

So Sew Easy

Wear Everywhere Skirt

Everyone needs a wardrobe of good basic skirts. Ones you can wear every day or for lots of different occasions. This Wear Everywhere Skirt fits the bill perfectly. A classic straight skirt with a single inverted pleat center front, makes this skirt easy to wear, ideal for the office, working, shopping, the school run – in fact, anywhere and everywhere. Once you've got a great fit on this skirt, mark up your pattern because it's a quick and easy sew you'll want to make again and again.

These instructions and more details about this pattern can also be found on So Sew Easy – [click here](#).



The Wear Everywhere Skirt
Free sewing pattern

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Features:

- Straight skirt, fitted at waist and hips
- Easy to sew
- Center front inverted box pleat
- Sits at the natural waist with darts for shaping
- Center back zipper plus waistband with closure
- Knee-length as standard, lengthen or shorten as needed.

Skill level –Beginner

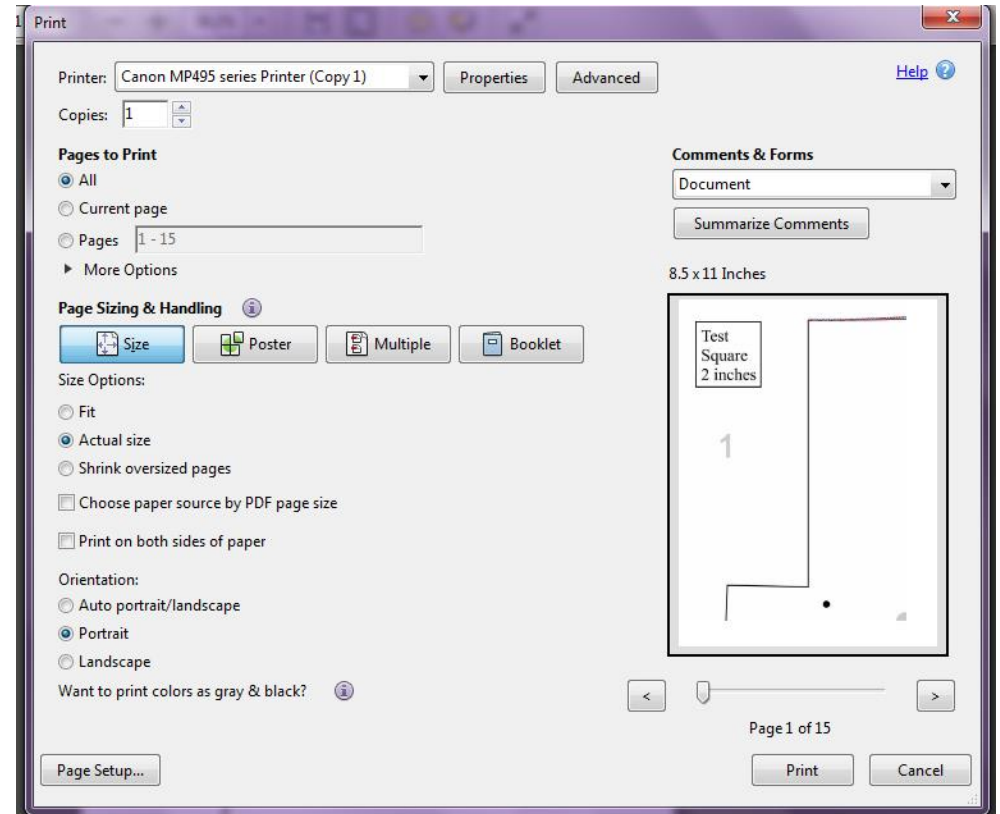
This is an easy pattern using simple turn and stitch techniques. Accurate stitching will help you to get a good finish. You should also know how to insert a zipper into the center back seam.

Please read through all of these instructions before starting your project and cutting your fabric.

To print your PDF pattern

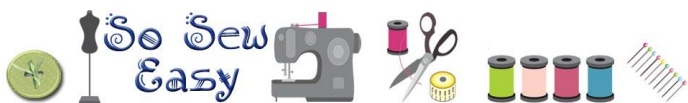
Your pattern and instructions come as one file to make printing easy. Please make sure you are using the latest version of Adobe for best results. You can [download the latest version here](#) if you need to.

Open the PDF file in Adobe Reader. Select File → Print and the print dialogue box opens. Under Page Sizing and Handling, select SIZE, then select ACTUAL SIZE. Orientation for this pattern is PORTRAIT.

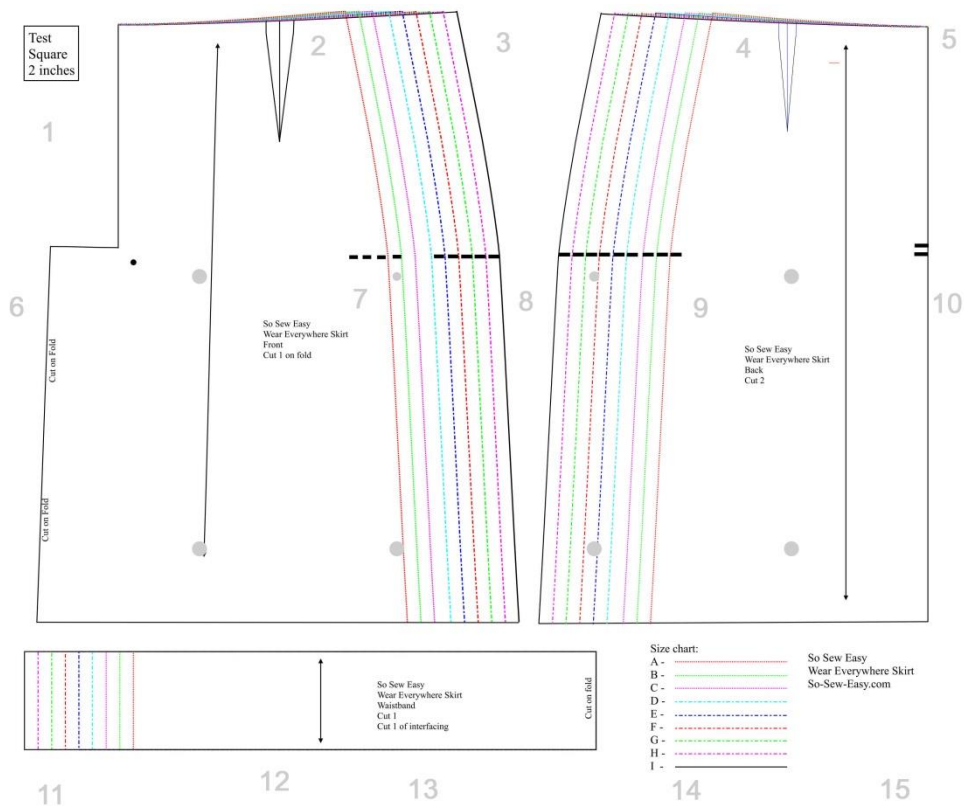


You can print the lot including the pattern and instructions, or if you want, just print the pattern pieces at the end of these instructions.

On the top edge of the first pattern sheet is a test square. This box should measure 2 inches square. If yours is wildly different you will need to check your printer options to make sure the pages are not being resized. Some computer users have reported minor scaling issues printing PDF patterns using Windows 8.



Match up the pattern pieces, folding under or cutting off any overlaps, and tape together. Your finished pattern should look like this...



Materials needed

- Non-stretch fabric – see
- Regular zipper in a matching color – 8 or 9 inches
- Usual sewing supplies
- Small amount of apparel interfacing for waistband

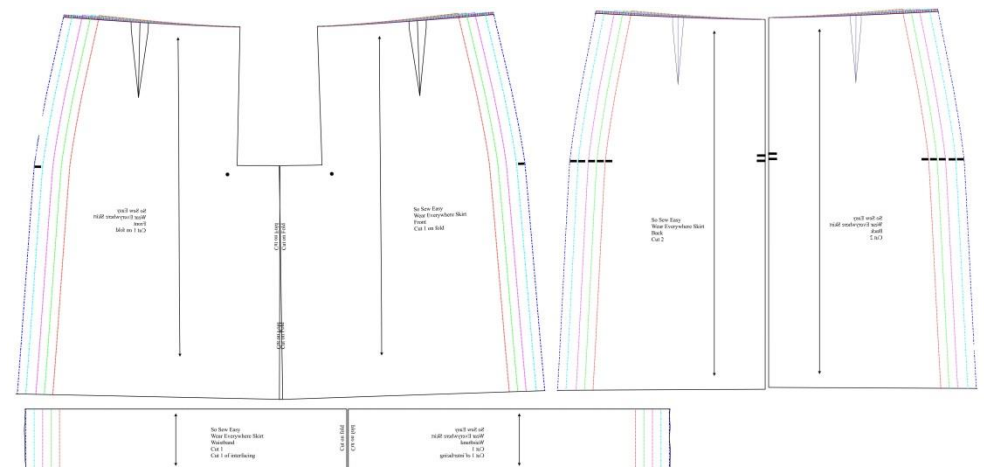
Fabric requirements, suggestions and layout

Non-stretch fabrics such as cotton blends, linens, twill, corduroy, poplin, denim and more. Fabrics which hold a good crease will work best.

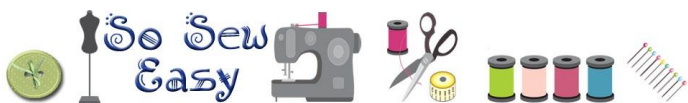
Assuming fabric 58 inches wide, all sizes to size E will need 3/4 of a yard. Sizes F and above will need 1.5 yards.

See these tips on [Choosing and Preparing Fabric](#).

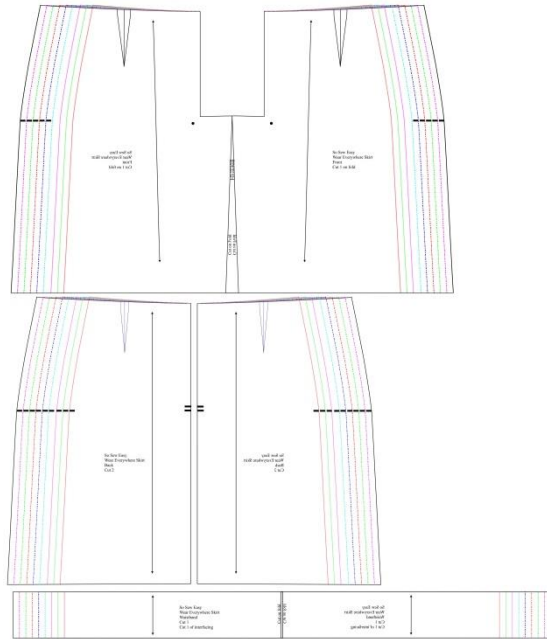
Layout – sizes A to E →



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Layout sizes F and above →



What size do I need?

Please use this table as a guide only as although our body measurements may be similar, different body shapes may require fitting differently. Fabrics with different thickness, drape and stretch will also affect the finished result and fit on this skirt, so use this table as a guide only. Compare the flat pattern measurements to your own body measurements.

Size	Waist (in/cm)	Hips (in/cm)
A	25 / 64	34 / 86
B	27 / 69	36 / 91
C	29 / 74	38 / 97
D	31 / 79	40 / 102
E	33 / 84	42 / 107
F	35 / 89	44 / 112
G	37 / 94	46 / 117
H	39 / 99	48 / 122
I	41 / 104	50 / 127

Always test the fit using the paper pattern pieces, or an inexpensive test fabric before cutting your expensive fabric for this skirt. If in doubt test the larger size and adjust for fitting at the seams during construction.

Directions

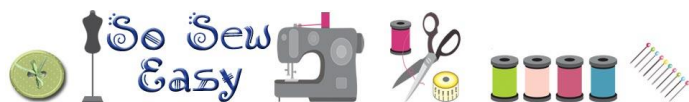
Seam allowances – 0.5 inches / 1.25 cm unless otherwise stated

Abbreviations used – RST – right sides together.

Neaten your seams – serge/overlock your seams, or finish with your favourite method. Trim, neaten and finish seams as you go.

Useful tutorials

You can find a range of useful sewing tutorials and videos at So Sew Easy – [tutorials page](http://so-sew-easy.com).



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Let's start to sew !

This tutorial also comes as a **video** step by step, and contains more detail than the written instructions alone. Please check out the video by clicking this image below.

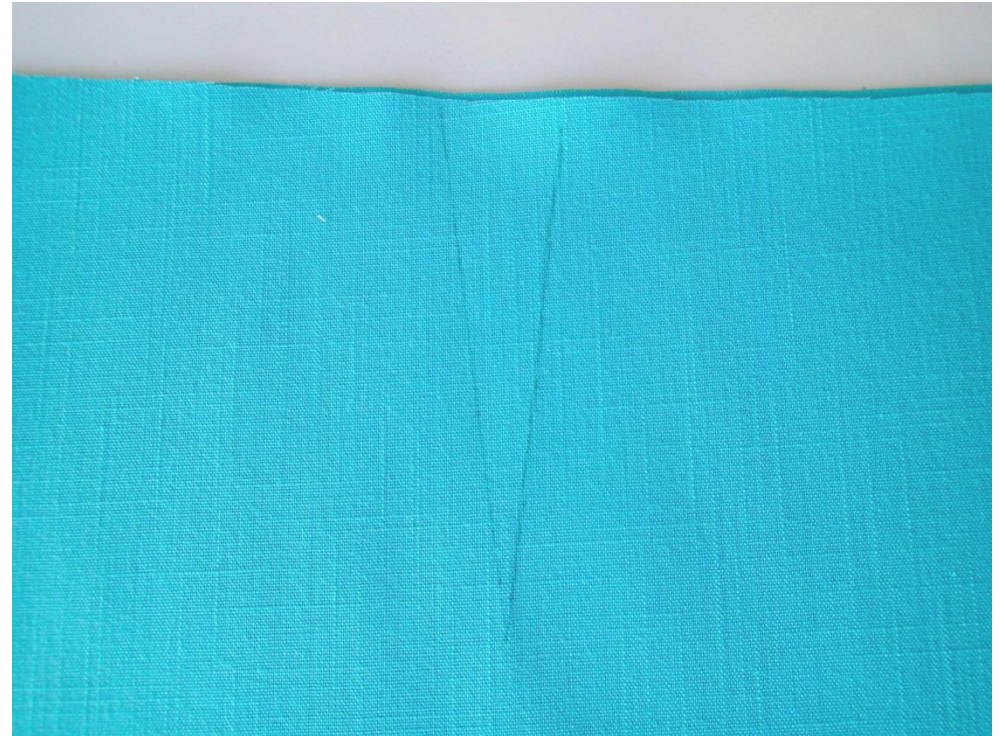


1 – Assemble your pattern and use it to cut your fabric pieces. Cut two pieces for the back, one piece on the fold for the waist and a waistband. Your waistband is deliberately a little oversized.

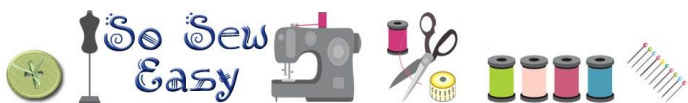
2 – Mark your darts. Two on the skirt front and one each on the skirt back. Sew darts and press them towards the side seams.

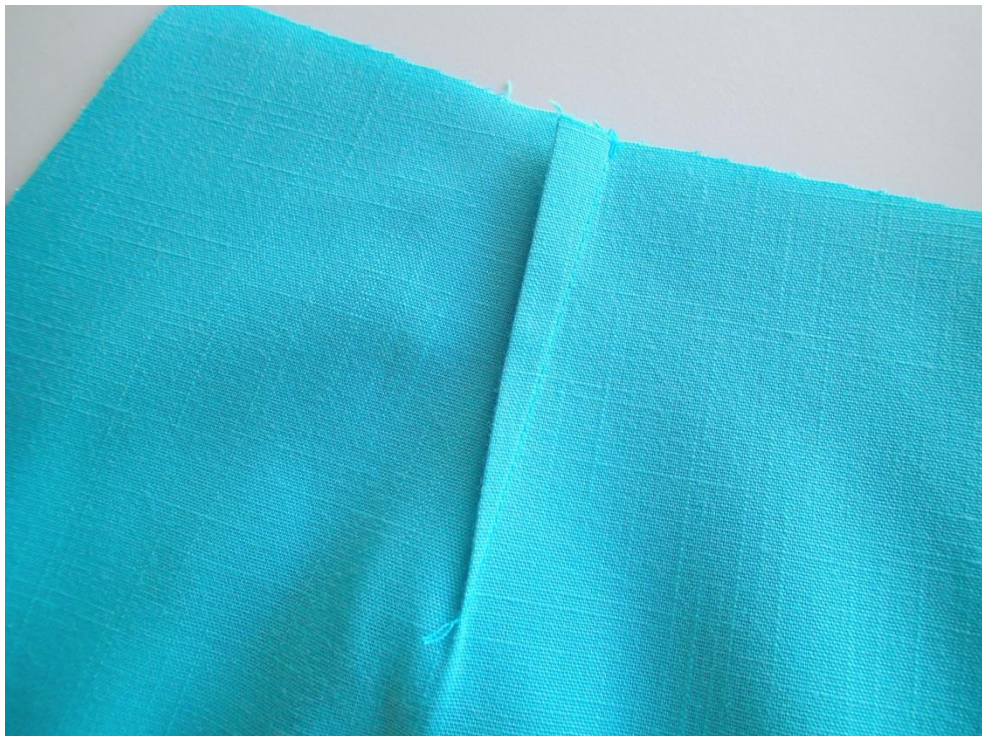
Check out these tutorials to help you get perfect darts:

- [How to mark darts perfectly](#)
- [How to sew darts perfectly](#)

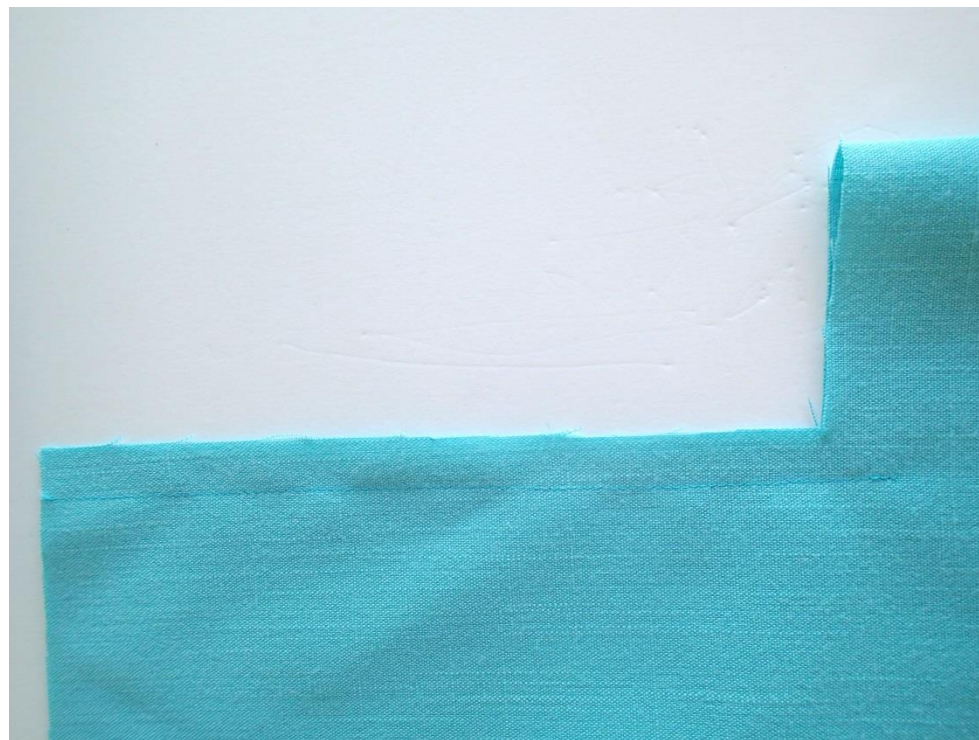


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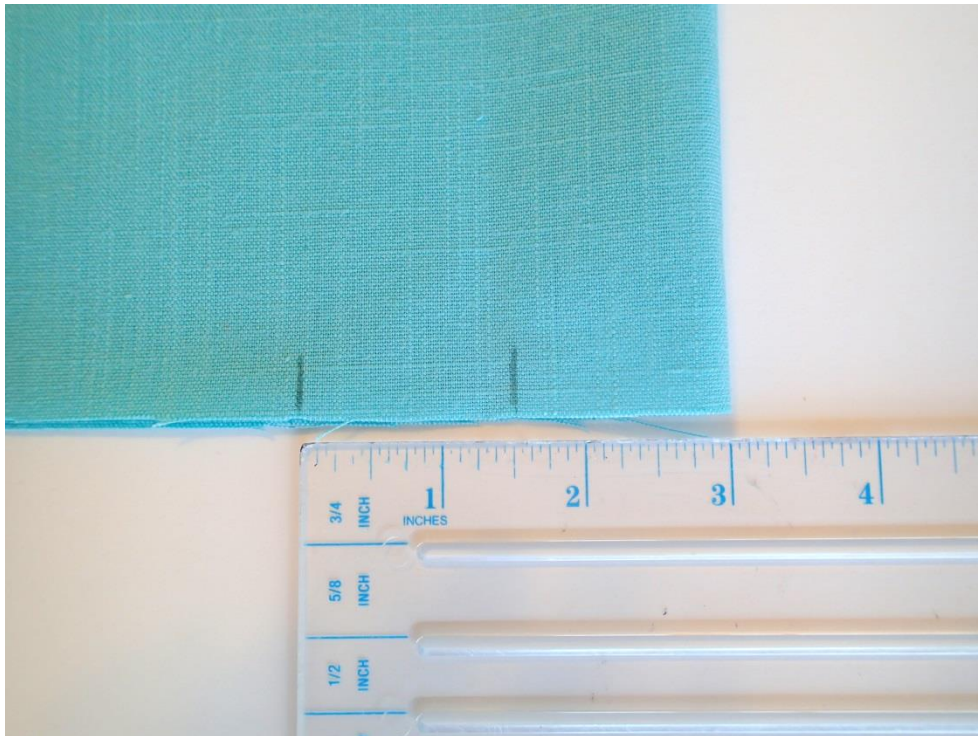


3 – Fold the skirt front down the center, RST, and stitch the center front seam from the top of the waist to ½ inch below the horizontal pleat, where the dot is shown on the pattern. Do NOT stitch horizontally across the pleat.



4 – With the fabric folded, mark the bottom seam of the skirt at 1.5 inches and 3 inches from the fold, on left and right. Use these guides to press the front pleat of the skirt and press the center front seam open.

Once neatly pressed, use pins to secure the pleat in place at the top and bottom.



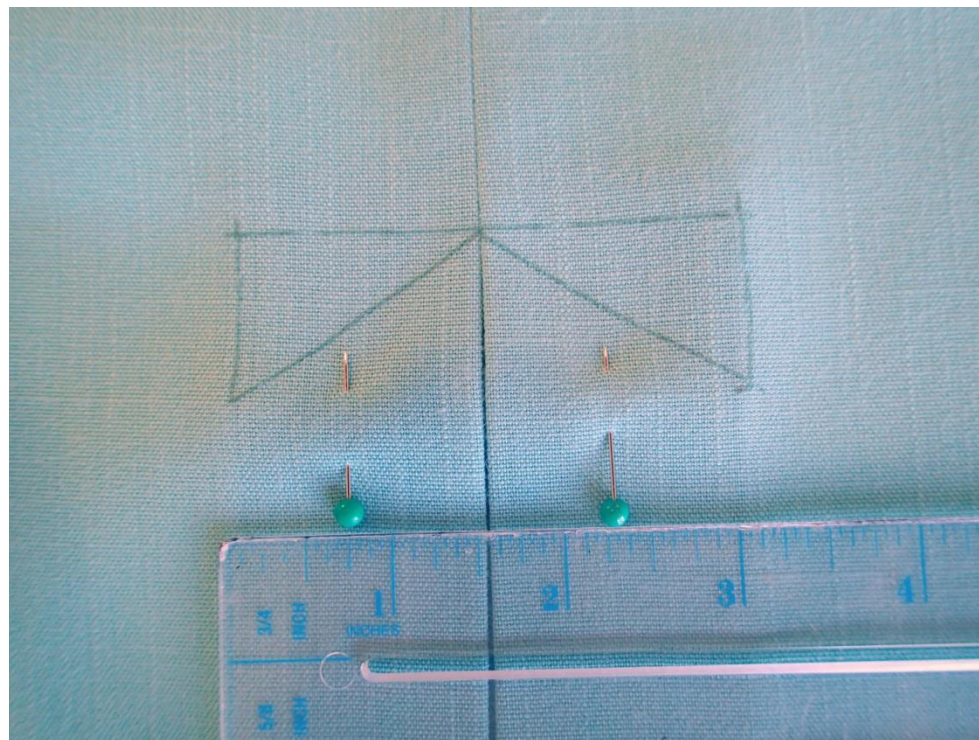
This is what it should look like inside and out with the pleat pressed and pinned in place.



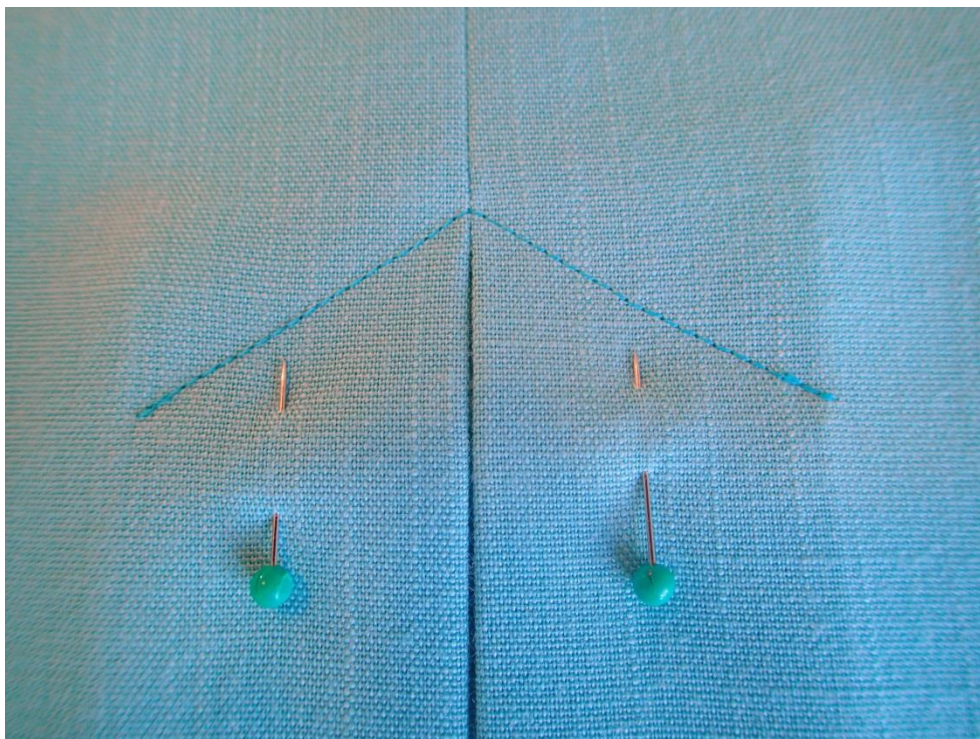


5 – Make a 3 inch horizontal line across the centre front of the skirt where the stitching ends. Mark down 1 inch on each end of this line, on the edge of the pleated fabric underneath.

Mark a line diagonally from the center seam to the bottom corners of the 1 inch line on each side. This is your stitching line.

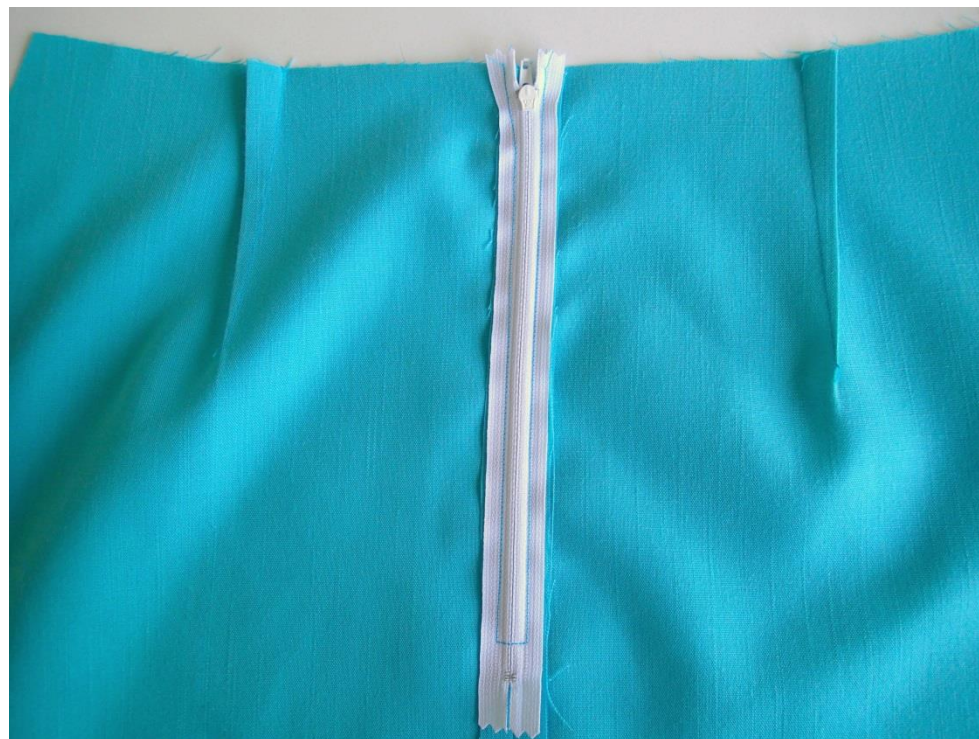


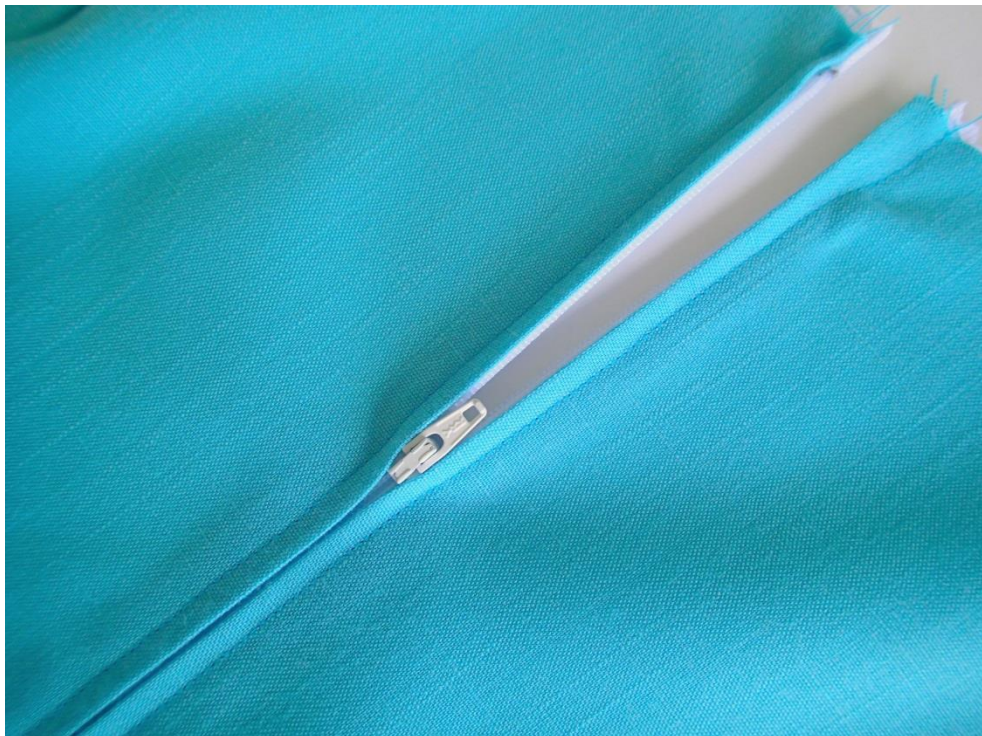
6 – Stitch the top of the pleat in place along this line. Trim, neaten and finish the seam.



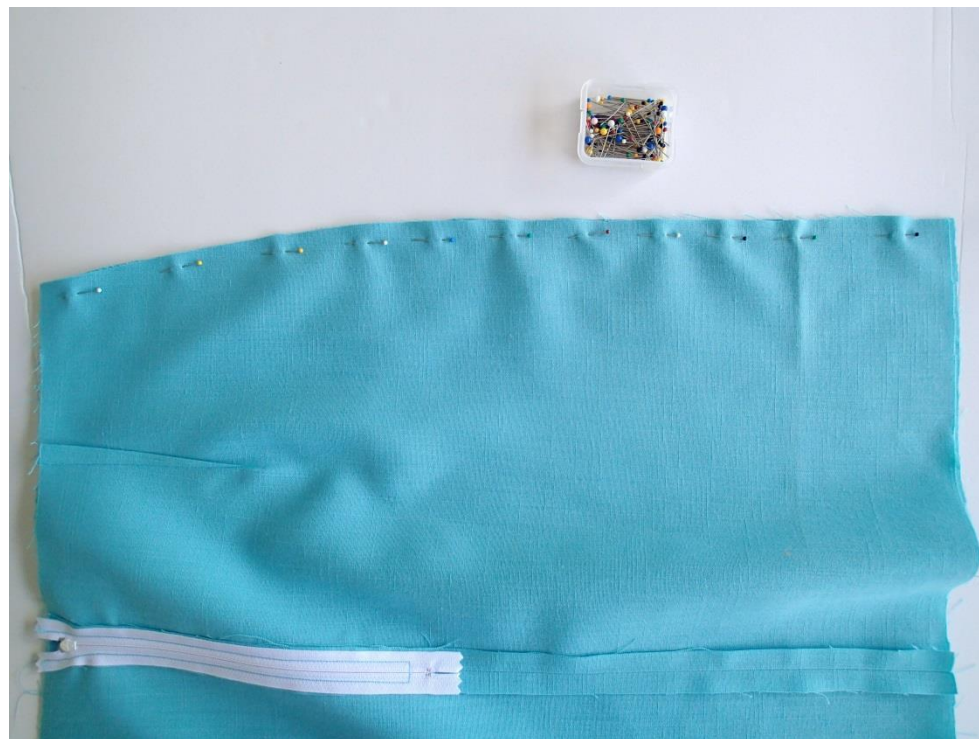
7 – Sew your zipper into the center back seam, matching the top of the zipper tape with the top of the waist. Close the seam below the zipper. Press the seam open and finish the raw edges.

(More details for how to insert the zipper is included in the video if you need it.)





8 – Pin or baste your side seams and try on the skirt to check for fit. Make any alterations necessary before adding the waistband. Stitch the side seams when satisfied with fit.



9 – Apply a light apparel interfacing to your waistband piece. Press up to the wrong side one long raw edge $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch. This will be the inside edge of the waistband.

Find the center of the waistband, match this to the center front of the skirt and pin all the way to each end. Your waistband will overhang the center back.



10 – Stitch the waistband to the top of the skirt. Press the seam allowances both up towards the waistband.

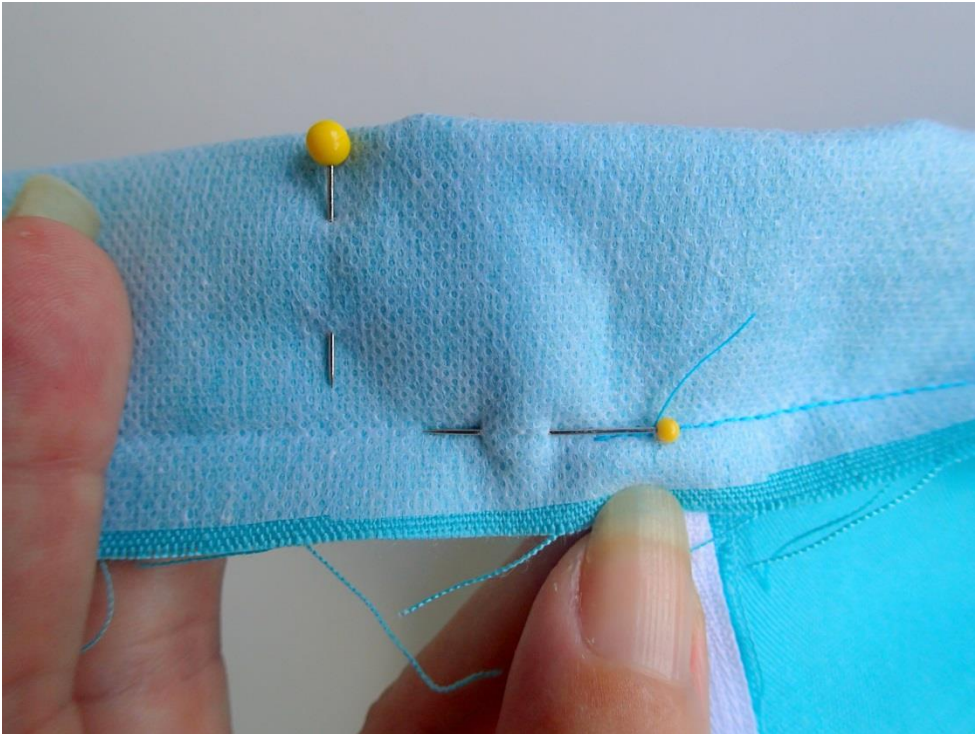
Also press up $\frac{1}{2}$ inch along the bottom edge of the back extension on each end.



11 – Fold the waistband RST at the center back on each side and match raw edges. Decide how wide you want your extension – typically around $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch, or the size of your button.

Stitch down from the fold to the pressed line and then horizontally towards the fold towards the zipper, stopping level with the edge of the fabric at center back.

See the video if you need more help with this section.



12 – Turn the waistband the right way out and create nice crisp points on your corners. Folding the seam allowances inside often helps more than poking them.



13 – Turn the pressed edge of the waistband to the inside just covering your previous line of stitches.

Pin from the front in the previous stitching line, making sure your pin catches the back of the waistband.



14 - Stitch in the ditch from the front to secure the waistband in place. Press.

Your stitches should be nearly invisible from the front...



...and should catch the edge of the waistband in a nice even line on the inside.



15 – Add your closure to center back. (Button and buttonhole, hook and eye, etc)

16 – Try on your skirt and check for length. We need a light weight hem because of the front pleat, so for mine I simply neaten my raw edge with an overcasting stitch and then turned up the hem once and stitched. Feel free to use whatever hem finish is your favorite.





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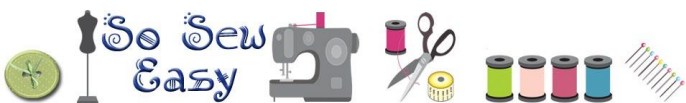
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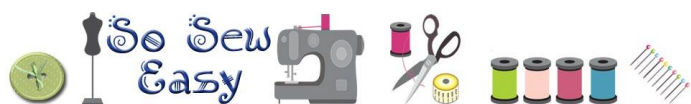
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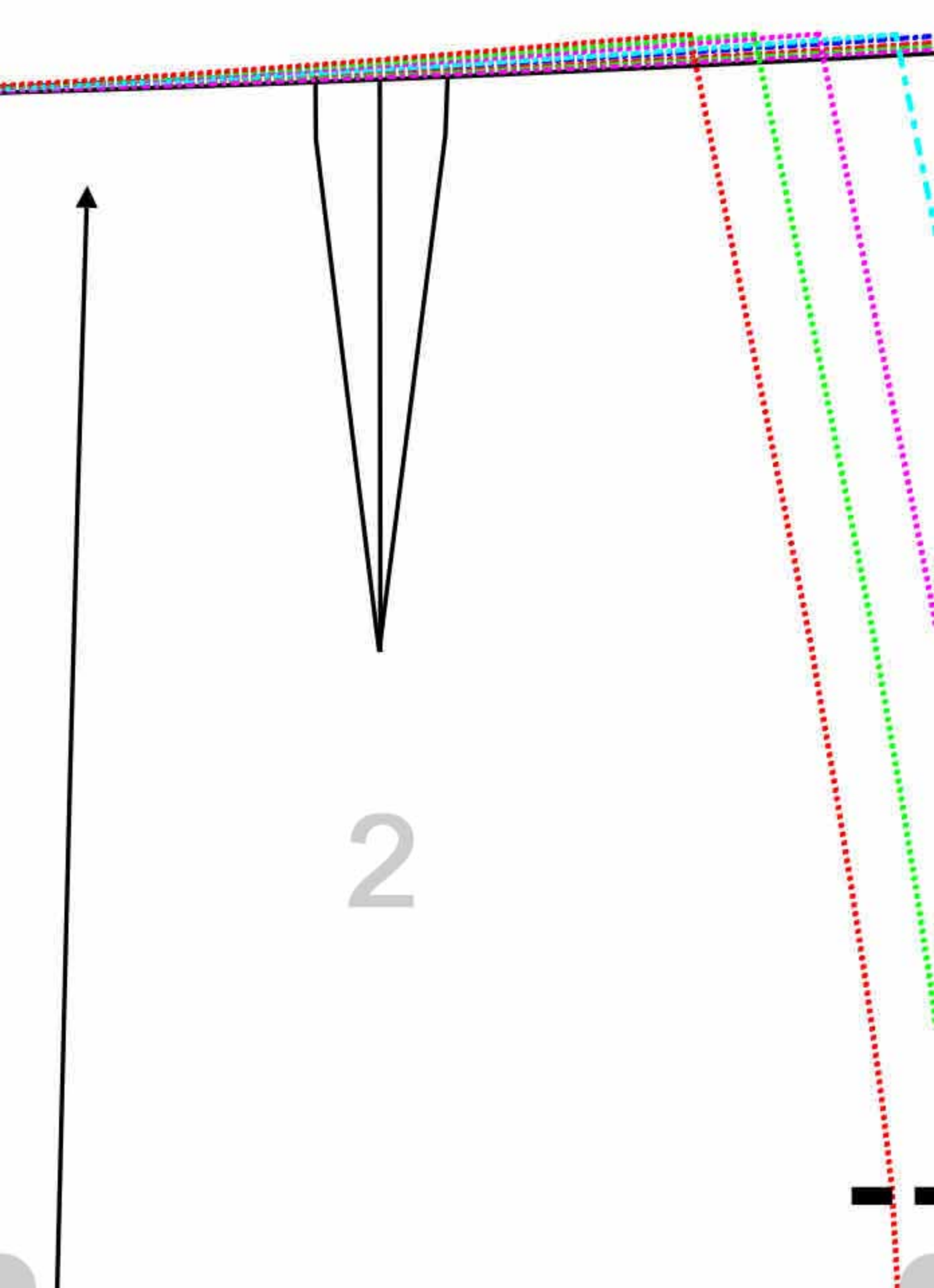


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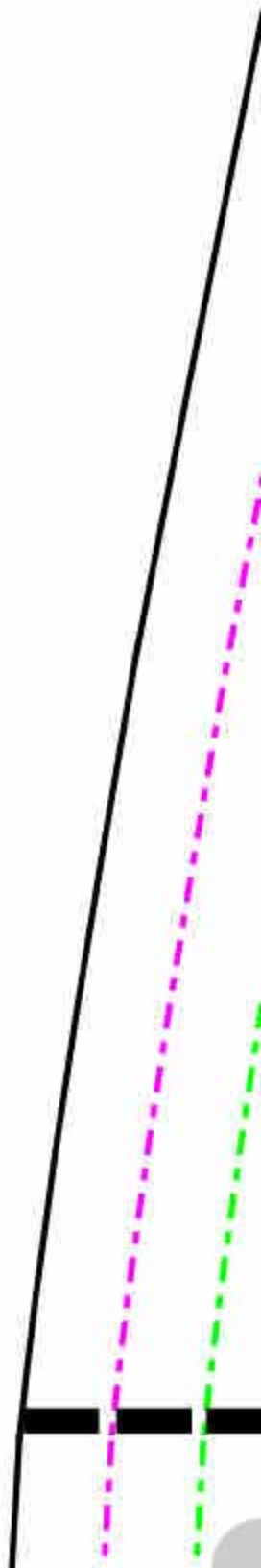
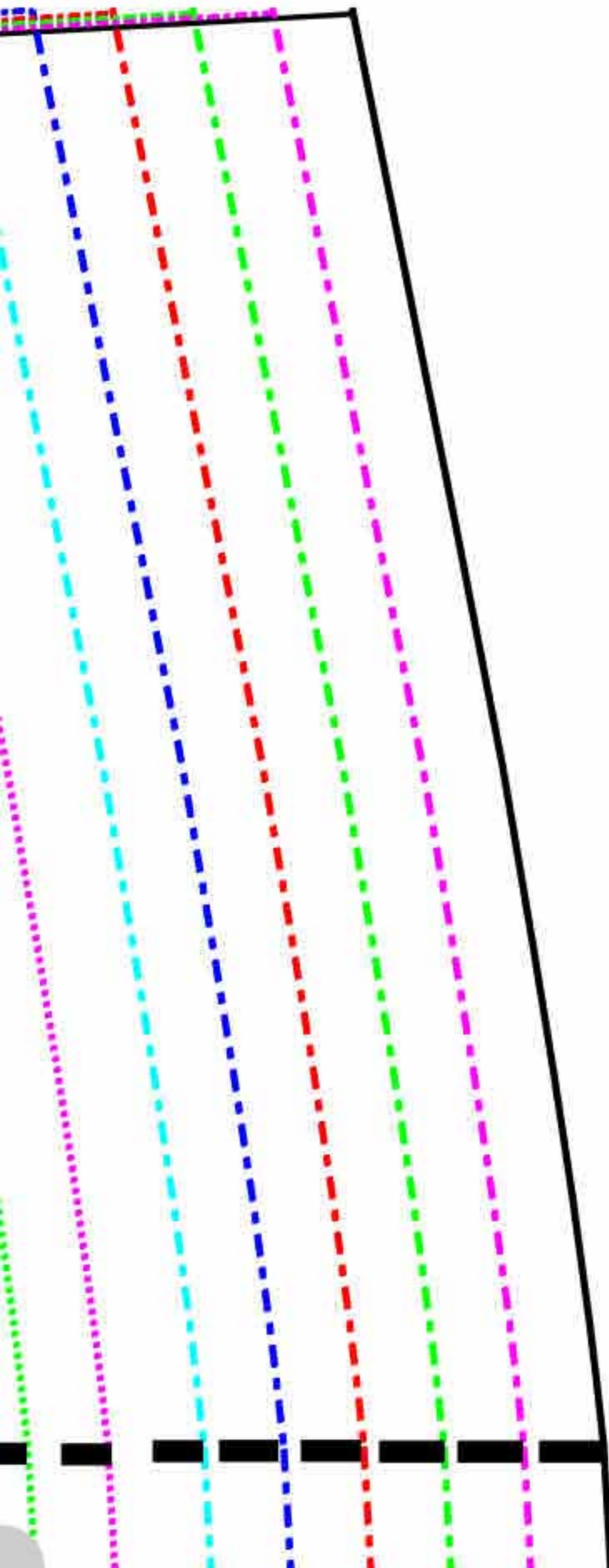
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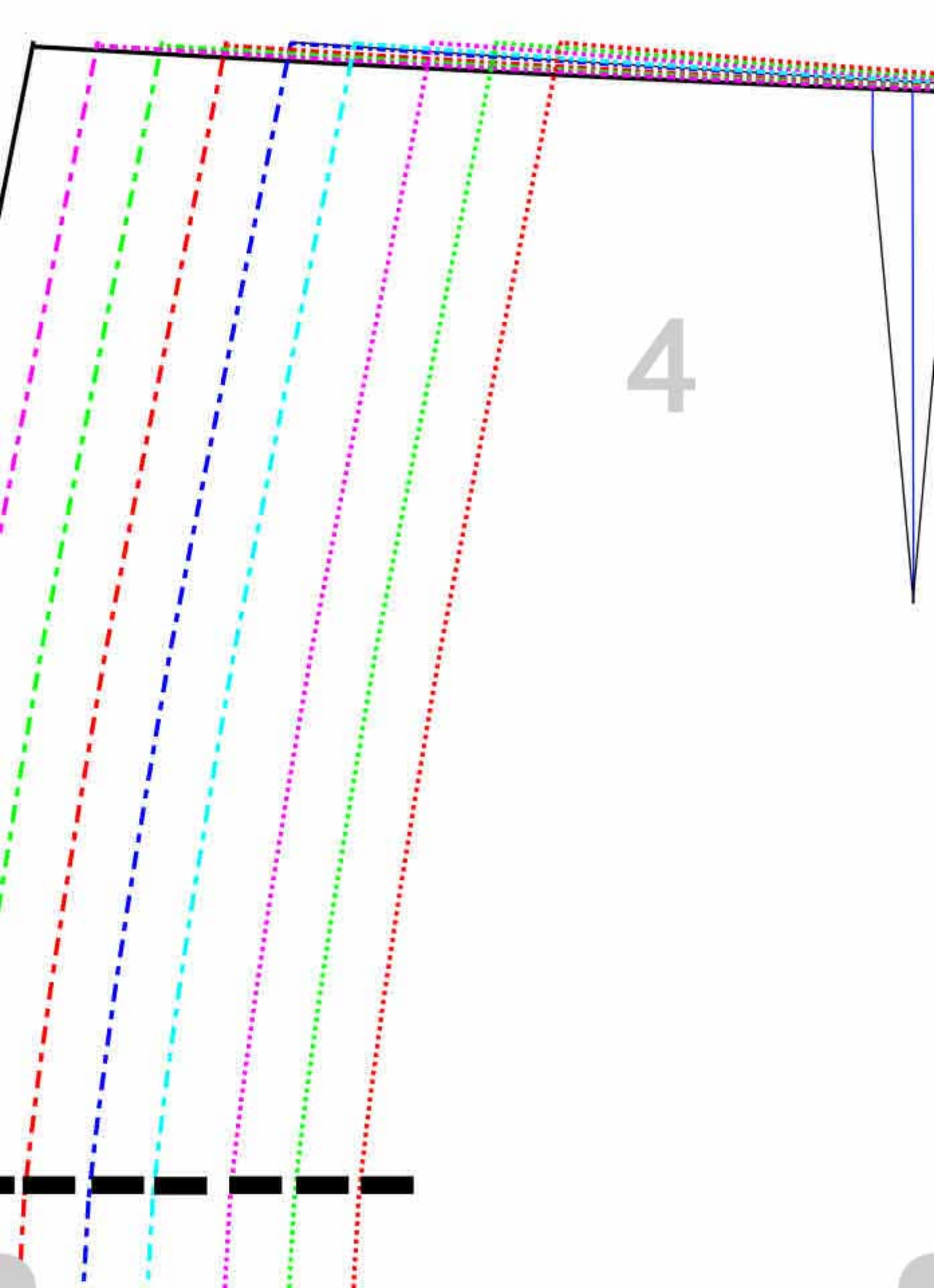
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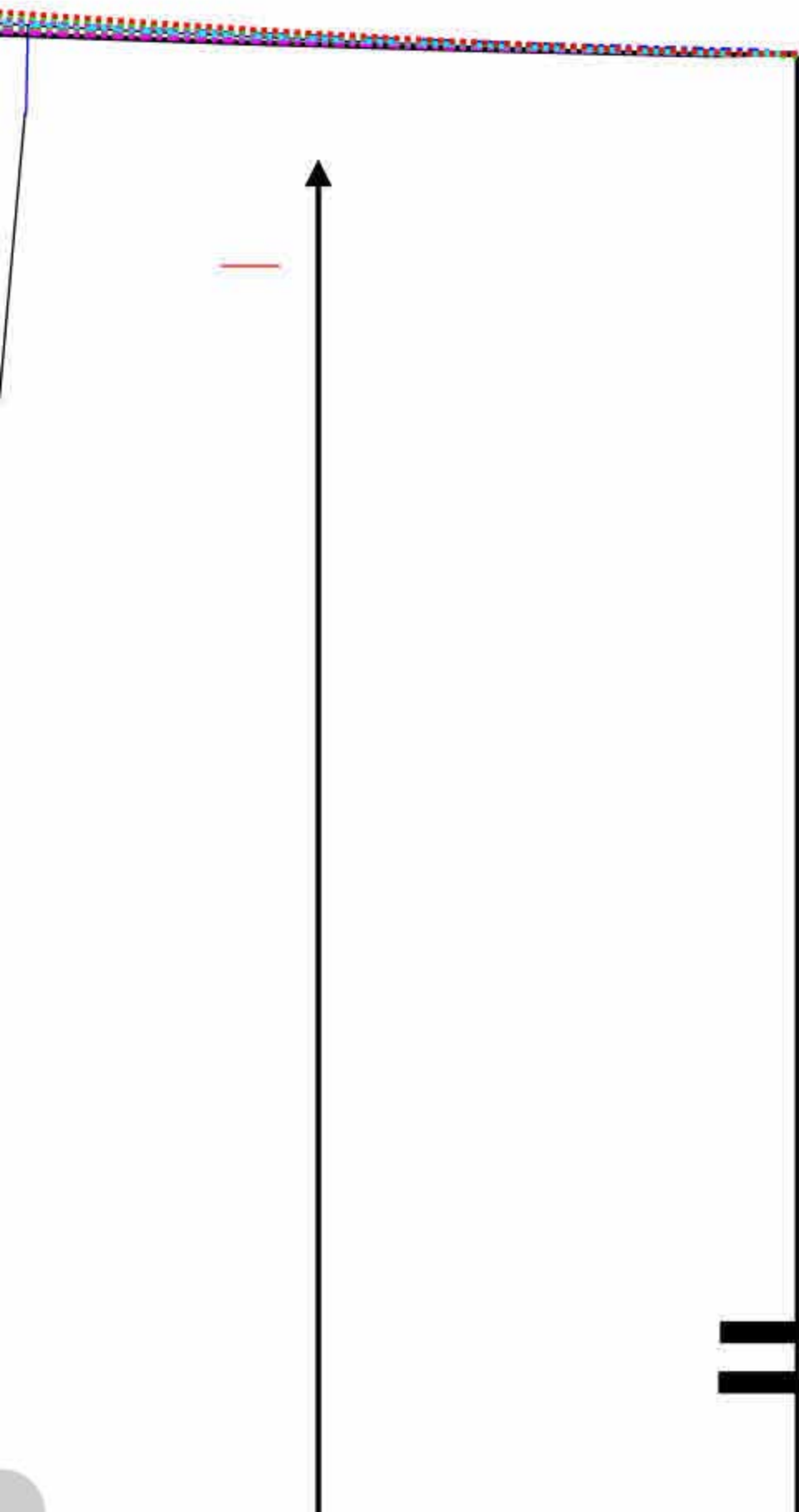


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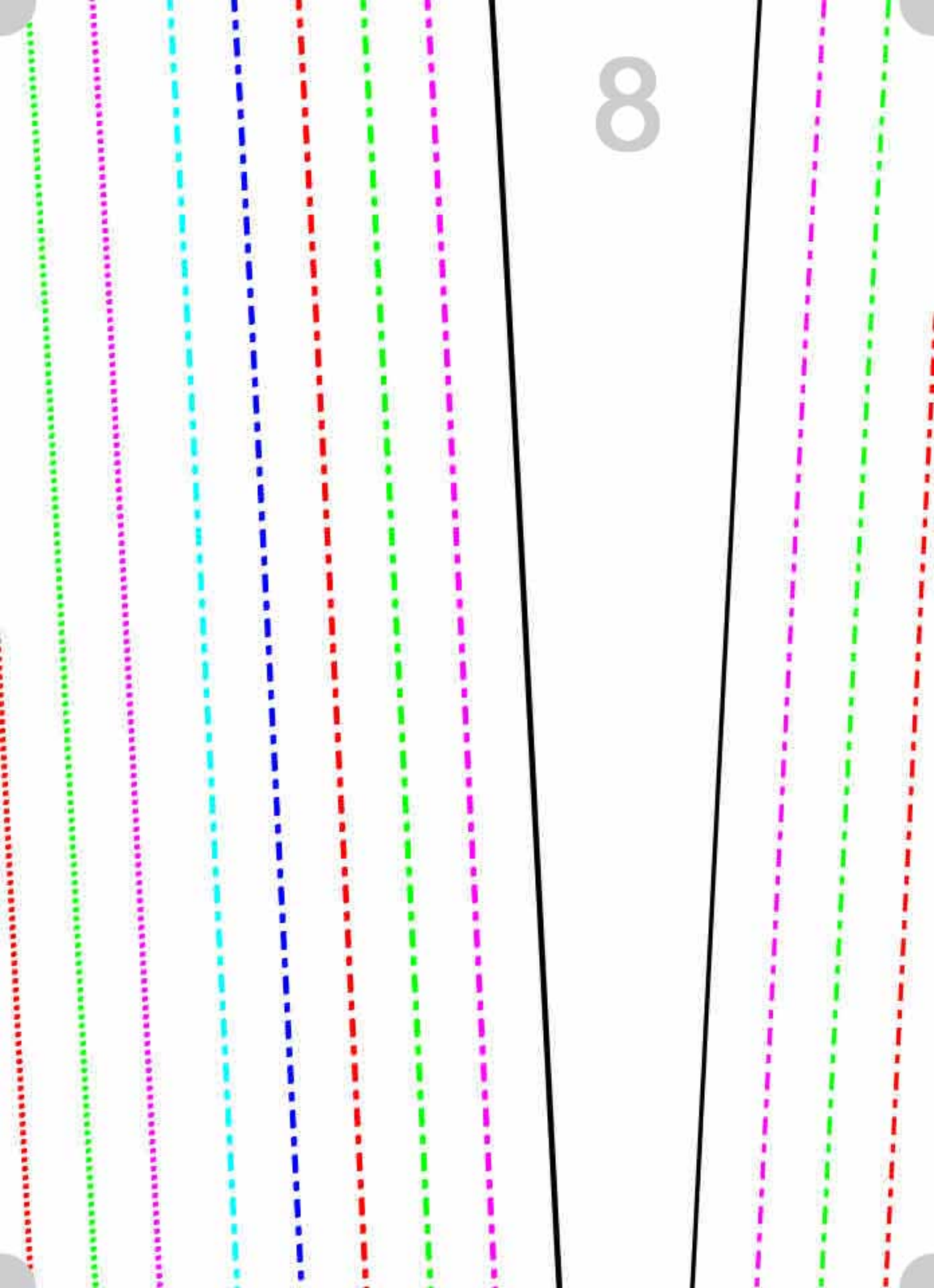
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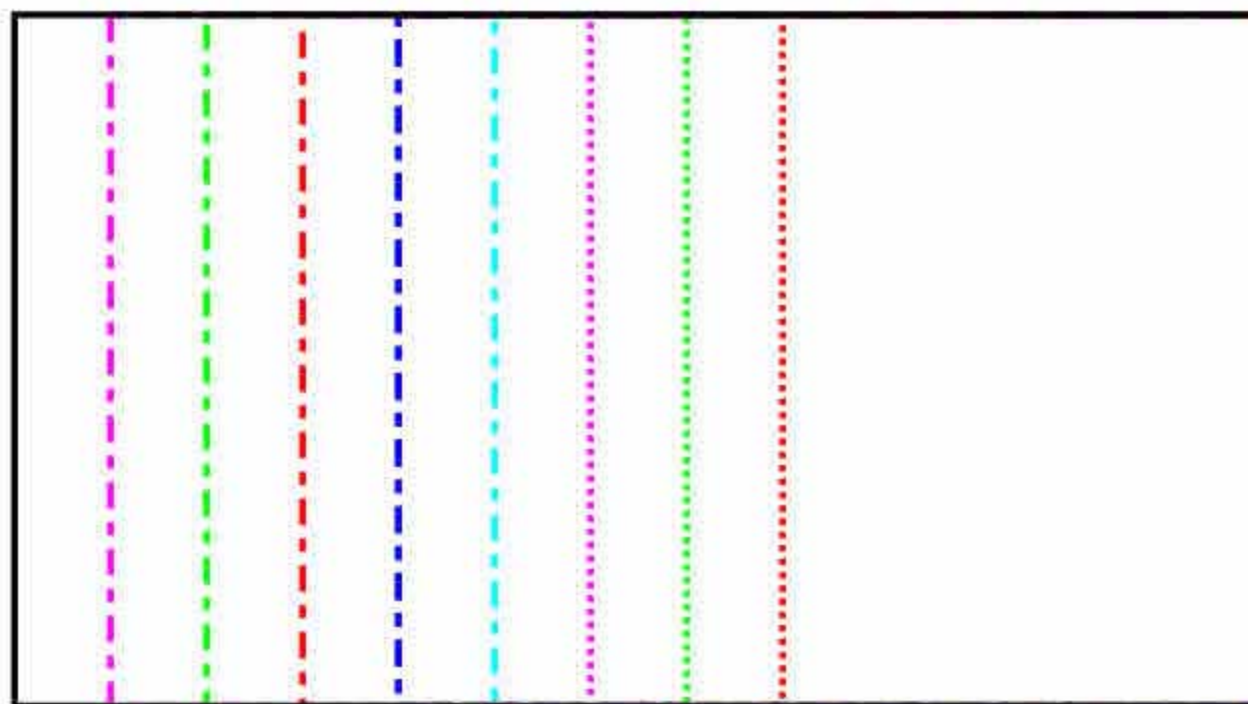
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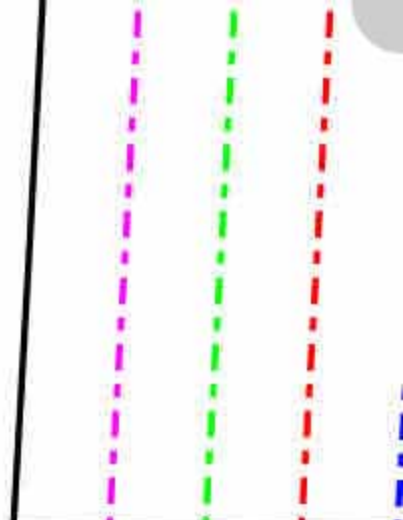
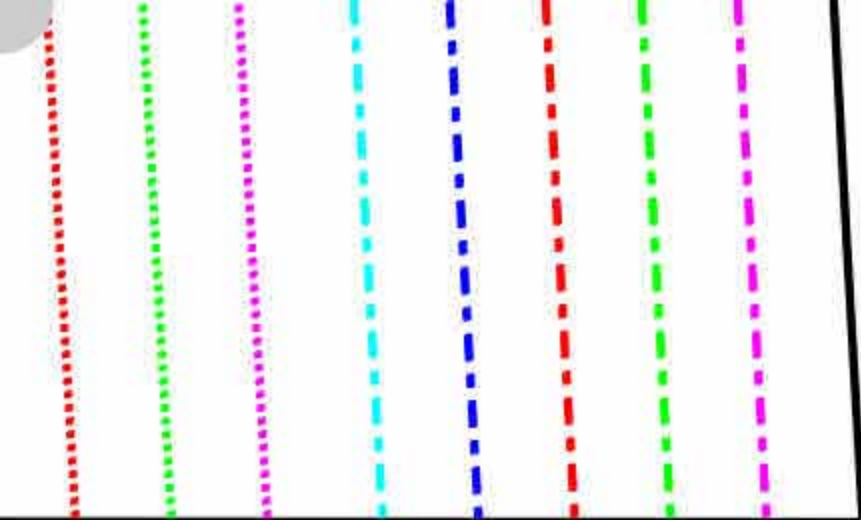
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Size chart:

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