

# Candy Sundress

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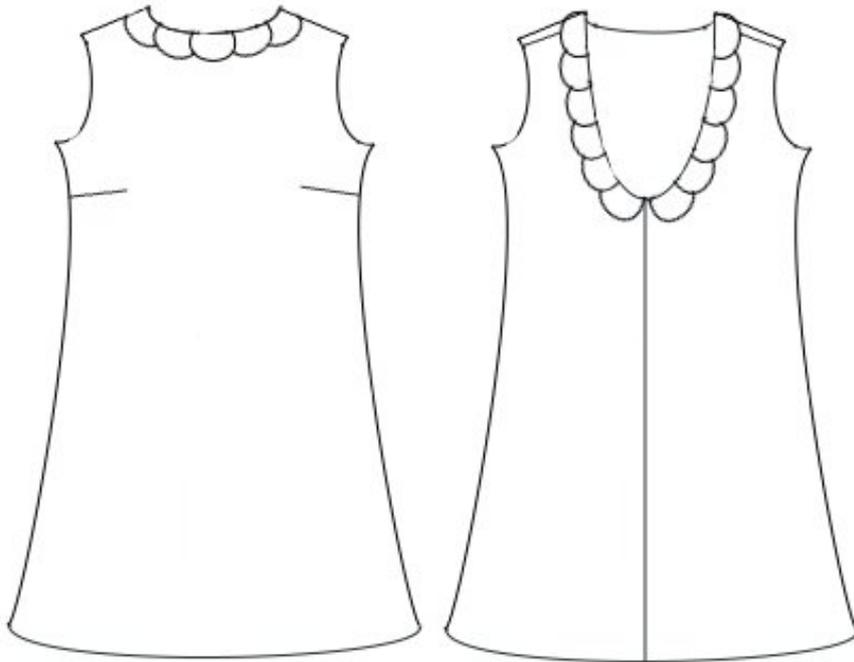
I made this dress especially for my guest post on the ‘fun in the sun(dress)’ series on icandy handmade and would now love to share it with you. It’s a simple A-line shift dress with scalloped neckline made out of several circles. It really is an easy and fast project, only the neckline takes some time and effort to finish, but it is definitely worth that. The pattern is a Burdastyle size 36. Anyway, you could use any shift dress pattern in your size and copy the neckline on that. Hope you like it! :) P.S.: Some seem to have difficulties to download the instructions in PDF. You can also download the instruction free as PDF [here](#)

## Materials

silk dupion

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## Step 1 — Preparations



Sizing: I made this pattern to fit my size (bust 83cm; waist 67cm; hips 90cm), which is usually a BurdaStyle size 36. The finished dress laid flat will be about: bust 86cm, waist 90cm, hips 100cm and length from shoulder 90cm.

About enlargement: I am by no means a professional, but only self taught. Anyway, I think enlarging this shift dress should be quite simple by adding extra at the side seams.

Materials: middle weight fabrics, which are a little stiff (I used dupion silk for mine); depending on fabric width about 1.2m should be enough; some light-weight fabric for cutting 30 circles (collar); some fusible interfacing for the armhole facing and the scallop shaped circle collar

Printing: I used A4 sized paper for this pattern, but it should work with smaller ones, too. Set your printer on 'no scaling' or rather '100%'. I have also added a little test square, which should be 10 x 10 cm. Tape pattern and cut it.

Cutting: There is no seam allowance included. I would recommend adding 1.5cm seam allowance.

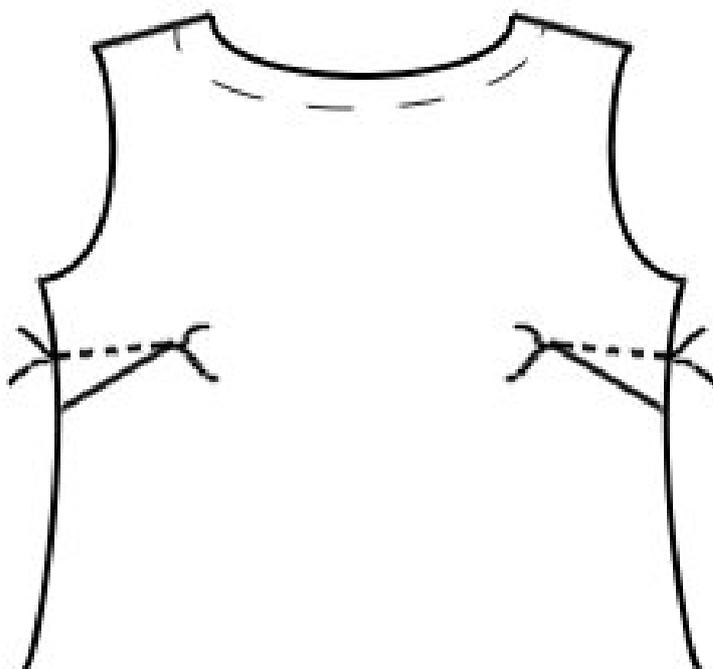
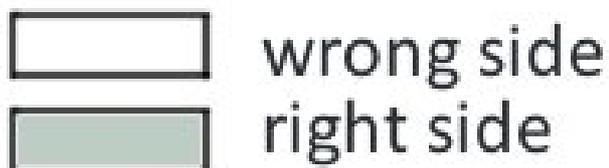
- 1 Front piece (1x on fold)
- 2 Back piece (2x)
- 3 Front Facing (for armhole) (2x)
- 4 Back Facing (for armhole) (2x)
- 5 Circle (for collar) (30x)
- 6 Neck Binding 4 cm x 85 cm (no pattern) (1x)

Preparations: Copy all pattern pieces onto your fabric (take care on the grainline of pattern pieces 1 and 2). Then cut the pieces. Apply fusible interfacing onto all armhole pieces and 15 collar circles. Be cautious to apply the interfacing onto the wrong side of the fabric. In order to keep it simple hem all edges (except collar circles) before starting to sew.

Mark the real neckline as indicated on the pattern with some hand stitches and a different colored yarn on the front and back pieces. This will help you arrange the circle collar later.

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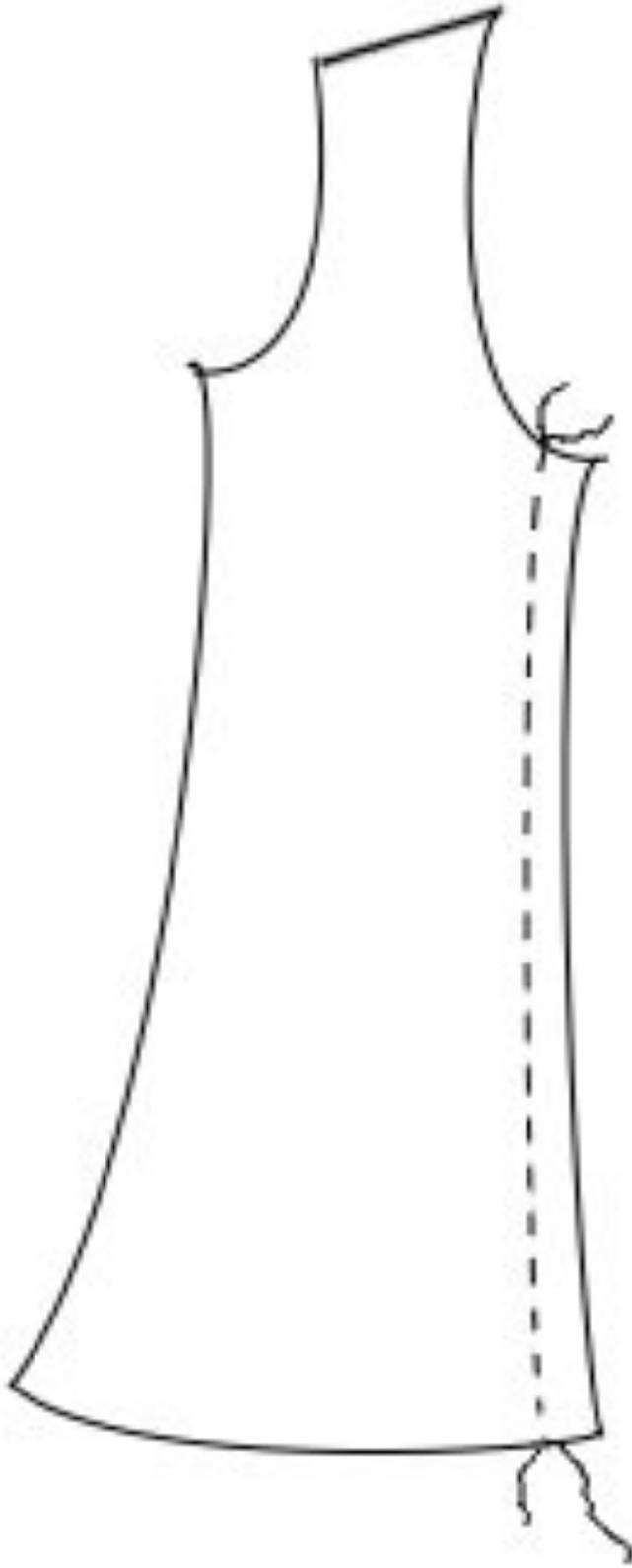
## Step 2 — Bust Darts



Stitch bust darts together & press them downward.

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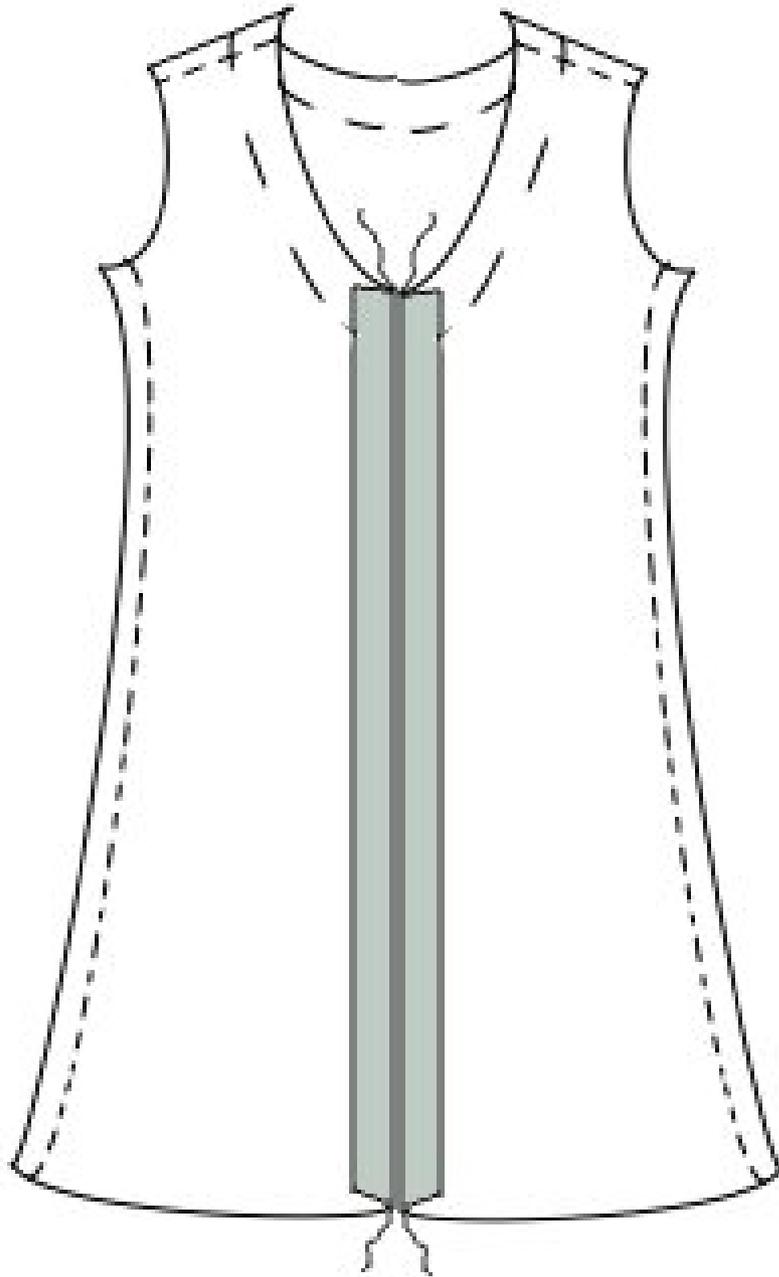
## Step 3 — Sewing the Back



With right sides facing, pin both back pieces and stitch. Press seam allowance apart.

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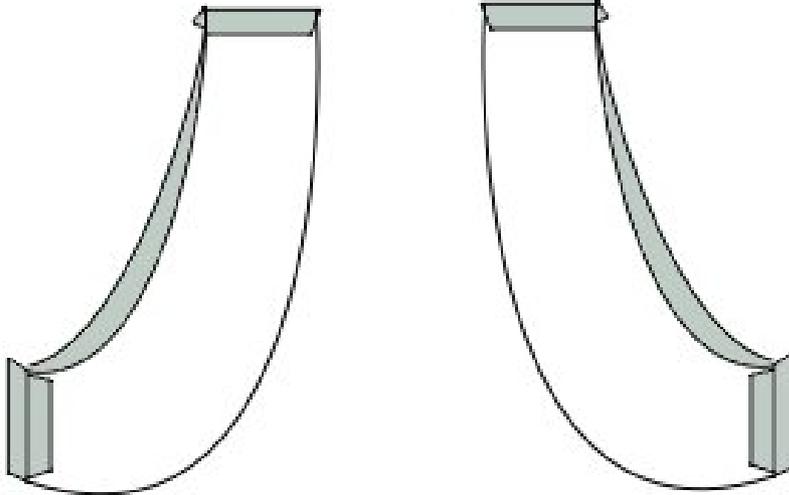
## Step 4 — Side & shoulder seams



Right sides facing, pin front piece onto back piece and stitch side seams and shoulders.  
Press open.

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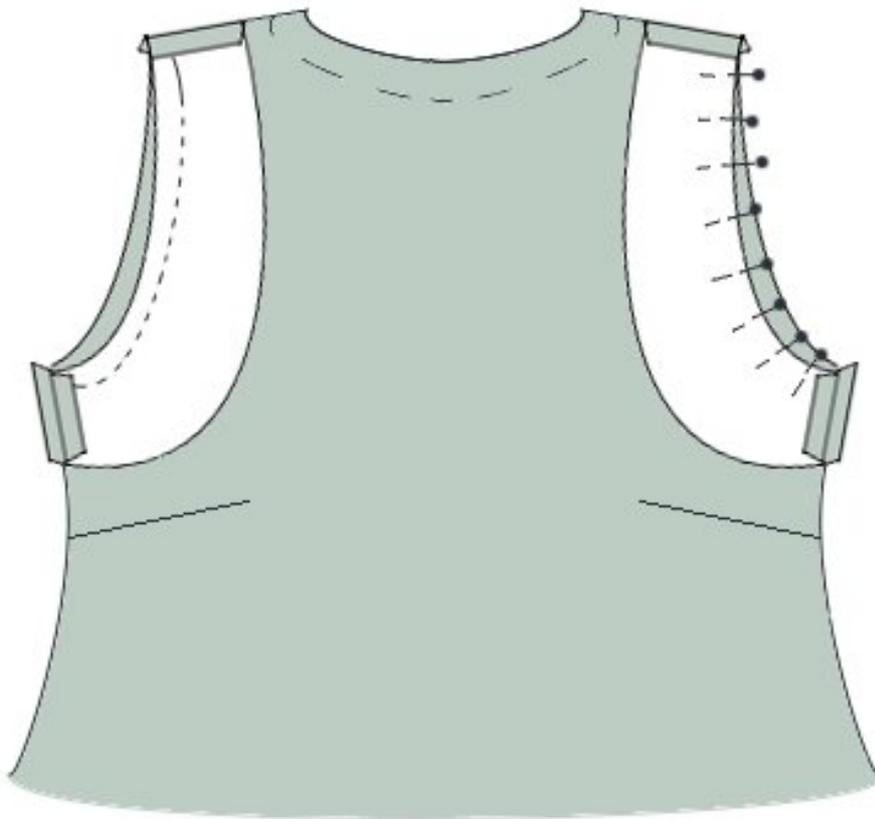
## Step 5 — Armhole facing



Prepare front and back facing for the armholes matching them for the left and right armhole. Stitch and press them open.

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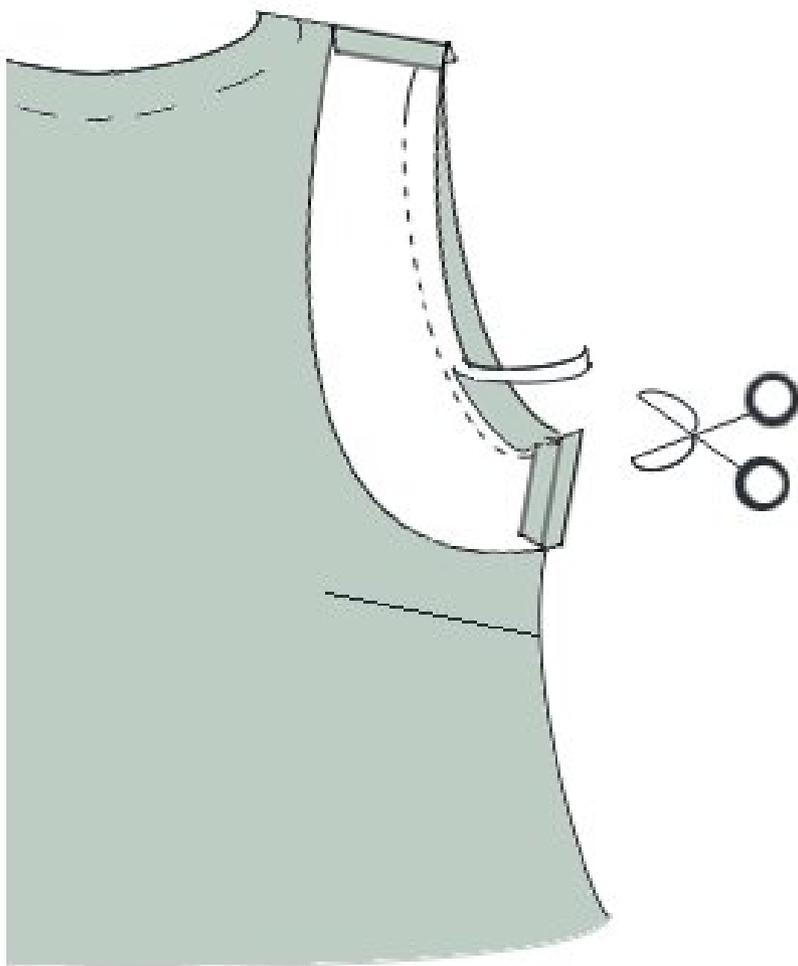
### Step 6 — Finishing armholes



With right sides together, pin armhole facings onto the matching armholes. Stitch facings onto the armholes.

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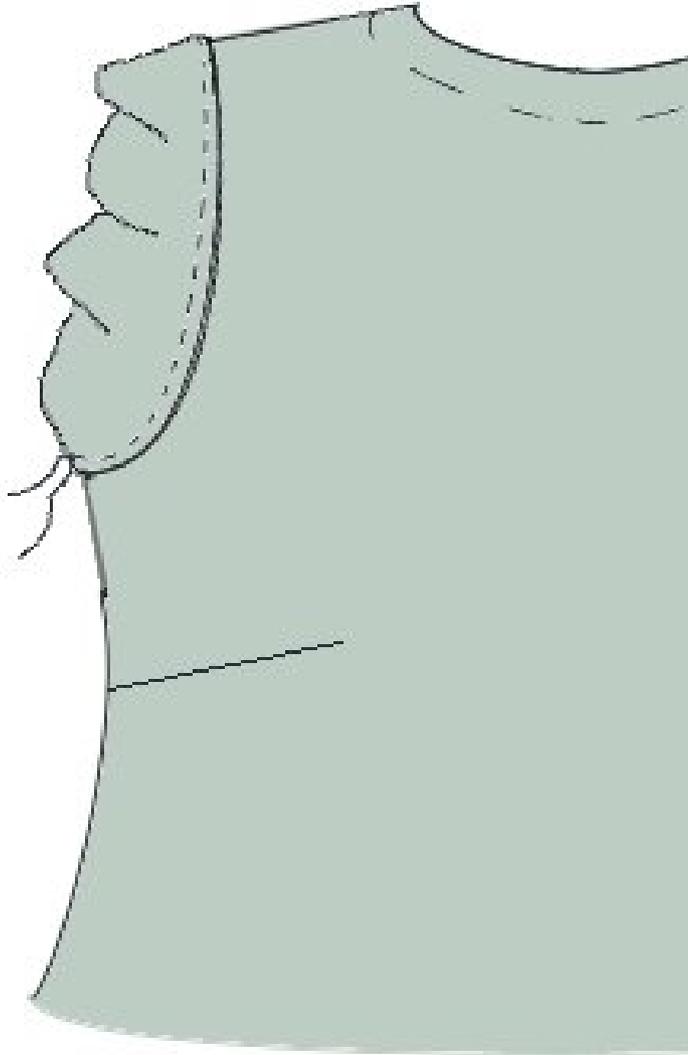
### **Step 7 — Trim seam allowance**



Trim seam allowance of the armholes a little using good scissors.

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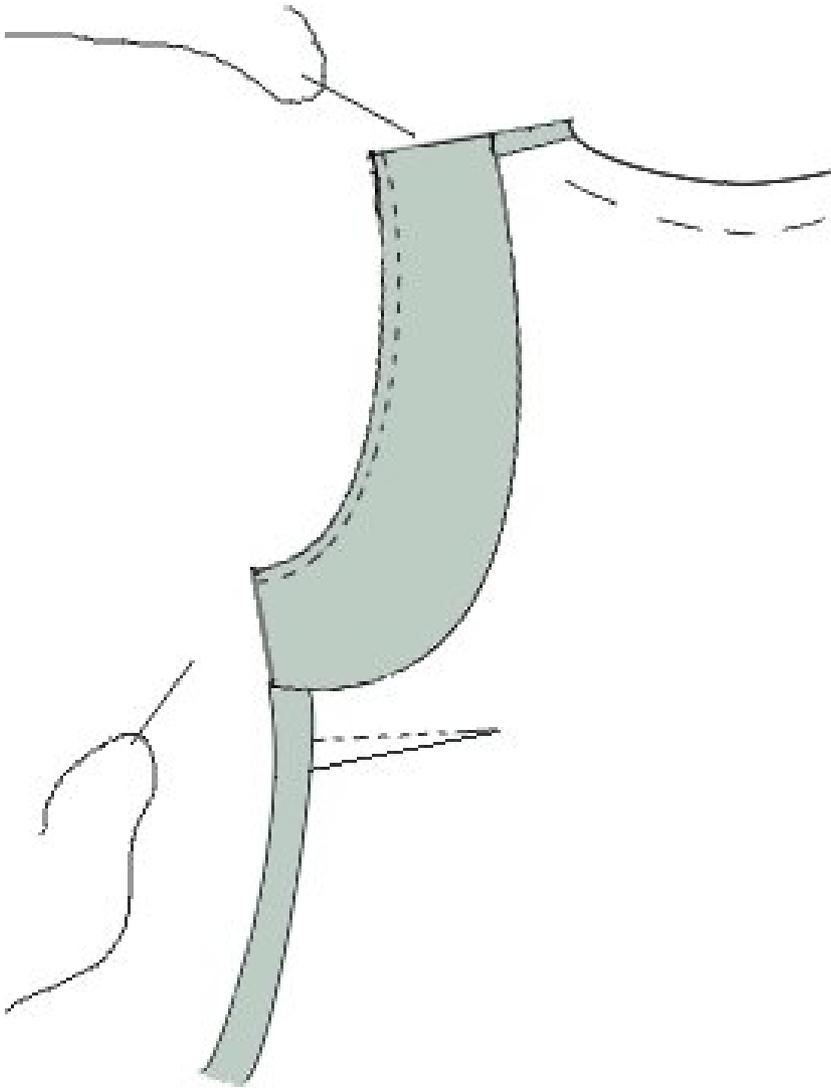
### **Step 8 — Topstitch armholes**



Turn armhole facings outside and topstitch close to the seam. Be sure to sew the armhole facings onto the seam allowance of the armhole.

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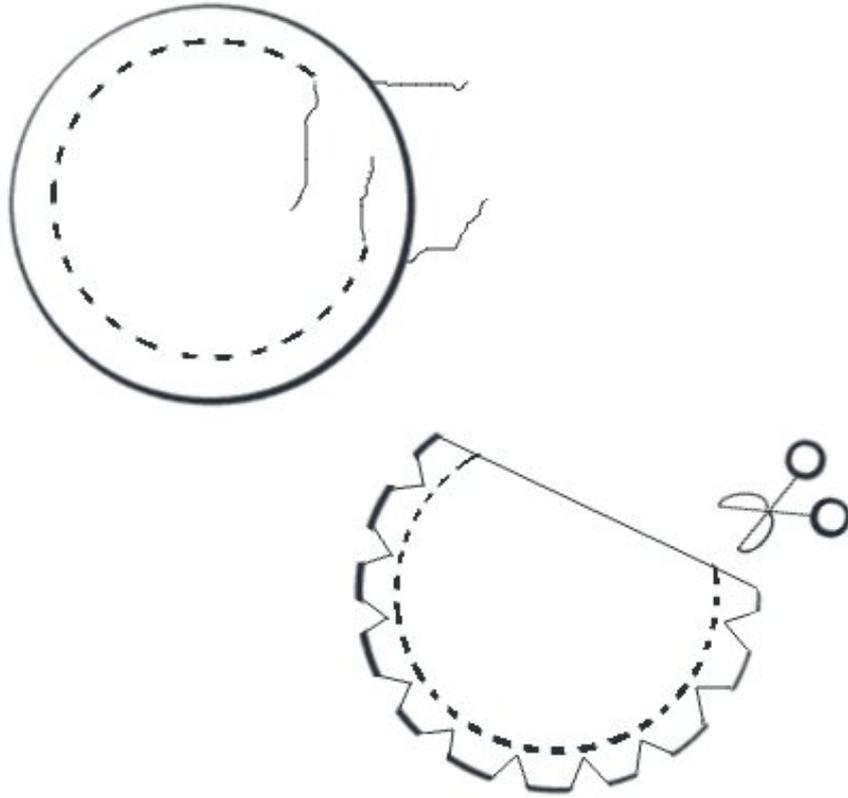
## Step 9 — Fix armholes



Turn the armhole facings back inside and hand stitch them onto the seam allowance of the shoulders and side seams. This will prevent the facings to turn outside later.

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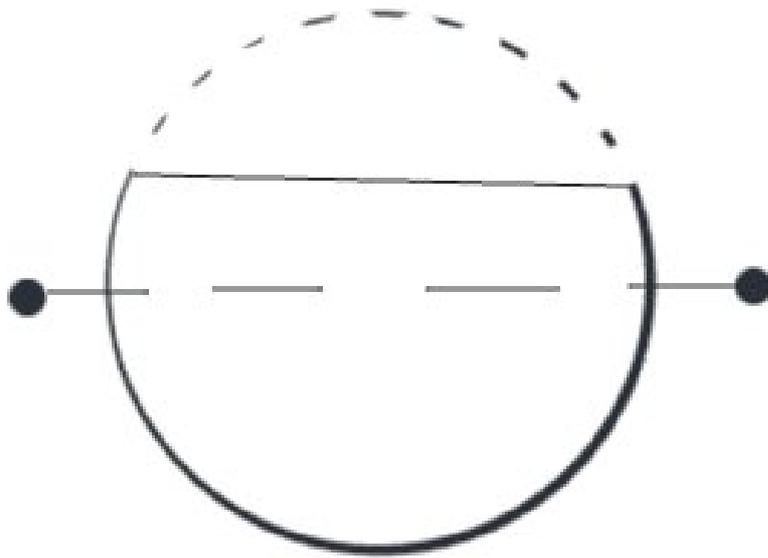
## **Step 10 — Preparing circles for the collar**



Next turn to the circle collar. Place two circles at a time onto each other (right sides facing) and stitch them leaving a little space open. Then cut about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the circle off, trim the seam allowance and cut little notches all around being careful not to cut into the seam.

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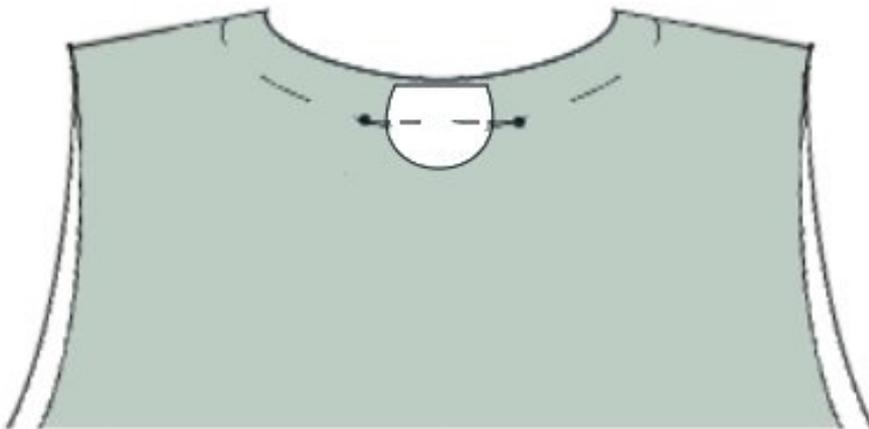
## Step 11 — Preparing circles for the collar 2



You will have 15 circles after finishing step 10. Turn all of them inside out and mark the middle using 2 needles as indicated on the following picture.

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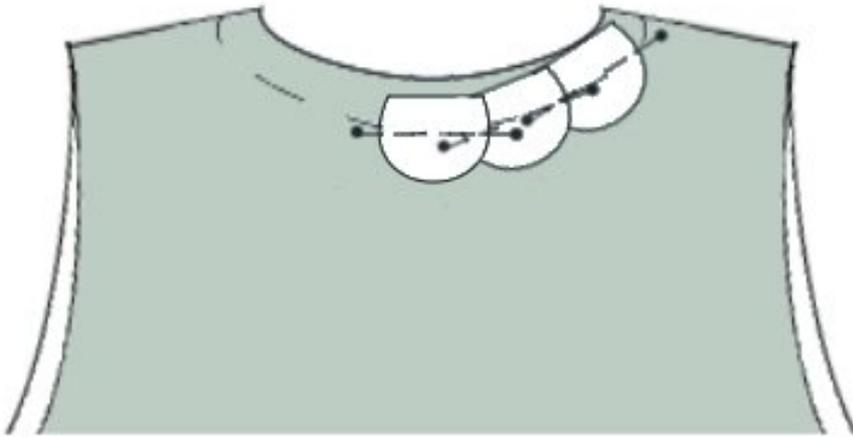
## Step 12 — Arrange the collar



As you can see on the next picture the needles on the circles and the hand stitched real neckline on the front and back pieces of this dress will help you arrange the circle collar. Place the first circle on the fronts middle making sure the needles are placed above the stitched real neckline. Pin it.

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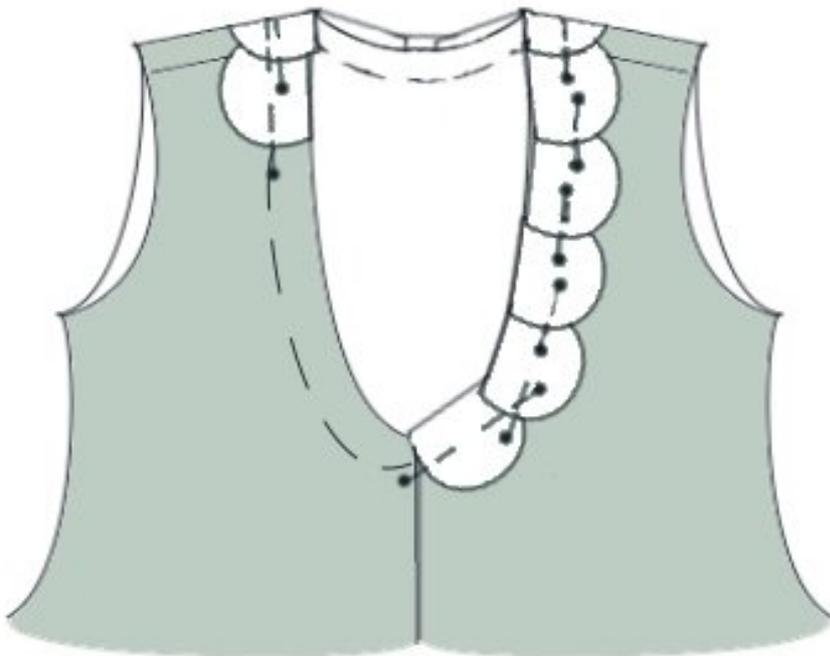
### Step 13 — Arrange the collar 2



Now you can arrange the next circles left and right to the one in the middle. Put each new circle 2 cm under the one already pinned on the dress and be cautious to meet the center marking needles on the hand stitched real neckline of the dress.

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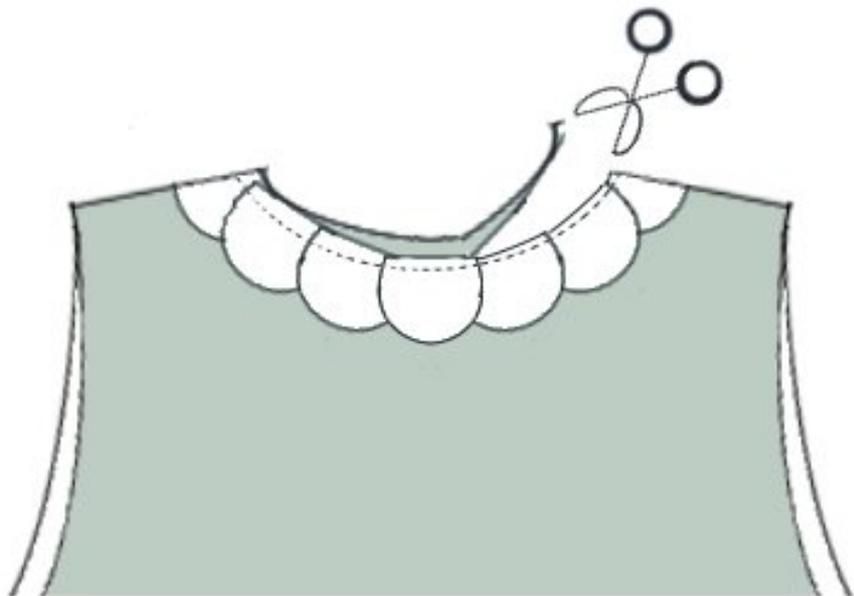
### Step 14 — Arrange the collar 3



Continue with step 13 on the back piece of the dress. Having placed each circle 2 cm under the earlier one, you will finish right at the back seam of the dress.

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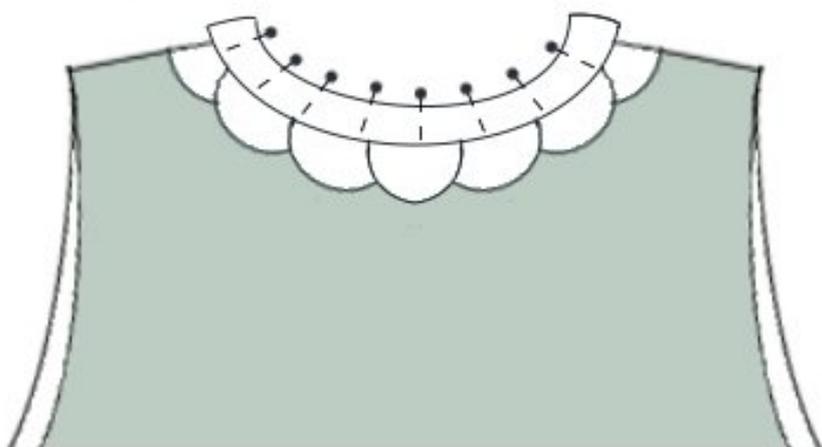
### Step 15 — Arrange the collar 4



Having pinned all circles onto the right place stitch the circle collar right on the hand stitched real neckline of the dress. Then trim the seam allowance to about 0,5 cm.

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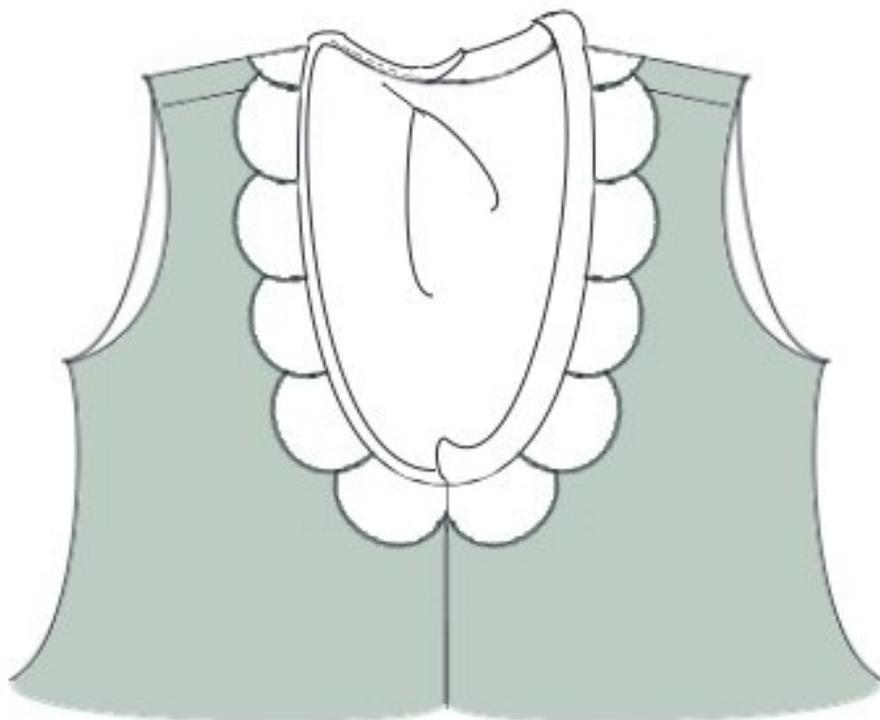
### Step 16 — Arrange the collar 5



Pin the neck binding onto the neckline and stitch a little below the seam of step 15.

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## Step 17 — Arrange the collar 6



Finish the neck binding. Turn it inside and fold it once. I used a blind stitch to fix it.

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## Step 18 — Finishing

Last, but not least hem the dress to a length of your choice. I chose to roll hem my version because of the delicate silk rayon.

Enjoy your candy sundress and if you do not mind, let me have a look at yours! â ¥

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