

Make a Facing Pattern

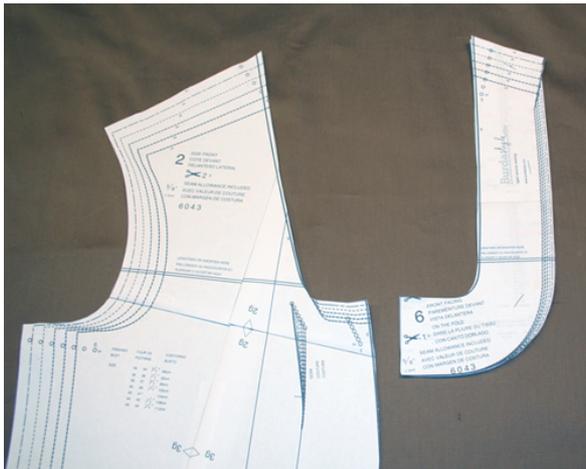
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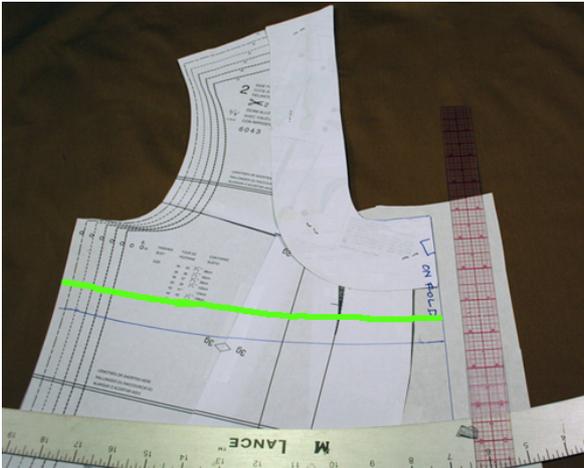
Our Katrine dress calls for a neckline facing and bias binding at the armholes, which is a perfectly acceptable method of construction. But, another option is to do a full facing, connecting the neckline facing to the armhole facing. This gives more structure to the garment, and, in my opinion, it's more comfortable to sew and to wear. In this How To, I show you how create facing pattern pieces from the existing pattern pieces.

Step 1



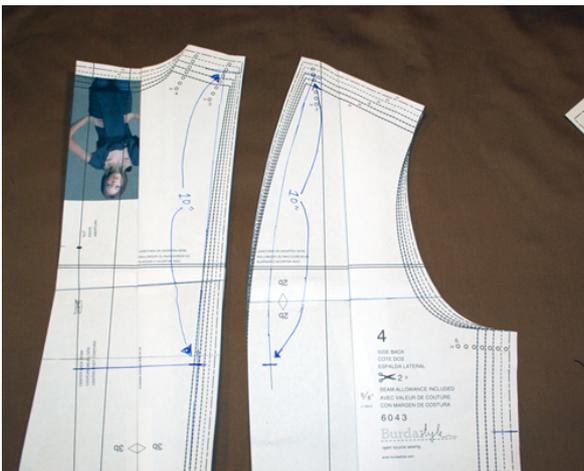
Cut out the side front dress piece and the front facing piece. The facing piece gives us the final neckline shape; the side front piece does not, because of the construction of the center front piece and pleats.

Step 2



Line up the side front piece and the front facing piece face to face, so that the shoulder/neckline points are matching. Staple or tape them together, and put another piece of paper underneath. Continue the straight "On the Fold" line of the facing. Using your hip curve, draw the bottom edge of your facing piece. *Note: I made the bottom edge of the facing about 1" too low, the hem sat awkwardly on the bust. So make it a little higher than I did, as according to the green line.

Step 3



Now, for the back. Take your center back and side back pieces, mark off the 5/8" seam allowance, and measure down the newly marked line 10". Mark the side seam to correspond to the front.

Step 4



Straighten the center back line, and draw a line perpendicular, to meet our 10" line. Use your French curve to draw nice line on the side back piece. If you want to leave the original pattern pieces intact, you can trace off the facing pieces at this point. Or, you can just cut up the work you've done on the original pieces if you are done cutting the main pieces.

Step 5



After sewing the back facing pieces together and constructing the outside of the dress, you can use our [How To Sew an All-In-One Facing](#) . Happy Sewing!

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