

How To Draft A Peplum

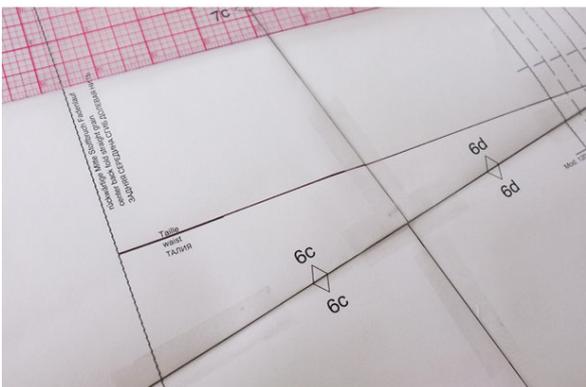
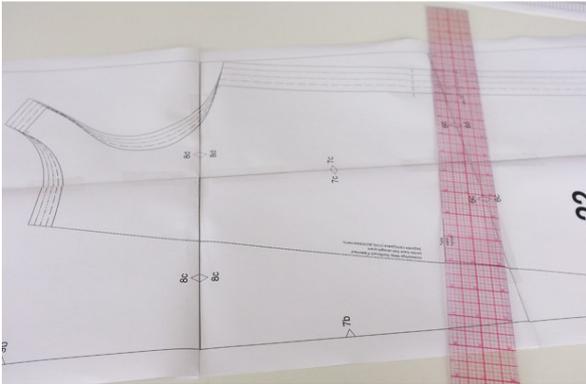
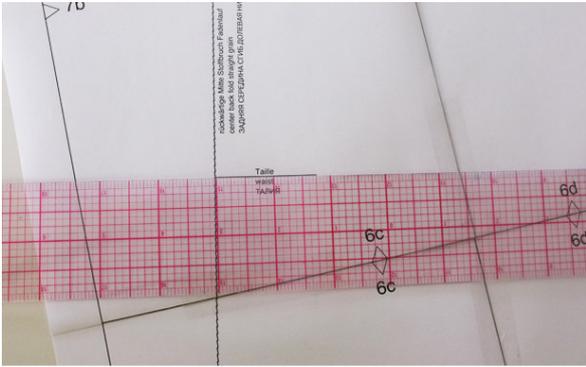
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The peplum is a current fashion trend that adds great detail and volume to any garment. A peplum can be added to a dress, top, skirt and even jacket. It gives a feminine touch with just the right amount of style. Learn here how to draft a peplum that you can add to any garment you are making!

Step 1 — Step One



First you need to locate where you want the seam for the peplum on your garment. Here we wanted it at the waist, so we drew a line perpendicular to the center front / center back at waist point. This line extends to the side seam.

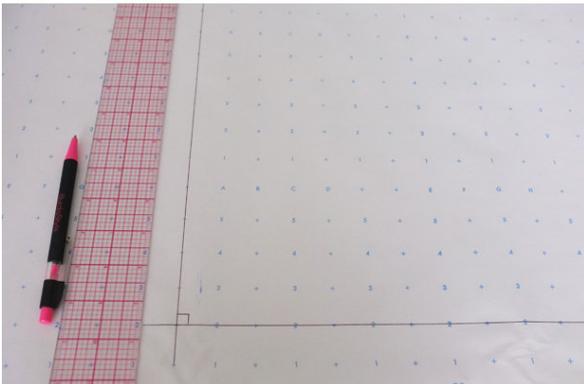
Step 2 — Step Two



Measure the seam line you just drew with a tape measure or ruler. Measure the line starting from center front to side seam. For a size 36 on this pattern we measured 9 1/4". Now you need to take that number and multiply it by 4 to get the full waist circumference. We got 37 (9.25 X 4 = 37). Note and remember this number. You need to separate the pattern at the peplum seam and add seam allowance to edges.

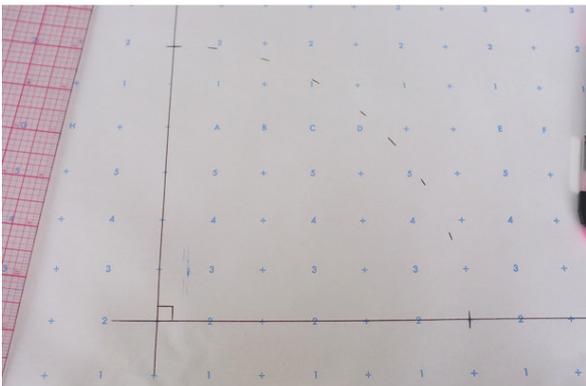
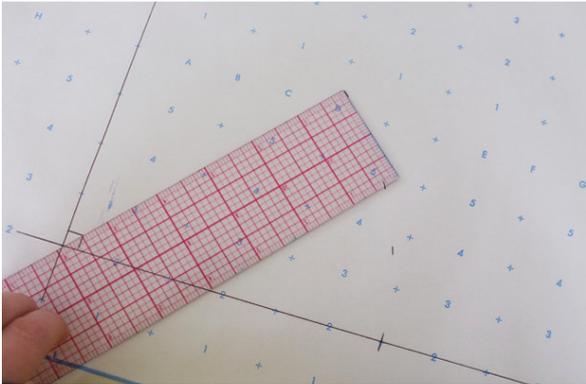
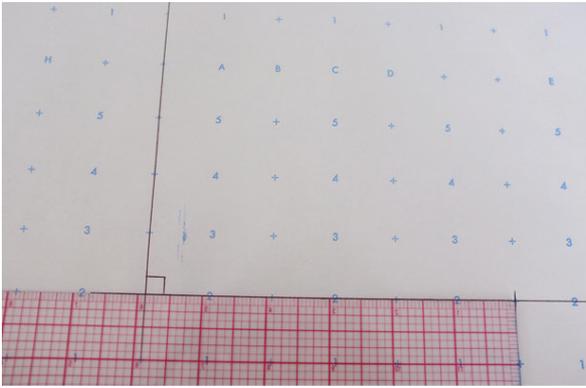
Step 3 — Step Three

| Seam Measurement | Full Circle Radius (in) | (cm) |
|------------------|-------------------------|------|
| 19 | 3 | 7.5 |
| 20 | 3 1/8 | 8.0 |
| 21 | 3 3/8 | 8.6 |
| 22 | 3 1/2 | 8.9 |
| 23 | 3 5/8 | 9.2 |
| 24 | 3 3/4 | 9.5 |
| 25 | 3 7/8 | 9.8 |
| 26 | 4 1/8 | 10.5 |
| 27 | 4 3/8 | 11.1 |
| 28 | 4 1/2 | 11.4 |
| 29 | 4 5/8 | 11.7 |
| 30 | 4 3/4 | 12.1 |
| 31 | 4 7/8 | 12.4 |
| 32 | 5 1/8 | 13.0 |
| 33 | 5 1/4 | 13.3 |
| 34 | 5 3/8 | 13.7 |
| 35 | 5 1/2 | 14.0 |
| 36 | 5 3/4 | 14.6 |
| 37 | 5 7/8 | 14.9 |
| 38 | 6 1/8 | 15.6 |
| 39 | 6 1/4 | 15.9 |
| 40 | 6 3/8 | 16.2 |
| 41 | 6 1/2 | 16.5 |
| 42 | 6 5/8 | 16.8 |
| 43 | 6 7/8 | 17.5 |
| 44 | 7 | 17.8 |
| 45 | 7 1/8 | 18.1 |
| 46 | 7 3/8 | 18.7 |
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| 48 | 7 5/8 | 19.4 |
| 49 | 7 3/4 | 19.7 |



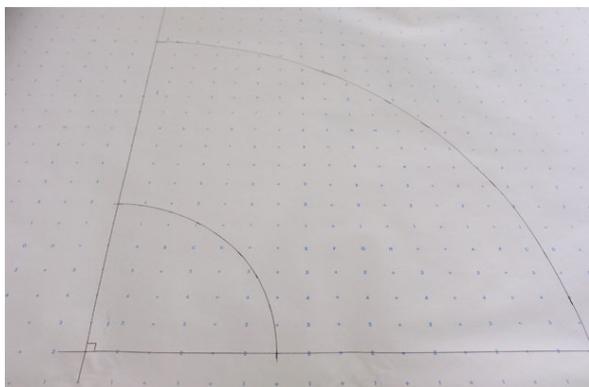
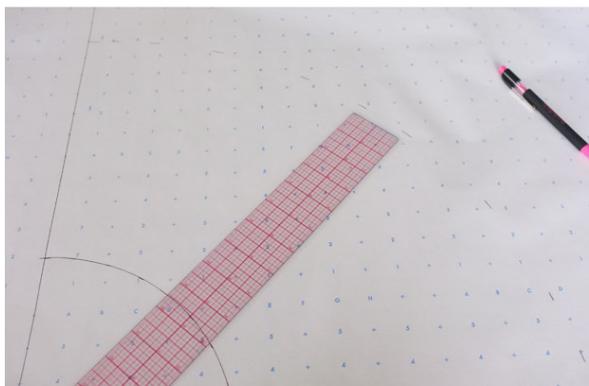
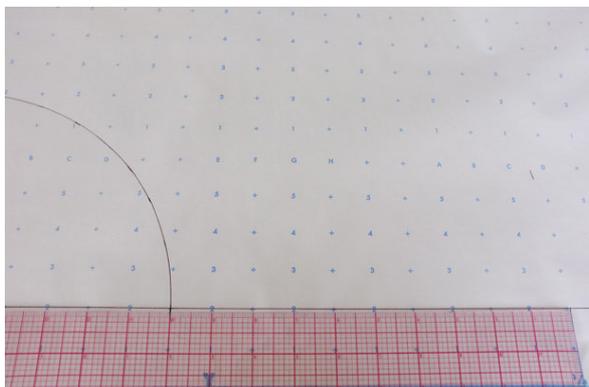
Refer to the chart, and locate your seam measurement radius. Since we had a 37" seam circumference, we drafted our peplum with a 5 7/8" radius. On a piece of pattern paper draw two lines at a right angle. The horizontal line will become the side seam and the vertical one will become the center front / center back.

Step 4 — Step Four



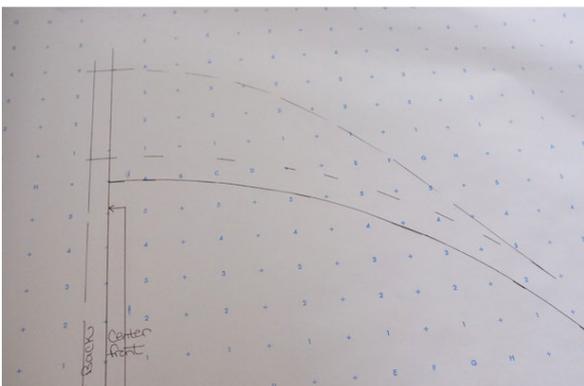
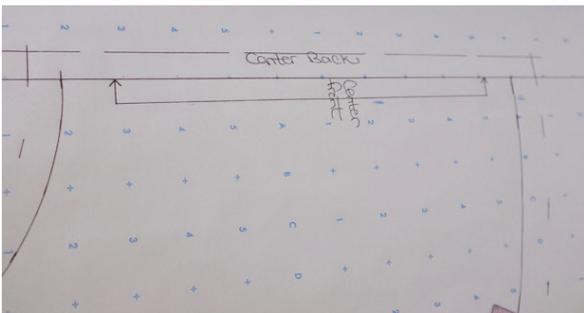
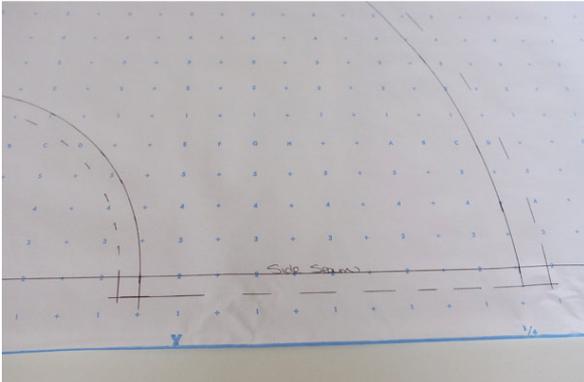
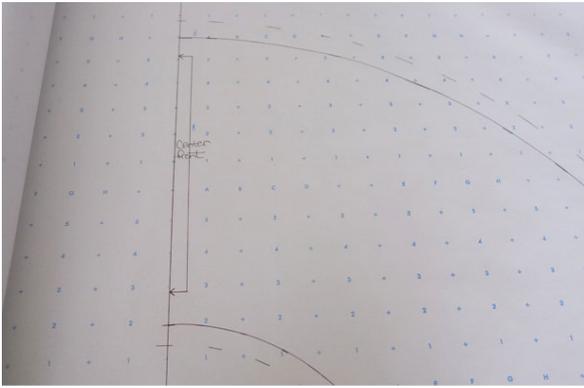
Starting from where the two lines intersect, make a mark the measurement of your radius on each line. Now pivoting your ruler from the point of intersection, continue to make marks your radius measurement. Connect all these marks with a French curve to make a smooth line.

Step 5 — Step Five



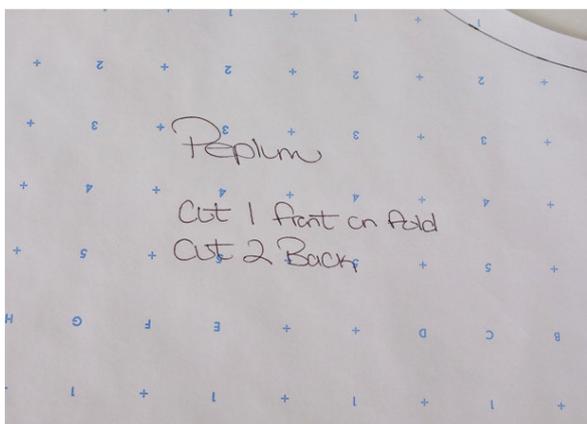
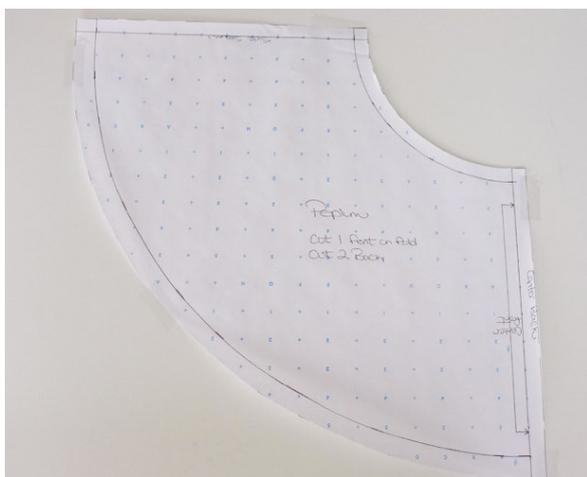
Now you need to determine what length you want your peplum to be. We choose to make ours 10". From the curved line you just drew, measure along the side seam and center front/ center back line the length of your peplum (10"). Pivot your ruler along the new curved line and continue to make marks 10" away. Connect these marks with a French curve to create a smooth line. This line is the hemline of your peplum.

Step 6 — Step Six



Now you need to add seam allowance to your peplum. Mark the horizontal line as your side seam and the vertical line as center front. Add seam allowance to the side seam and inner curved line. Add hem allowance to the larger curve. The center front is on fold, but for the back add seam allowance to the vertical line. If you want your peplum to be longer in the back, simply extend the length of your center back and blend curve. Remember to always keep the side seam measurements the same.

Step 7 — Step Seven



You may trace this peplum again and label one as the back, but we made this pattern work for both front and back peplums. Label as, Front cut 1 on fold, Back cut 2. This peplum now sews into the garment at the seamline you created. Sew the side seams of the peplum, right sides together and finish the hem of the peplum BEFORE you sew into skirt (if there is a zipper). If using a stretch fabric you can cut both front and back pieces on fold.

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