

# Make Pin Tucks!

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Pin tucks are an easy detail to add to your dresses, skirts, blouses, pants, . . . anything! They are tiny folds that are sewn down, usually in groups of three or more in tops and dresses, or just one in pants and trousers. It can seem intricate, but its quite simple. And if you pleat your fabric before cutting out the pattern piece, you can save yourself a lot of pattern work.

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## Step 1



This is one technique for sewing pin tucks that run the full length of the fabric. [There are others that use only 1 thread (for pin tucks that end in the middle of the fabric) and other techniques using twin needles.] If you want to quickly add pin tucks to a piece of a garment, sew them into your fabric before laying the pattern on it. This is a very nice and easy detail for pieces like yokes and insets, since you can do it on small pieces of fabric. Mark your pleats on the fabric. For this first set, I want larger pleats with a final size of 1/4" (6 mm), so mark the pleat lines 2 times that intake- 1/2" (12 mm). Mark with hand basting stitches or a tailor's chalk, and use a ruler to make sure they are straight.

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## Step 2



Pin the pleats together, lining the basting or chalk marks. Pin one pleat at a time for more control.

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## Step 3



Sew along the lines.

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## Step 4



Continue sewing the rest of the pleats. For extra interest, sew a few pleats bigger and the next group of pleats smaller.

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### Step 5



Press pleats flat and then to side. Press all pleats in the same direction.

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### Step 6



Finished pin tuck pleats! (The first 3 on the left are bigger than the 3 on the right.)

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