

Tailor's Tacks

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To make pattern E from the Stylish Dress Book 1 I needed to make several pleats across the front bodice. My mother showed me how to make tailor's tacks, which made the construction super easy and the pleats super crisp!

Step 1 — Locate Tailor's Tacks



Pin your pattern paper to your fabric and make stitches leaving large loops through the fabric and pattern. gather the loops and cut leaving a significant bunch of threads on either side of the fabric.

Step 2 — Use tacks to pin in place



Fold pleats using tacks to gauge correct alignment and pin ready for sewing

Step 3 — Stitch between tacks



Using tack locations and pins as a guide stitch where required. Press flat with iron if needed before moving on to next pleat.

Step 4 — Iron flat and trim as required



When you've finished your pleats and have checked that they're the right width, pull out all the threads, it's easier now rather than leaving it till later. Iron flat and trim where required. I used this technique to position my bust darts as well and found it very easy and accurate! Good Luck!

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