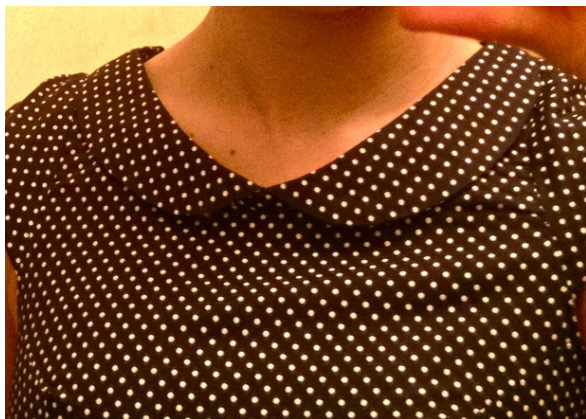


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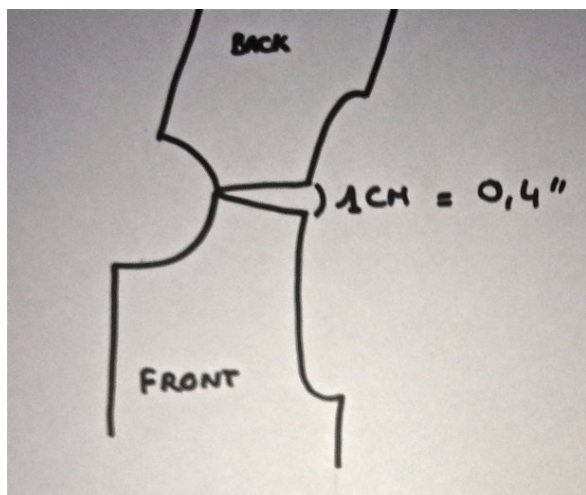
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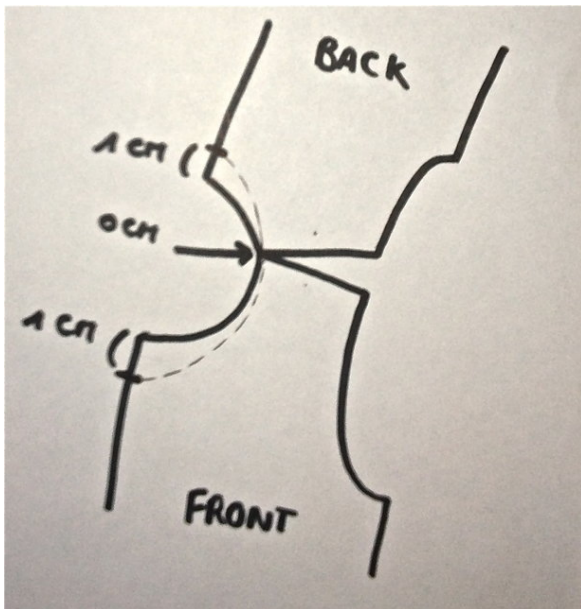
These little collars are so cute, I want to add them to all of my tops! Here is a technique to draft a Peter Pan Collar yourself. It is easy, but here are little tips to make it look fabulous!

Step 1 — Preparing your pattern



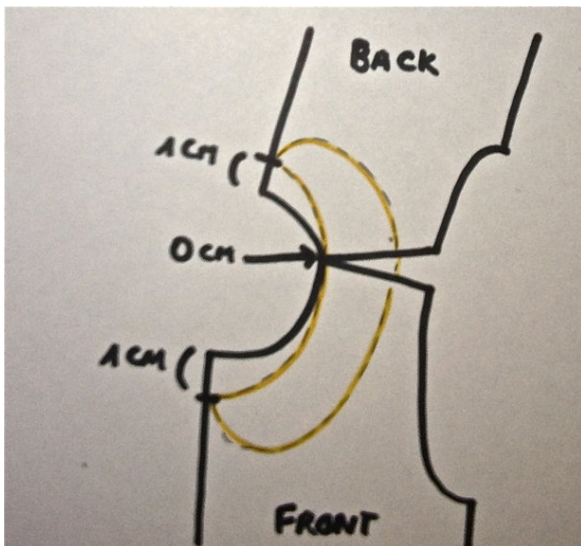
Lay down your top pattern. What I do is that I tape it to my cutting mat. 1 - tape the front pattern on the mat 2 - place the back pattern on the mat, joining the front pattern at the shoulder seam 3 - open the space between the front and back shoulder seam of 1cm wide at the sleeve-end of the shoulder seam, but let the collar end of the seam touching.

Step 2 — Draw the collar line



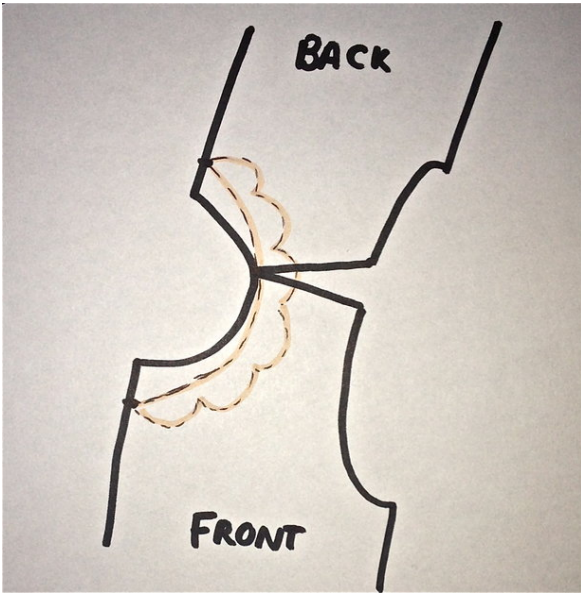
Here is one little trick to make your collar standing up a little bit, instead of laying flat on the neckline : You want to draw the line along the original neckline, but arriving 1 cm (0,4 inches) lower on the middle front and middle back. But it should not be a parallel line : at the shoulder seam, it goes along the neckline.

Step 3 — Draw the collar



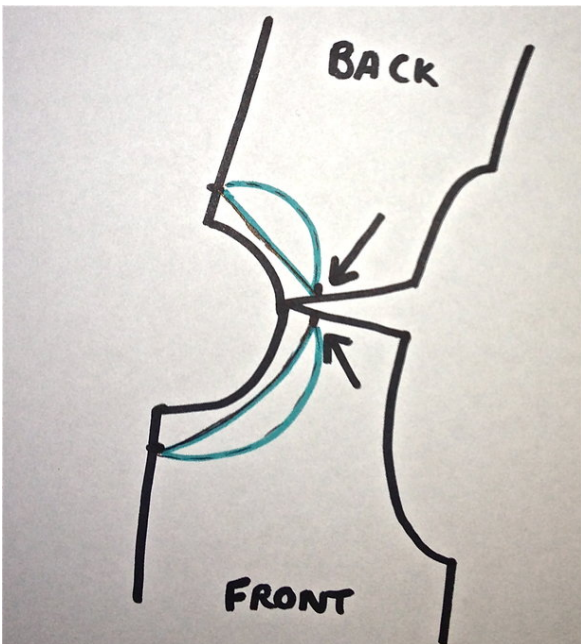
Now you can draw the collar, I don't have rules for that part, just draw what you like... You can be creative !

Step 4 — Another example of a collar



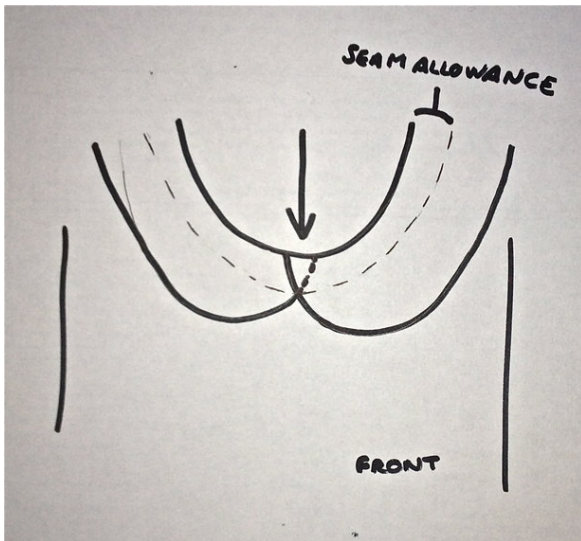
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Step 5 — If you want to separate the collar at the shoulder seam



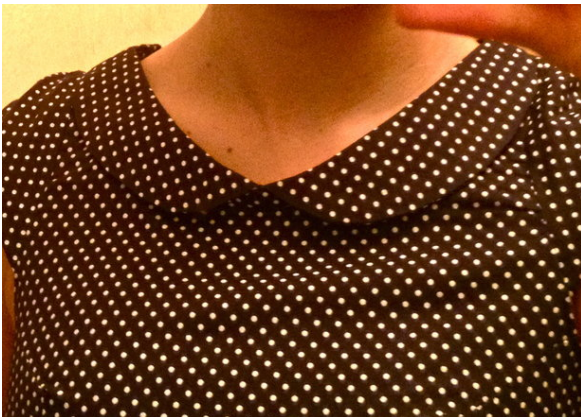
Make sure you apply the "1cm rule" at the shoulder seam as well. Try to reach the neckline in between the edges of the collar, but don't invert the side of the curve.

Step 6 — Sewing the collar



- Don't forget to interface the upper side of the collar - When you stitch the collar on the top, it'll be sandwiched between the top and the facing. If you want the front edges to match perfectly (without a gap in between), make sure you overlap the two edges at the middle front and stitch on a line that passes exactly through the meeting point.

Step 7 — The End



I hope it is clear enough and that it will be useful! Here's a picture of the collar I drafted on burdastyle very popular peplum top (that I re-drafted because it was really not adapted to my shape). Hopefully I will have time soon to take decent pictures!

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