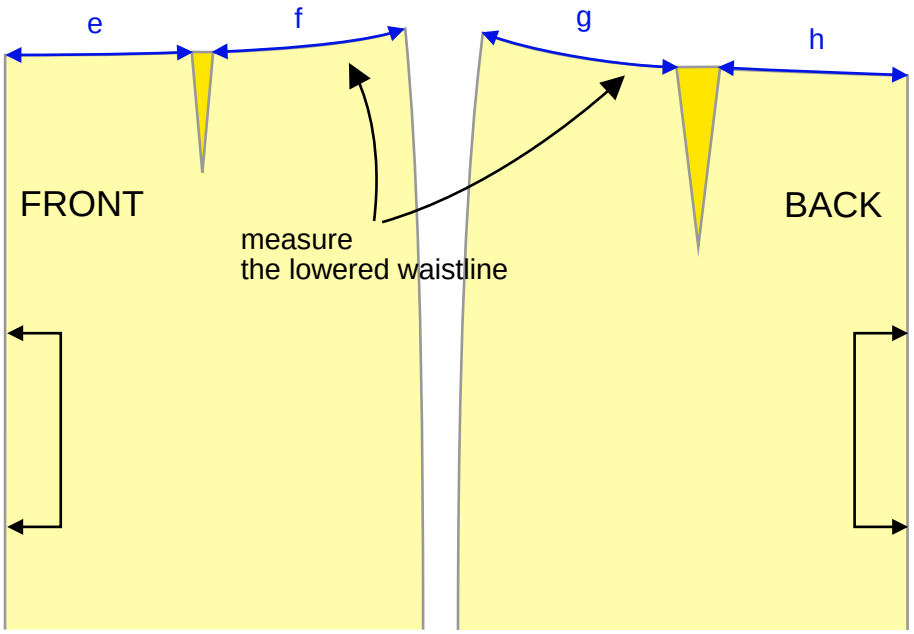
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2. Decide the waistband width.
Lower the waistline of the skirt by that width.



3. Measure the new waistline length (do NOT include the darts).

lowered waist measurement FRONT = 2 × (e + f)
lowered waist measurement BACK = 2 x (g + h)

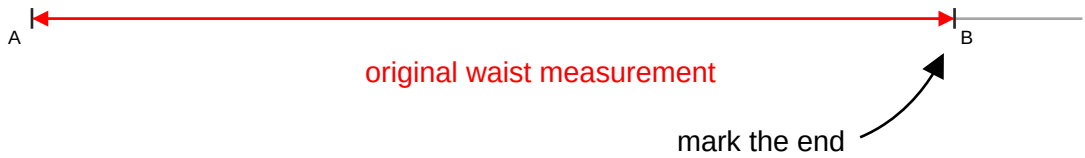


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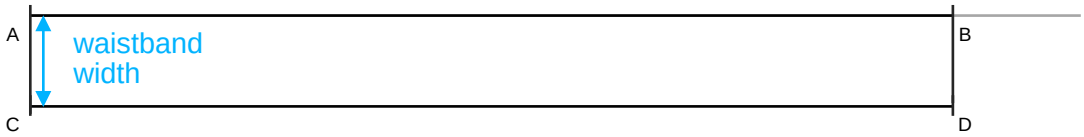
4. Draw a long horizontal line and mark the beginning of the waistband - point A.
This will be the shaped waist band for the FRONT.
Use a similar process, to create the waist band for the BACK.



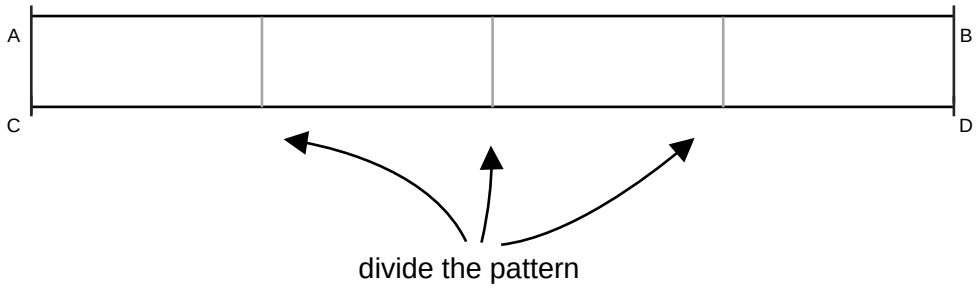
5. Mark pointB. AB is the original waist length.



6. Using the waistband width, draw a rectangle A, B, C, D.

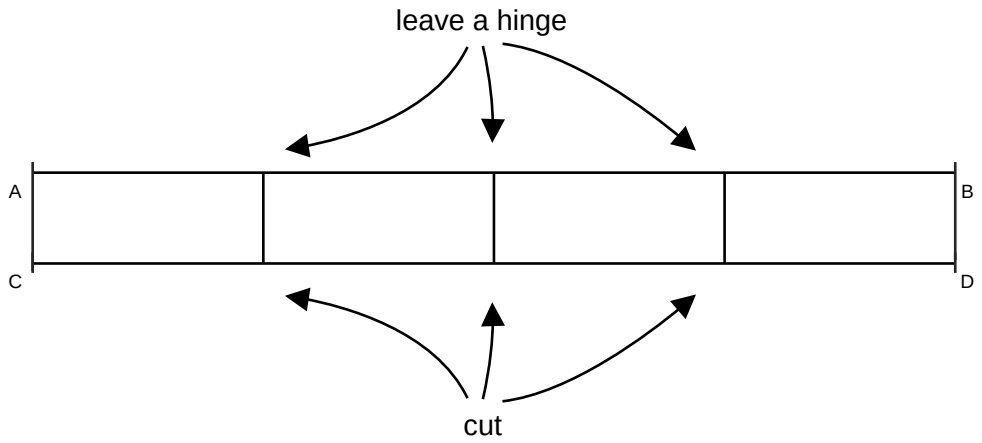


7. Cut out the rectangle and draw 3 vertical lines dividing it into 4 equal pieces.

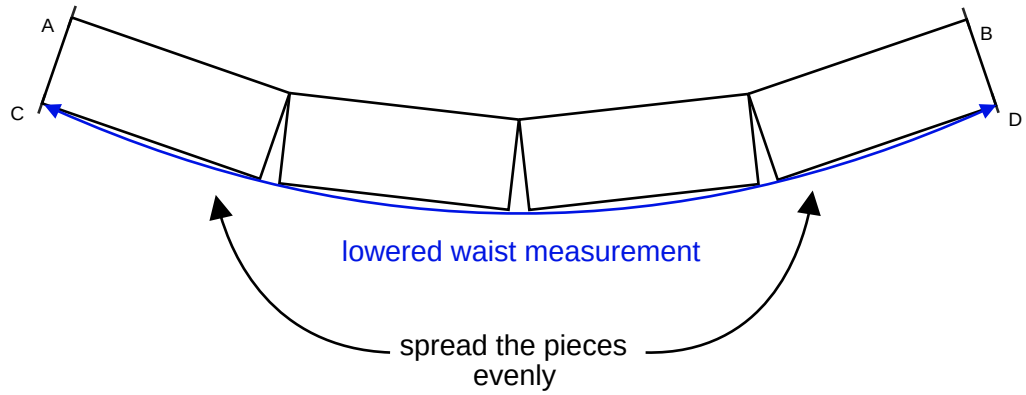


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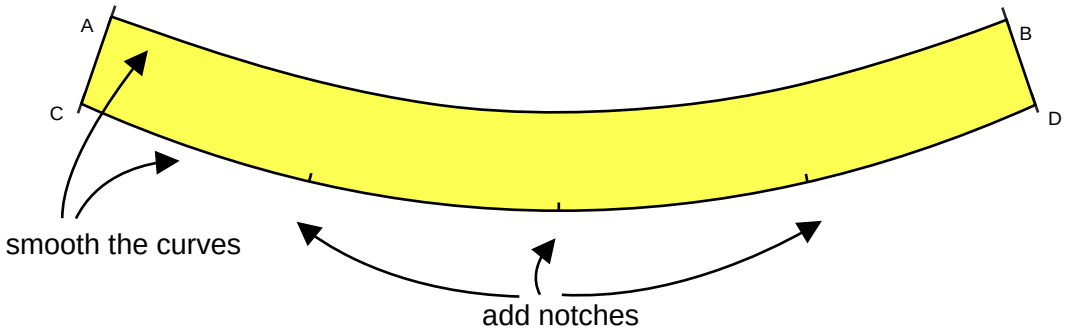
8. Cut along the vertical lines leaving a small hinge at the edge.



9. Evenly spread the the waistband pieces until CD measures the lowered waist length.



Smooth the curves and add notches for the centre FRONT and side seams.
The shaped waistband FRONT is complete.
Before sewing, cut two pieces. One piece will be the outer, the other the inner waistband.

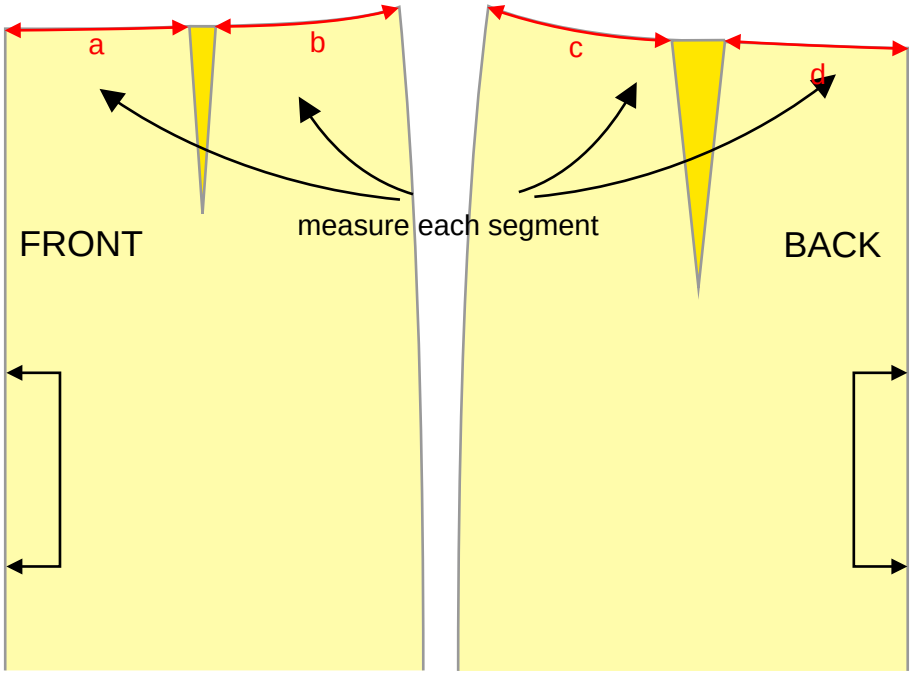


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How to draft a straight waistband for a basic skirt

1. Measure and calculate the complete waist length (do NOT include the darts).

waist measurement = 2 x (a + b + c + d)



2. Draw a long horizontal line and mark the beginning of the waistband - point A.



mark the waistband beginning

3. Mark point B. AB is the waistband extension for a button.
Mark point C, which is the end of the waistband.

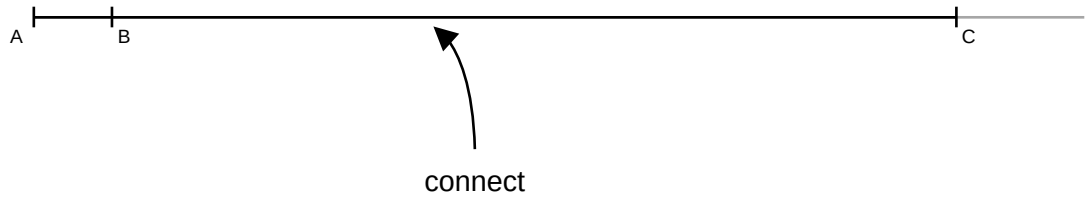


mark the waistband extension

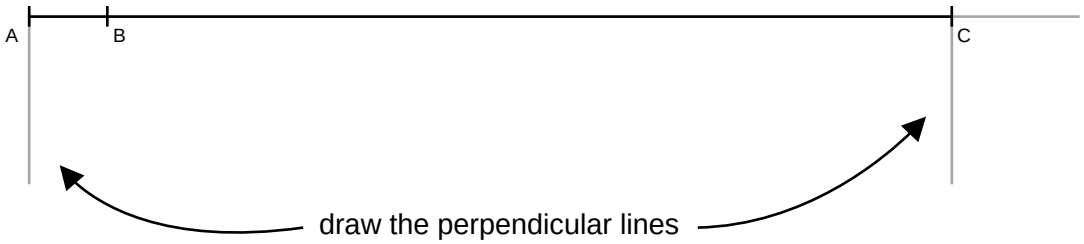
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4. Connect points A, B and C by drawing a horizontal line .



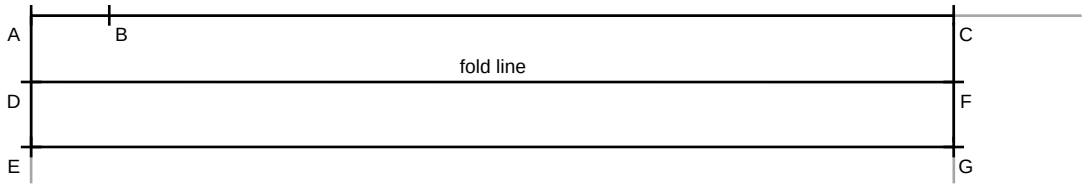
5. From points A, and C draw perpendicular lines.



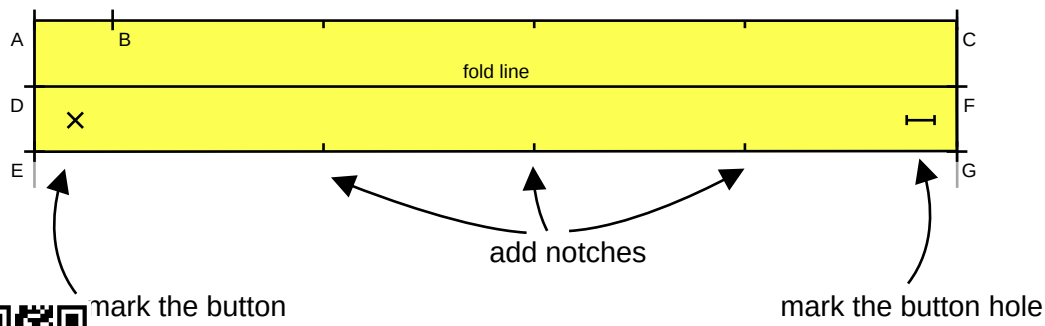
6. Decide the waistband width. It is usually 2 - 5 cm (1 - 2").
On the vertical lines, mark points D, E, F and G.



7. With a dashed line, connect points D and F to draw the waistband fold line .
With a solid line, connect points A and G, C and I, G and I.



8. Mark the button and button hole.
Add notches for the centre FRONT and side seams.
The straight waistband is complete.



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