



Fantastic **FRILL TOP**

Learn how to make delicate
bias cut ruffles that are
perfect for adding to a
simple top or skirt

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Shopping WE USED



Coral chiffon, £4.99 per metre

Coral peachskin polyester,
£7.99 per metre

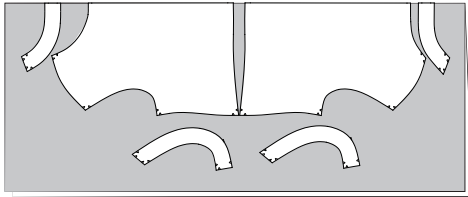
Both from
www.minervacrafts.com

Skill level ♥

MATERIALS:

- ♥ 1.5m chiffon
- ♥ 1.5m co-ordinating lining
- ♥ 50cm fusible interfacing
- ♥ tailor's chalk or air-erasable marker
- ♥ co-ordinating thread
- ♥ templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

CUTTING:



SIZING:

Size	Bust	Waist	Hips
8	33"	26"	36"
10	35"	28"	38"
12	37"	30"	40"
14	39"	32"	42"
16	41"	34"	44"
18	43"	36"	46"
20	45"	38"	48"

How to make:

- 1 Mark the centre front onto the WS of the bodice front lining piece in chalk.
- 2 Layer the WS of the chiffon bodice front on top of the RS of the lining. Baste around the outer edges within the seam allowance to hold the two layers together.
- 3 Using a long clear dressmaker's ruler, position your ruler at a 45° angle to the centre front line. On the WS of the lining mark a line that runs across the piece, taking care not to drag the fabric as you go. I used a rotary chalk wheel to get a crisp smooth line in one motion. You may prefer to use air-erasable fabric pen.
- 4 Choose how wide you'd like your frills to be – I chose 1.5cm frills so marked 3cm parallel lines. Continue to mark parallel lines until the bodice front is covered. Work carefully so you don't smudge the chalk with your arm or the ruler.
- 5 Sew along the marked lines in a co-ordinating thread (or contrasting if you

prefer), working in the same direction for each line. (See Pic A.)

- 6 Using your scissors cut the chiffon layer ONLY down the centre of two sewn lines. Cut in long strokes so you don't get a ragged edge. Repeat until the front is fully ruffled. (See Pic B.) Run a hot iron back and forth over the frills to make them stand away from the lining. Because you cut the ruffles at a 45° angle they will not fray as they are on the bias.

- 7 Repeat steps 1-6 for the back bodice.

- 8 Fuse interfacing to the WS of the neckline and armhole facings and finish the lower edges with a zigzag stitch or on an overlocker. Then with RST sew the armhole facings together at the shoulder seams and press open. (See Pic C.)

- 9 With RST sew front and back bodice together at shoulder seams and press open. (See Pic D.) Repeat for front and back neck facings.

- 10 Place the bodice and neckline facing RST and pin in place. Repeat for the armhole facings. Sew in place using a 1cm seam allowance. (See Pic E.) Notch the seam allowances at the curved edges to help them sit flat and under-stitch the facings to the seam allowance to prevent them from rolling forward. Press the facings to the inside.

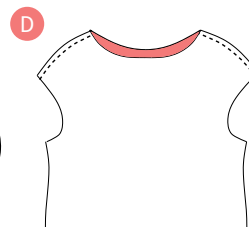
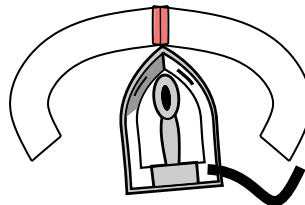
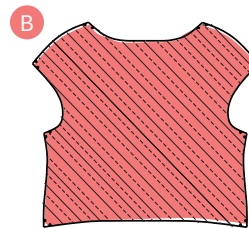
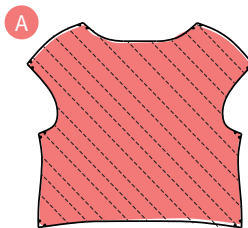
- 11 Turn the top RST and flip armhole facings up. Pin then sew side and facing seams in one motion and press open. Finish raw edges with a zigzag stitch or on an overlocker.

- 12 Turn up a small hem and sew in place to finish.

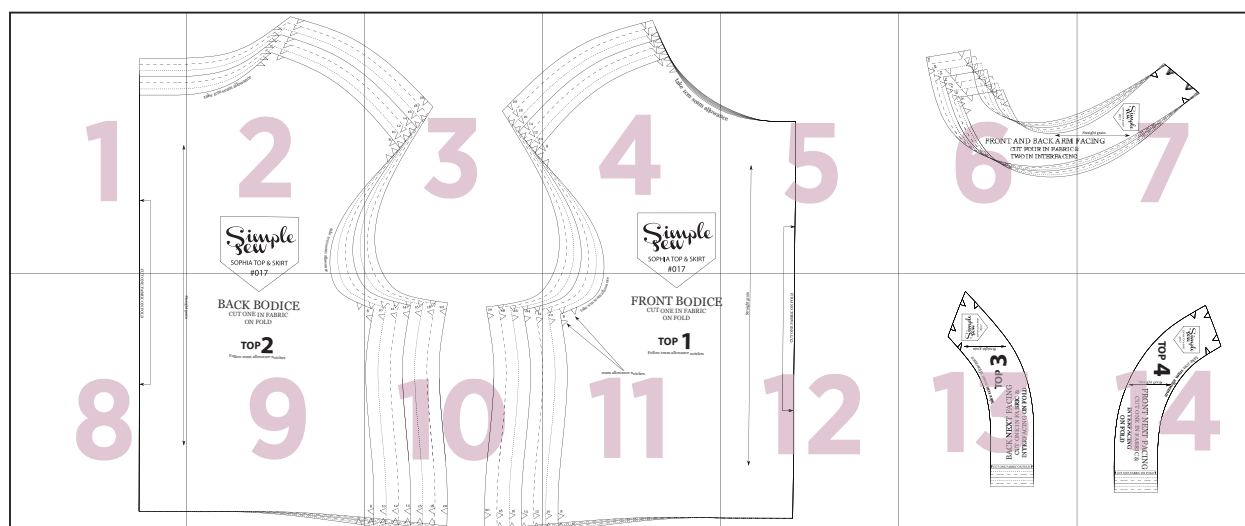


Top tip!

Before you start, check your chalk is easily removable!

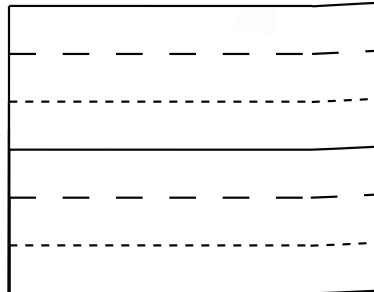


SOPHIA TOP



Размер	UK 4	UK 6	UK 8	UK 10	UK 12	UK 14	UK 16	UK 18	UK 20	UK 22	UK 24	UK 26
Грудь (см)	76	78½	81	86	91	96	101	108½	116	122	128	134
Талия (см)	58	60½	63	68	73	78	83	90½	98	104	110	116
Бедра (см)	83½	86	88½	93½	98½	103½	108½	116	123½	129½	135½	141½

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cut

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take 1cm seam allowance



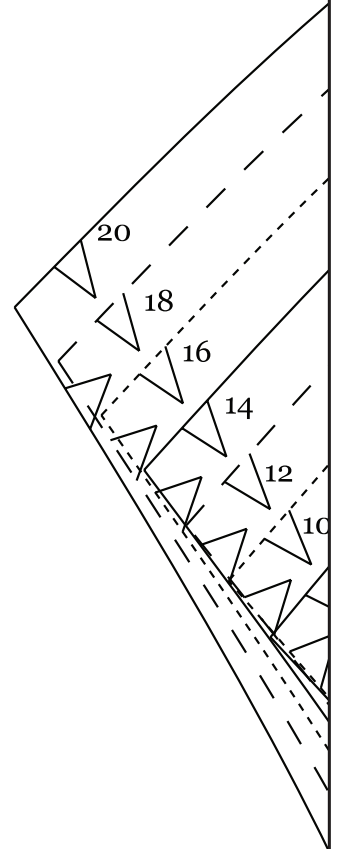
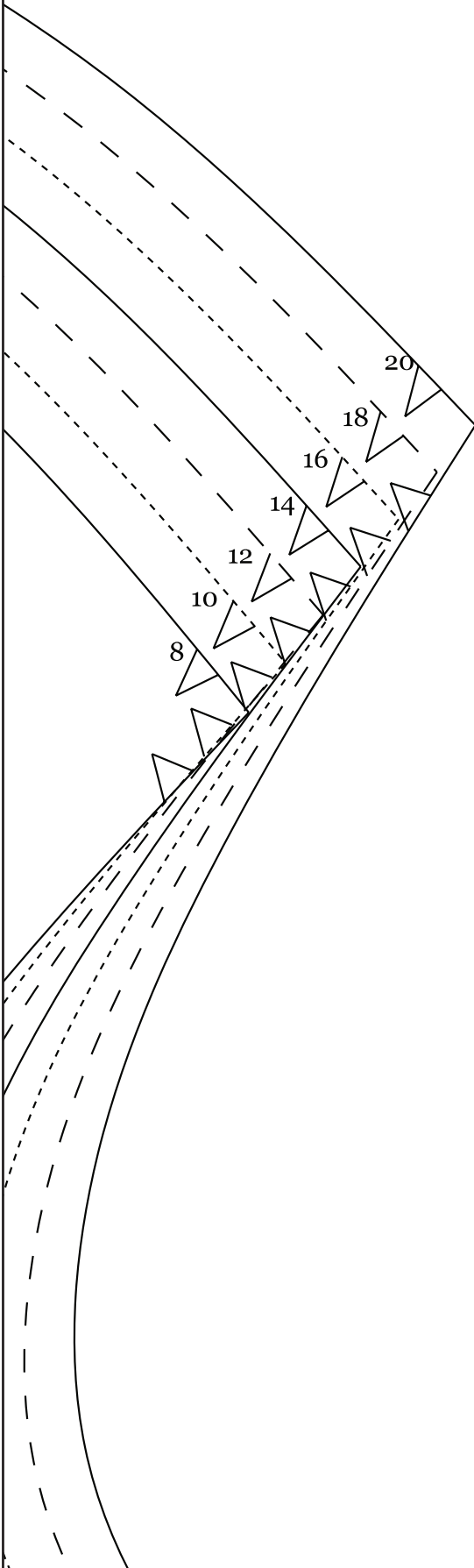
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SOPHIA TOP & SKIRT

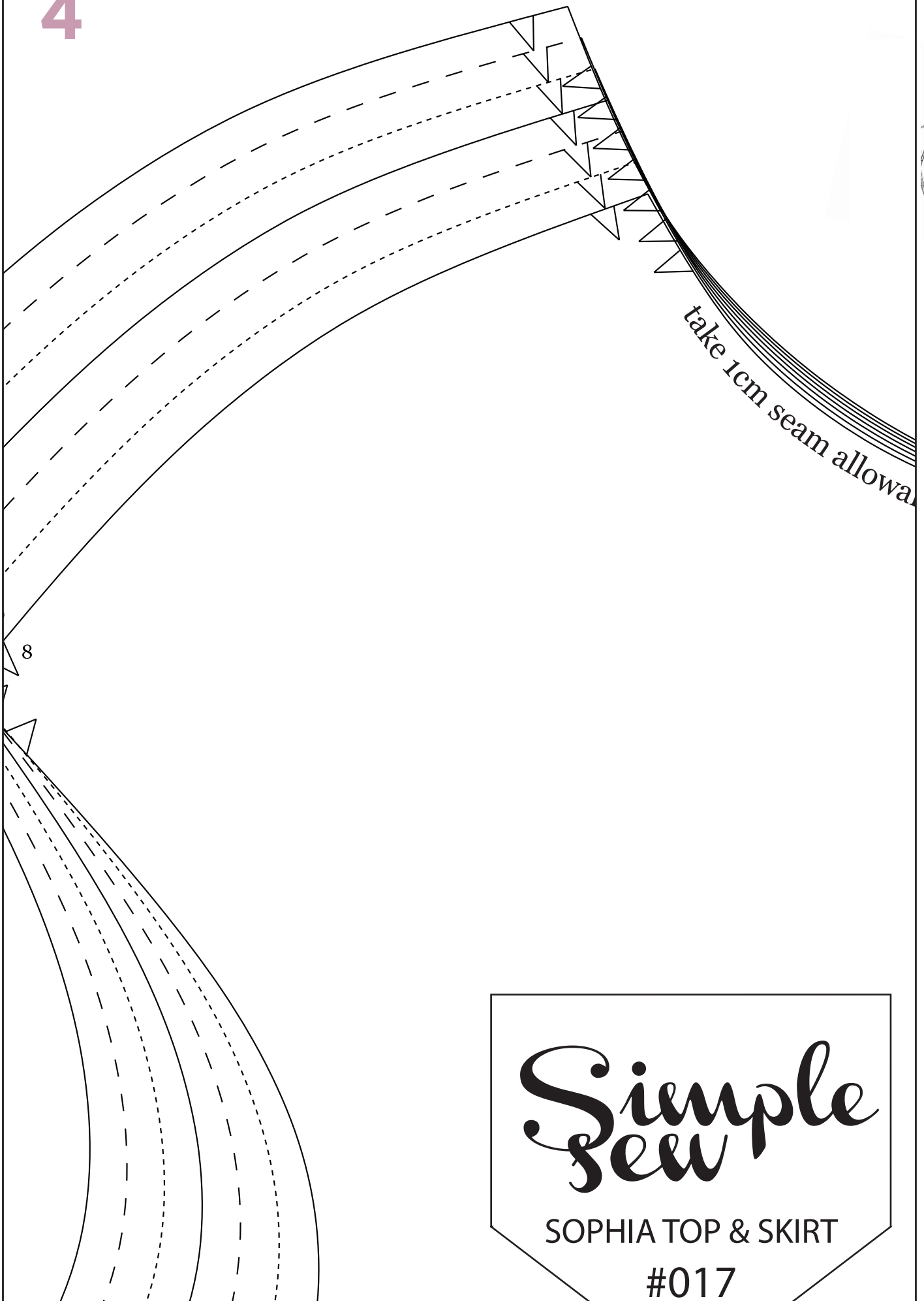
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take 1 cm seam allowance

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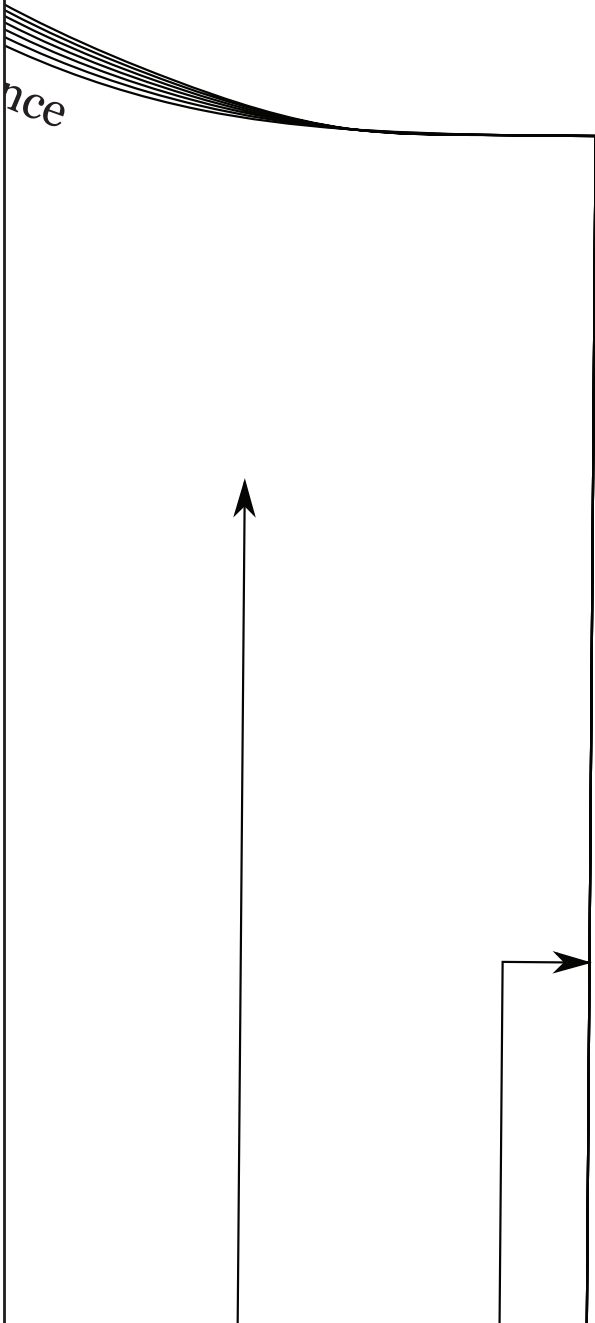


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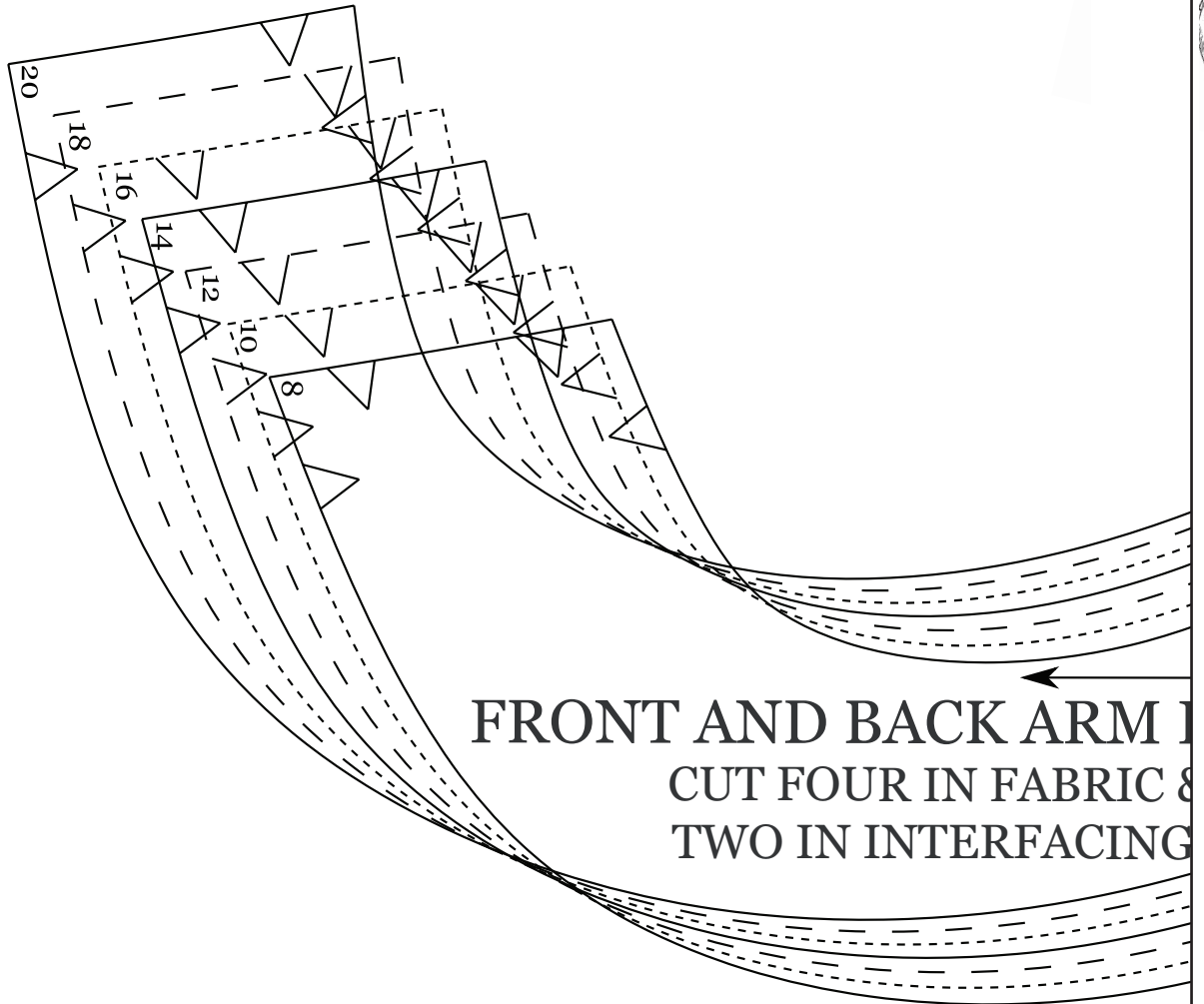
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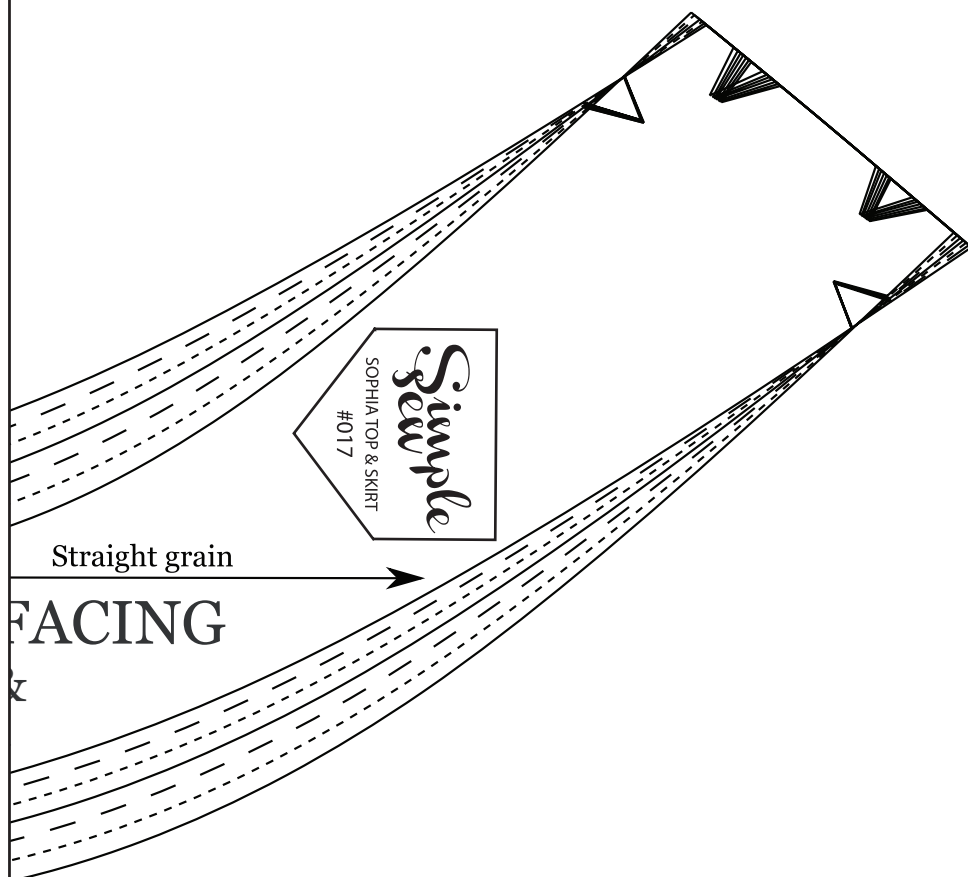
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FACING

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cutting line

1 ONE FABRIC ON FOLD



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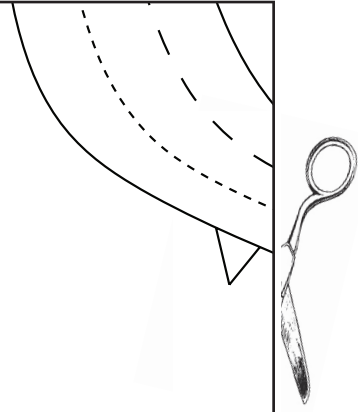
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BACK BODICE

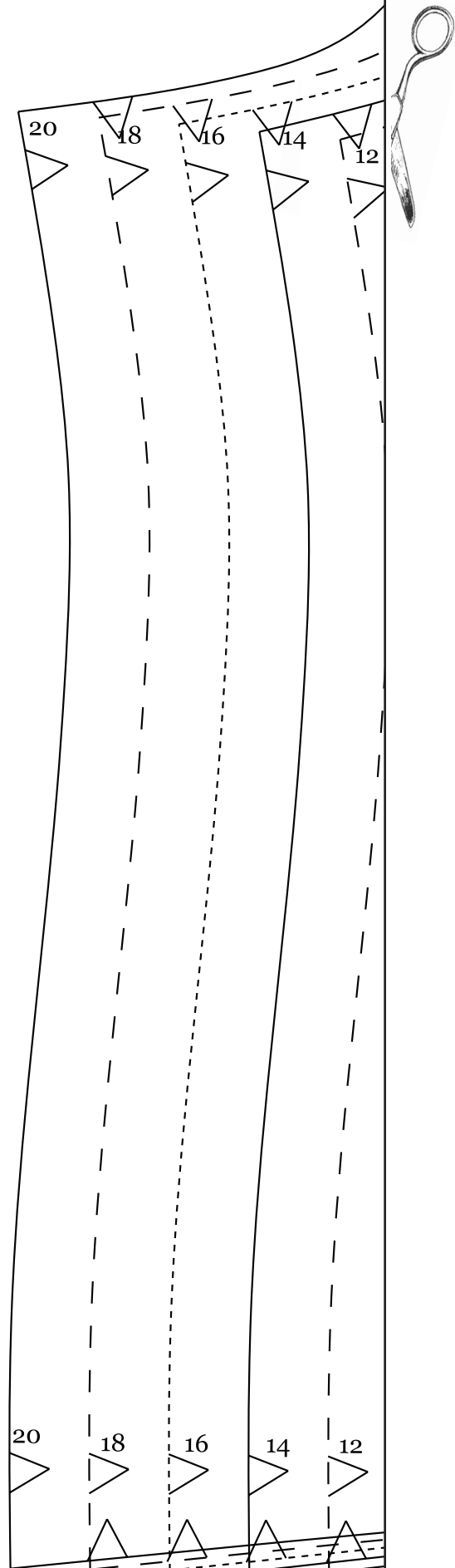
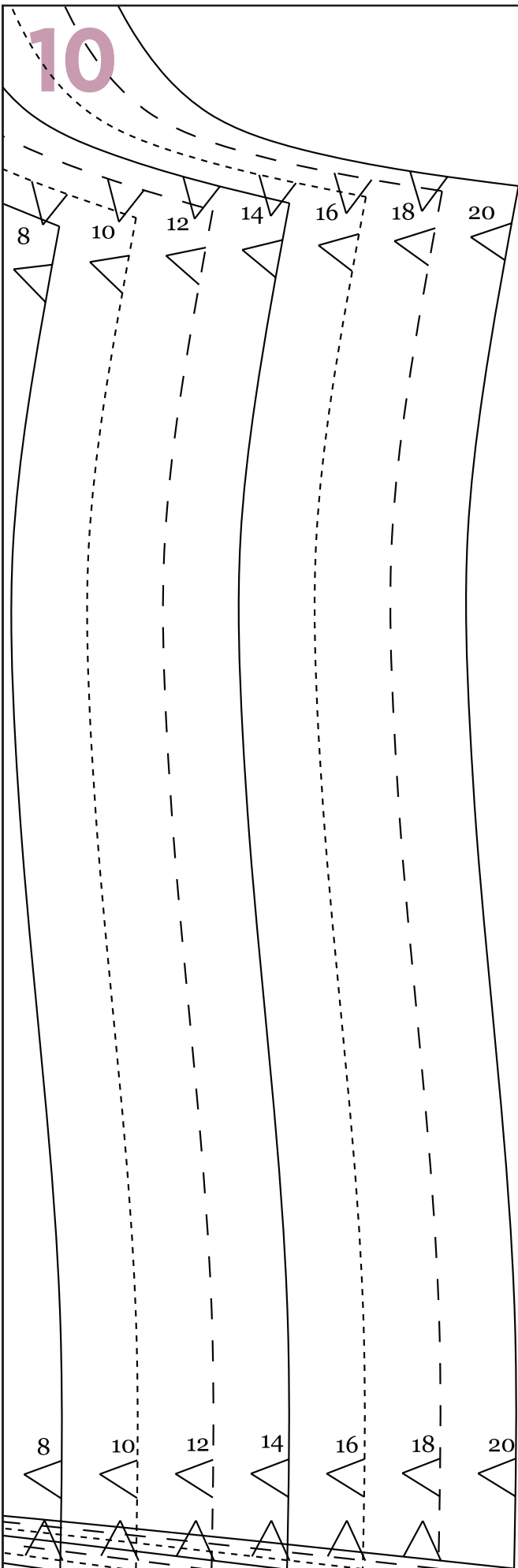
CUT ONE IN FABRIC
ON FOLD

TOP 2

Follow seam allowance notches



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take 1cm seam allowance

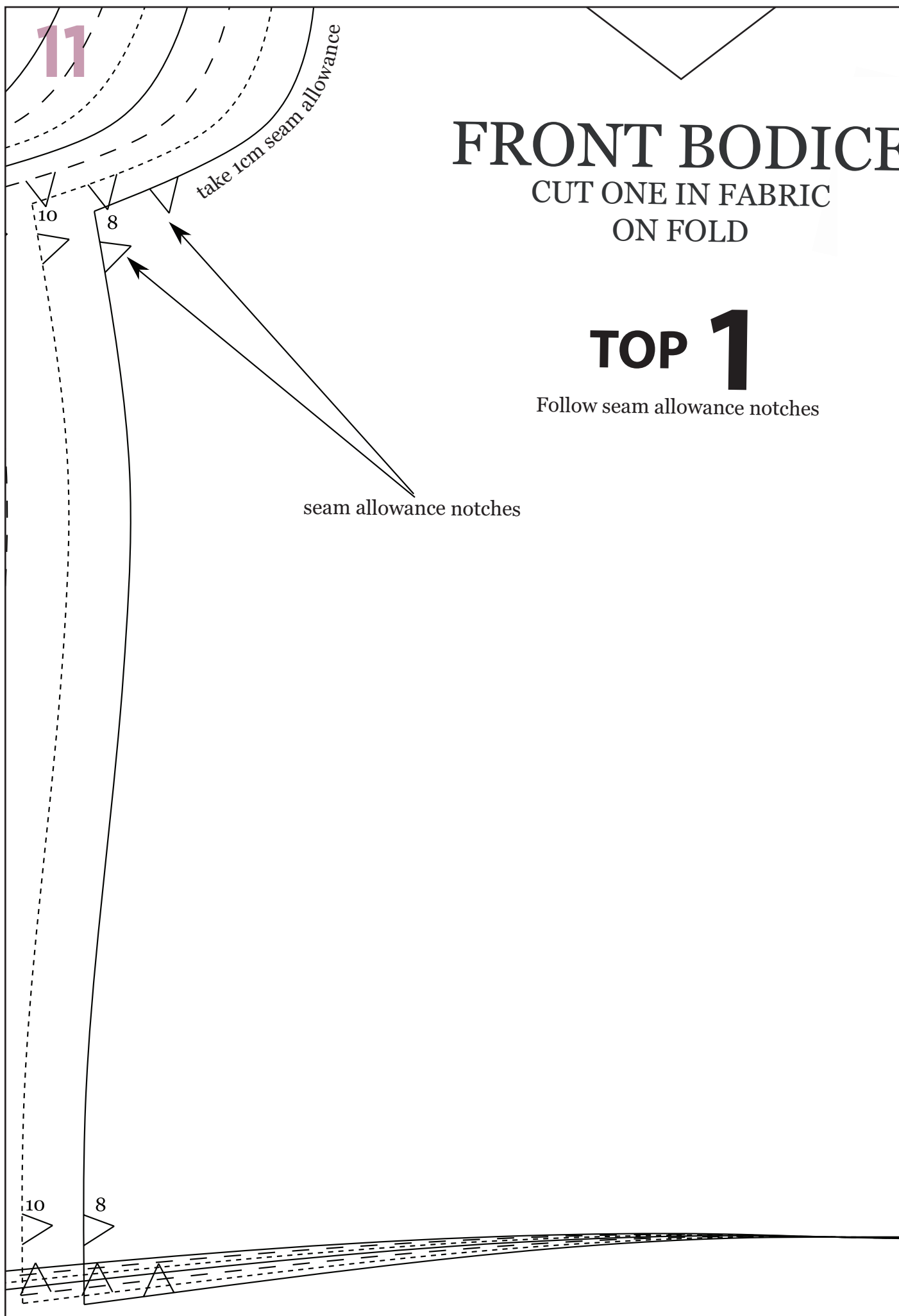
FRONT BODICE

CUT ONE IN FABRIC
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TOP 1

Follow seam allowance notches

seam allowance notches



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Straight grain

CUT ONE FABRIC ON FOLD



