

# Change darts to Princess-seams

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How to change a pattern with darts to princess seams (or virtually anything you like really!) running either from the shoulder or from the sleeve-opening of the pattern.

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## Step 1



Ok. You have a pattern that fits you well, but it has darts and you dream of princess-seams. First, make a copy of the frontpiece (or backpiece if that's what you want to change).

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## Step 2



Draw a line from the end of the waist-dart through the breastpoint to the shoulder. This will be your princess-seam in the end.

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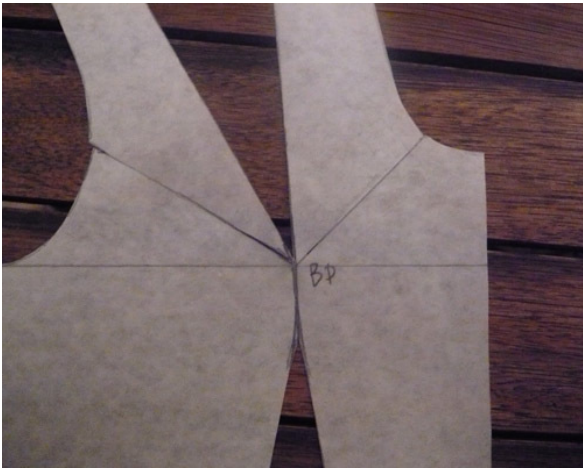
### Step 3



Cut along the line from the shoulder to the breast-point. Open up the pattern along the cut and close the old dart using sticky tape.

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### Step 4



Make the lines around the breast-point smoother (sorry about the wonky lines! It should look really smooth and nice)

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### Step 5



Cut along the new, smoother lines and your pattern is ready to try! Make a toile in cheap cotton to test the pattern before cutting expensive material.

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### Step 6



Now you'd rather want the seam to run in a nice curve from the sleeve-opening to the waist.

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### Step 7



Again, draw a line starting from the tip of the waist-dart and through the breast-point. This time though, draw the rest of it like a curve running from the breast-point to wherever you want in the sleeve-opening.

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### Step 8



Cut along the curve to the breast-point and close the old dart using sticky tape.

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### Step 9



Cut from the breast-point to the waist-dart. Again, if the lines are wonky, make them smoother, it's okay to cut a little off the edges if necessary. This method to draw a line to the end of a dart, cut, open the new dart or line and close the old dart works for virtually any design you like! As long as the pattern is still flat, and the points of the darts end in the same place (or along a new, longer line as shown here), the fit will still be the same. So play with it, go create! Good luck and happy sewing :-).

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