

The Woman's Front Pattern

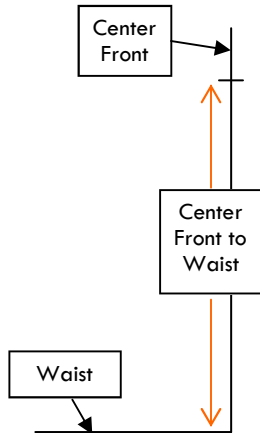


Figure 94

These pages replace the instructions on pages 52 through 56 of my book *How to Make Sewing Patterns*.

THE BASIC REFERENCE LINES

Step 1. Draw a vertical line on the right side of the paper that is the Center Front to Waist length (#20). This is the Center Front line (Figure 94).

Step 2. At the bottom of this length draw a line at right angles to the Center Front line. This is the Waist line.

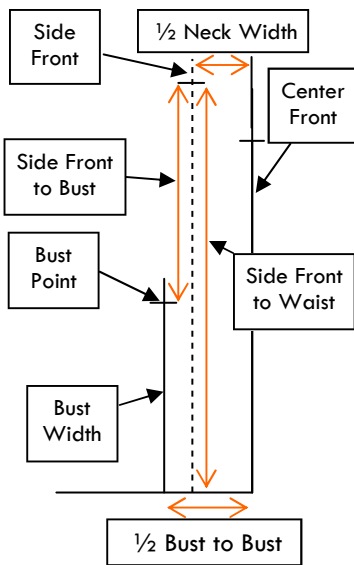


Figure 95

THE BUST POINT

Step 3. On the Waist line measure out from the Center Front line one-half the Neck Width measurement (#2) and make a mark. From this point draw a line that is parallel to the Center Front line (Figure 95). This is the Side Front line. Measure up from the Waist and mark off the Side Front to Waist length (#25).

Step 4. Measure down from the top of the Side Front length the Side Front to Bust measurement (#24). Draw a short line at right angles to the Side Front line at this point. This establishes the height of the bust.

Step 5. On the Waist line measure out from the Center Front line one-half the Bust to Bust measurement (#9) and make a mark. From this point draw a line parallel to the Center Front line. This is the Bust Width line. The Bust Point is located where this line crosses the line established in Step 4.

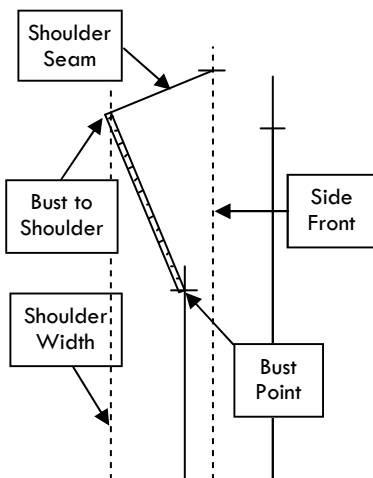


Figure 96

THE SHOULDER SEAM

Step 6. On the Waist line measure out from the Center Front line one-half the Shoulder Width measurement (#3) and make a mark. From this point draw a line that is parallel to the Center Front line (Figure 96). This is the Shoulder Width line.

Step 7. To find the Shoulder Point strike an arc from the Bust Point that is the Bust to Shoulder length (#26). The Shoulder Point is located where this arc touches the Shoulder Width line.

Step 8. Draw a line from the Shoulder Point to the top of the Side Front length. This is the Shoulder Seam.

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Note: These new instructions skip over the instructions for adding a dart to the initial draft of the women's front sloper. Thus the numbering of the Figures and Steps is not sequential.

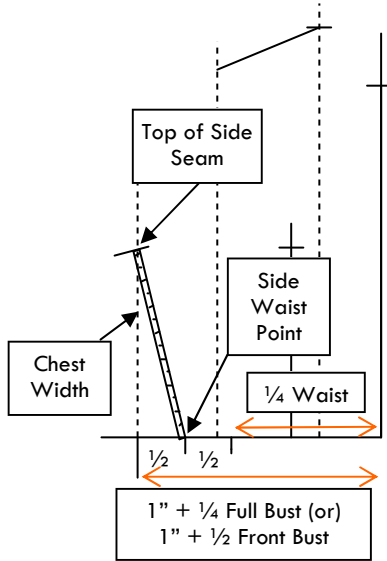


Figure 100

THE SIDE SEAM

Step 12. On the Waist line measure out from the Center Front one inch plus one-fourth the Full Bust measurement (#6) and make a mark.

Step 12a. Or measure out from the Center Front one inch plus one-half the Front Bust measurement (#7) and make a mark.

Step 13. From this point draw a line that is parallel to the Center Front line (Figure 100). This is the Chest Width line. The one inch is the basic fitting ease.

Step 14. On the Waist line measure out from the Center Front one-fourth the Waist measurement (#11) and make a mark.

Step 15. Divide the distance between the waist mark and the Chest Width line in half and make a mark. This is the Side Waist Point.

Step 16. Strike an arc from the Side Waist Point that is the Armpit to Waist length (#31) so it crosses the Chest Width line. This is the top of the Side Seam. then draw a line from this mark down to the Side Waist Point. This is the Side Seam.

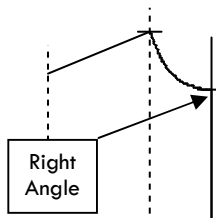


Figure 104

THE NECK CURVE

Step 17. The Neck Curve will be drawn in freehand (Figure 104). It is almost semi-circular in shape. Be sure the intersections of the Neck Curve with the Center Front and the Shoulder Seam are at right angles.

THE ARMHOLE CURVE

Step 18. The Armhole Curve is also sketched in freehand (Figure 105).. Measure down from the Shoulder Point two-thirds of the distance from the Shoulder Point to the top of the Side Seam and mark point A on the Shoulder Width line. Measure three-quarters of an inch in from point A towards the Center Front line and mark point B.

Step 19. Draw the Armhole Curve from the Shoulder Point to point B. Then curve it out to the top of the Side Seam.

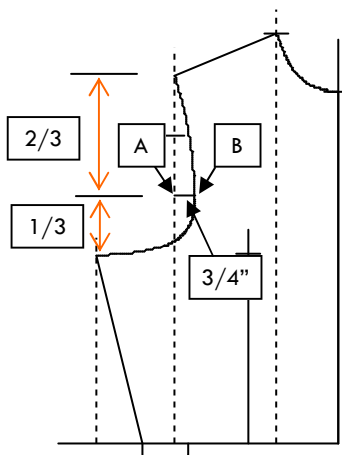


Figure 105

SEAM ALLOWANCES

Add a 1 1/2" design and fitting allowance to the Side Seam and Shoulder Seam. Add a 1" fitting allowance to the Armhole and Neck curves and 1" to the Center Front for pinning the garment closed during the fitting. Add a 2" design and fitting allowance to the Waist.