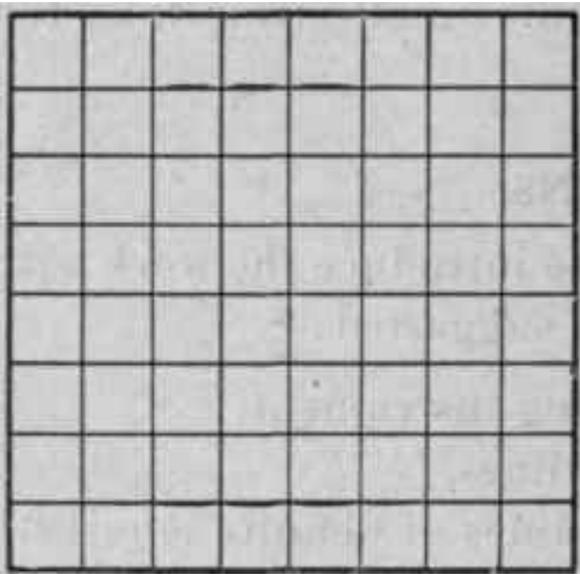


Up/Down Grading Pattern Sizes-Smaller Size to Bigger

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<http://www.burdastyle.com/techniques/updown-grading-pattern-sizes>



As I am a close size 36 costumer according to my projects, Burda patterns don't always fit right. Usually, sizes starting at 38 up to 42ish. If you ever wanted to make a new project but the pattern however did not include your size...fear not! Here is an easy way to up/down grade your pattern's size and get ready for sewing. Once again, this is not my tutorial I only sharing one existing work what I came across by searching the WEB :) Hope you will find it helpful as much as I did but please note this is a time consuming job so be patient. Love

Step 1 — Grading up or down one size

Original author of this guide is Irene Q and the link for her tutorial is : [here](http://sewing.patternreview.com/cgi-bin/review/readreview.pl?readreview=1&ID=982) "If you have a multi-size pattern, here's an easy way to grade it up to the next larger size, or down to the next smaller size. (I'll describe it for grading up, since that's what I'm most familiar with!) I won't guarantee that this will be perfect, but it's a good place to start when your frustrated with patterns that aren't quite your size. First, trace the largest size, let's say size 20. Then, place the traced line on the next smaller size (size 18), and trace the larger size again. This will give you a size (22) that is the same amount larger all around as the difference between the existing sizes (18 and 20). This also works with darts and other markings. You'll need to move the tracing around as you go from side to side and bottom to top, and there may be some places where you just have to use your intuition to fill in the boundaries."

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