

stitch a COWL TOP

Get started

• Fabric, 1.5m x 1.7m

Sizes

Custom-sized

Cutting guide

Front: cut one on fold

Back: cut one on fold

Tie belt: cut one 10cm x 180cm strip

1.5cm seam allowance used unless otherwise specified.

1 Download and print the pattern at sewmag.co.uk/templates.

Cut a 4cm x 30cm bias strip from the main fabric and create single-fold bias binding (see Core Skills panel).

2 Lift one side of the bias strip and position it around the back neckline, right sides together, matching the raw edges. Pin, then sew along the creased line. Fold the strip to the wrong side and pin along the stitch line. Edgestitch or slip stitch by hand, sandwiching the raw edge of the neckline inside the binding. Trim the excess binding at the edges of the shoulders.

3 Neaten the edges of the back shoulder seams and across the shoulders and neckline of the front. Stitch the shoulder seams together, matching the ends of the back neckline to the dots on the front neckline. Press the seam allowance open, folding the neck facing inside.

4 Neaten the edges of the side seams. Sew the side seams together, then press the seams open. Turn a 3cm hem around the armholes and hand-stitch in place. Neaten the hem at the base of the top in the same way.

5 For the tie belt, fold the 10cm x 180cm strip in half lengthways, right sides together, and stitch along it with a 1cm seam allowance, leaving a gap towards the centre. Trim the corners, turn right side out, then slip stitch the gap closed.

Use two pattern pieces for the SASKIA TOP

This Parisienne-inspired top by Amanda Walker is ideal for beginners, with only two simple pattern pieces. The combination of beautiful drape, a cowl neck, and tie-to-fit belt creates an effortless yet flattering silhouette on any shape. Don't be tempted to ignore the guideline dots around the neckline – they make it much easier to sew!



Use an overlocker or zigzag stitch to neaten seams

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Core skill: MAKING BIAS TAPE

Working at a 45° angle to the selvedge, cut a strip that is twice the width of the tape you need, then fold each raw edge into the centre and press. For this garment, a 4cm wide strip is folded 1cm in on each edge to create 2cm wide single-fold bias tape.

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SEW FOR DAY

Featuring a fun and romantic design, this polycotton is ideal for a day out with friends or someone special. Sweet heart in cerise.



STITCH FOR NIGHT

This chiffon with an enchanting shimmer coating is sure to stun at a sophisticated dinner or on the dancefloor. Shimmer coated chiffon in baby pink.

Both fabrics **£2.99 per metre**,
minervacrafts.com

SASKIA TOP TEMPLATE

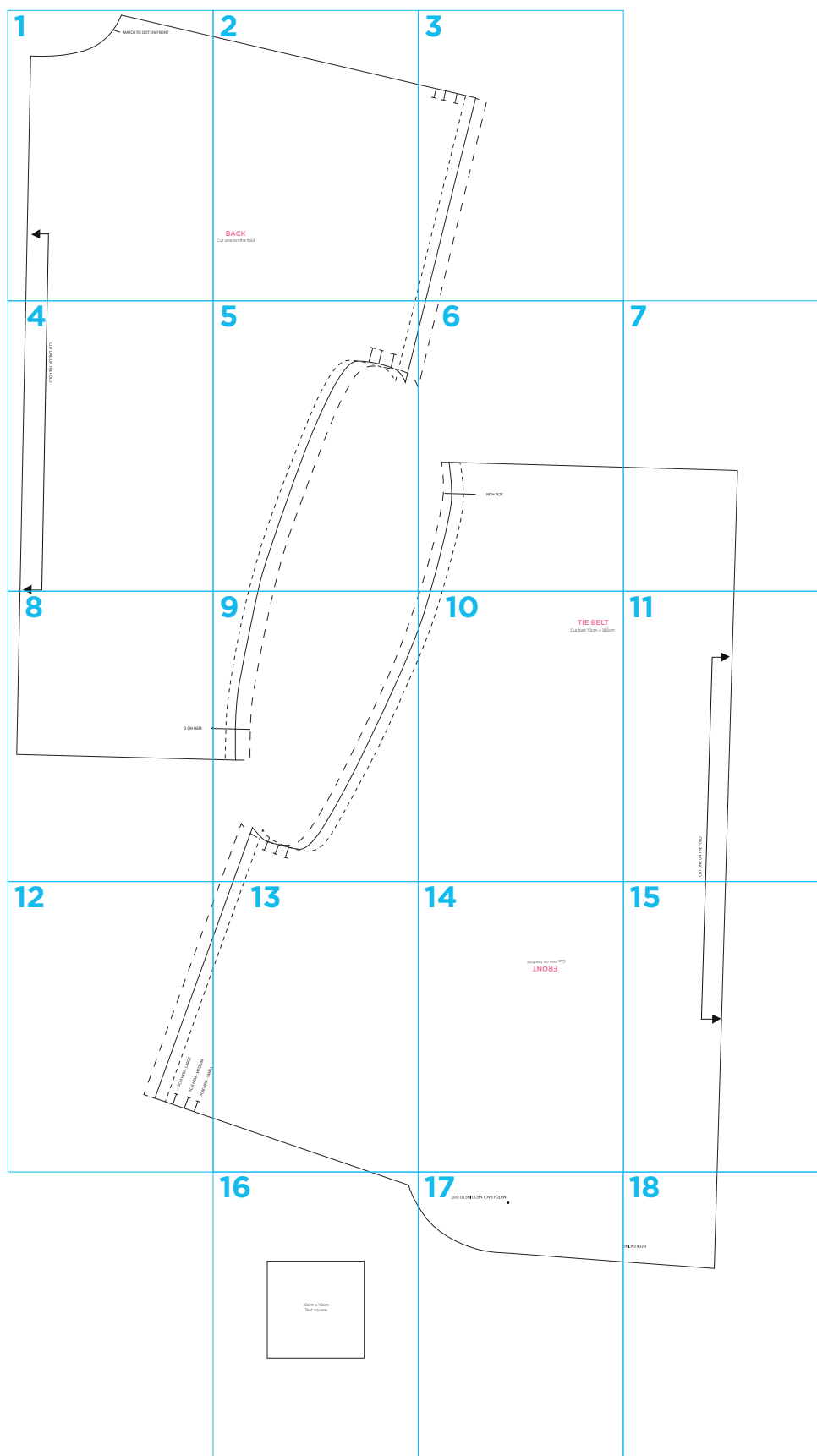


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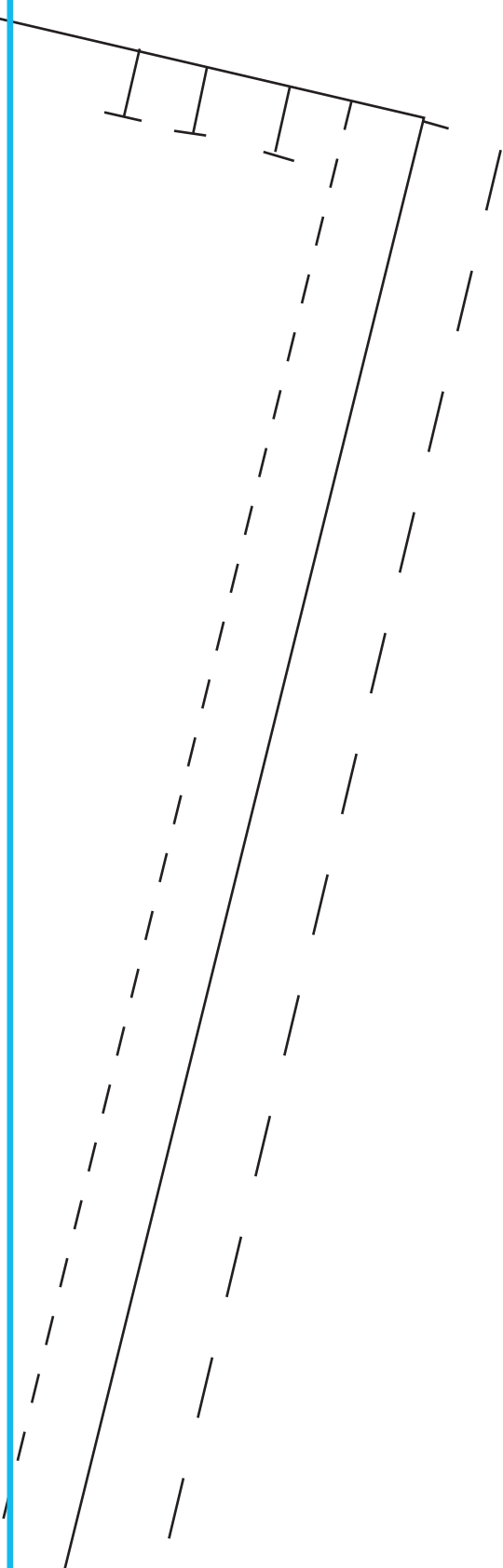


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Cut one on the fold

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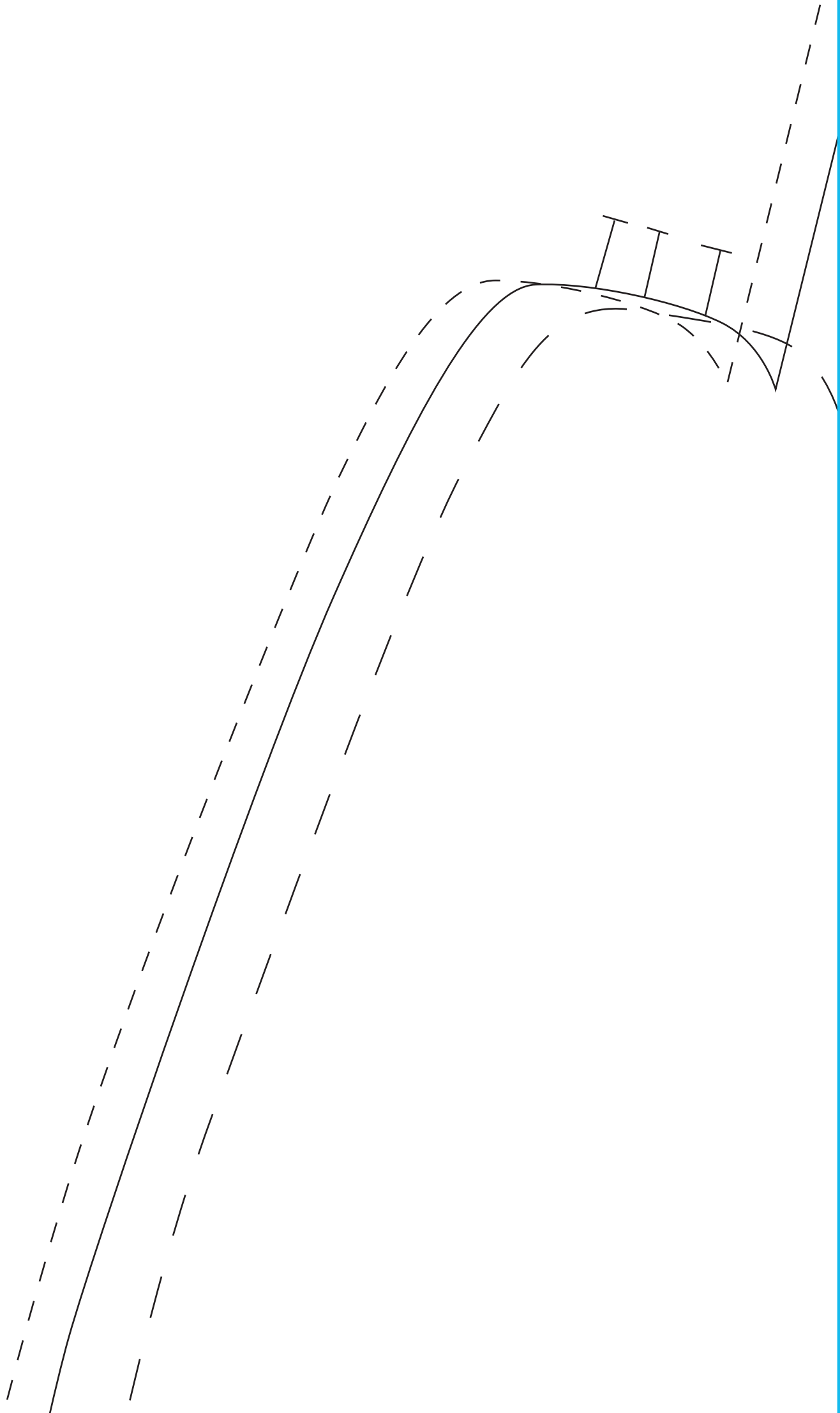
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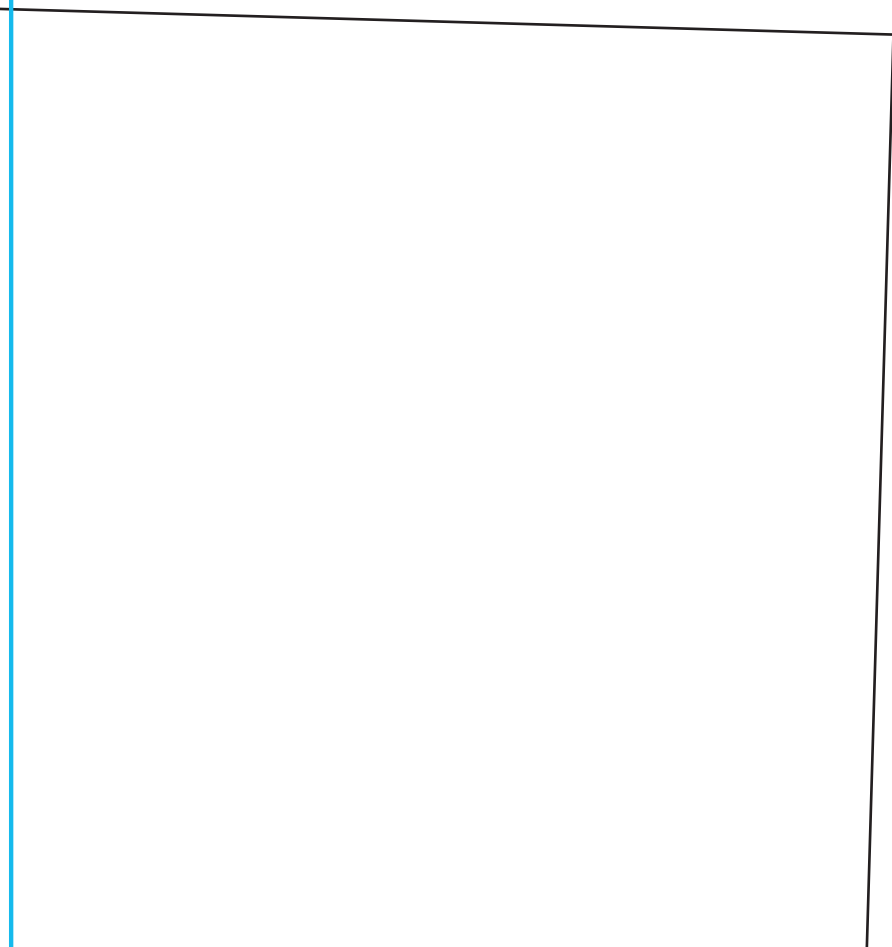
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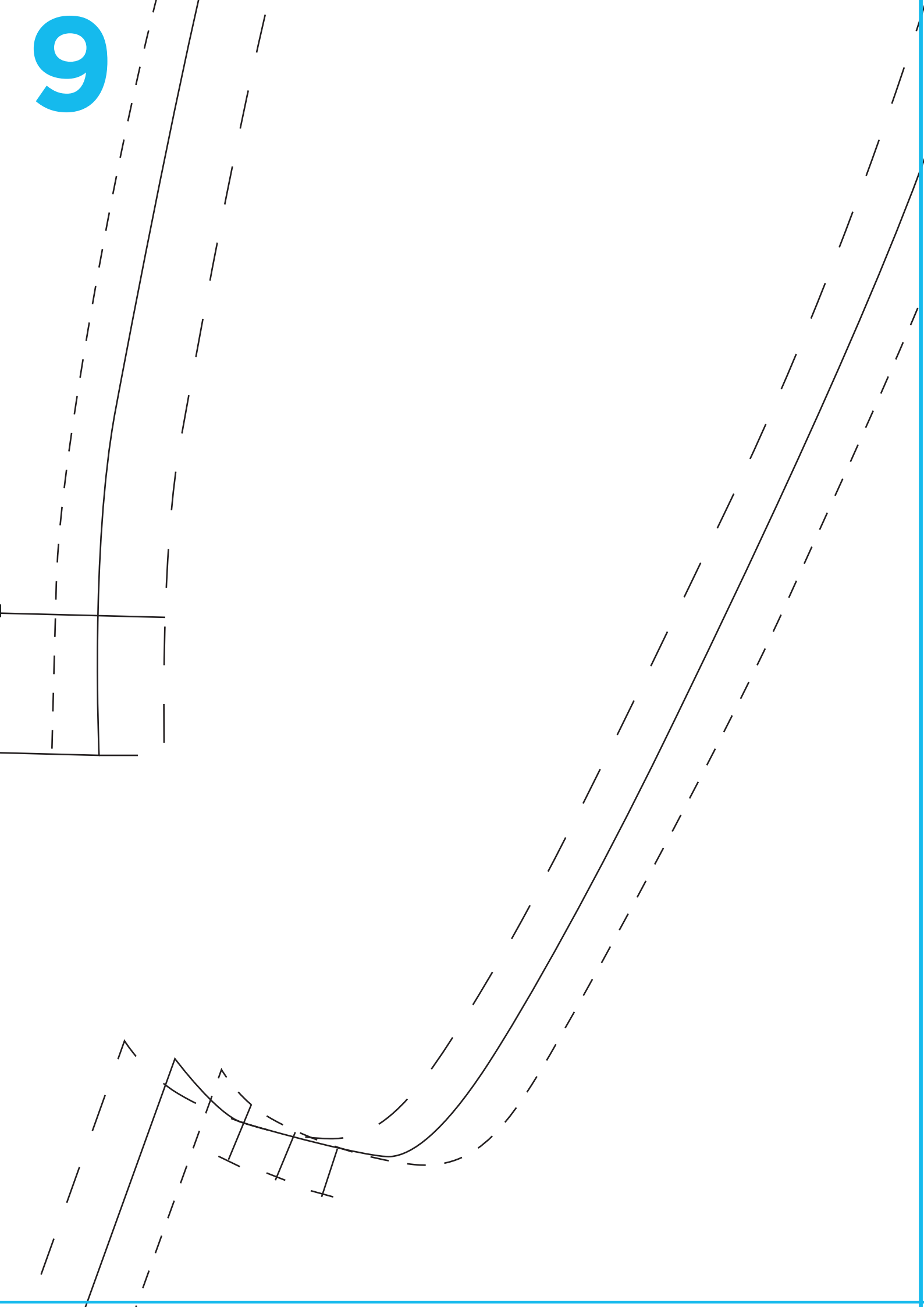
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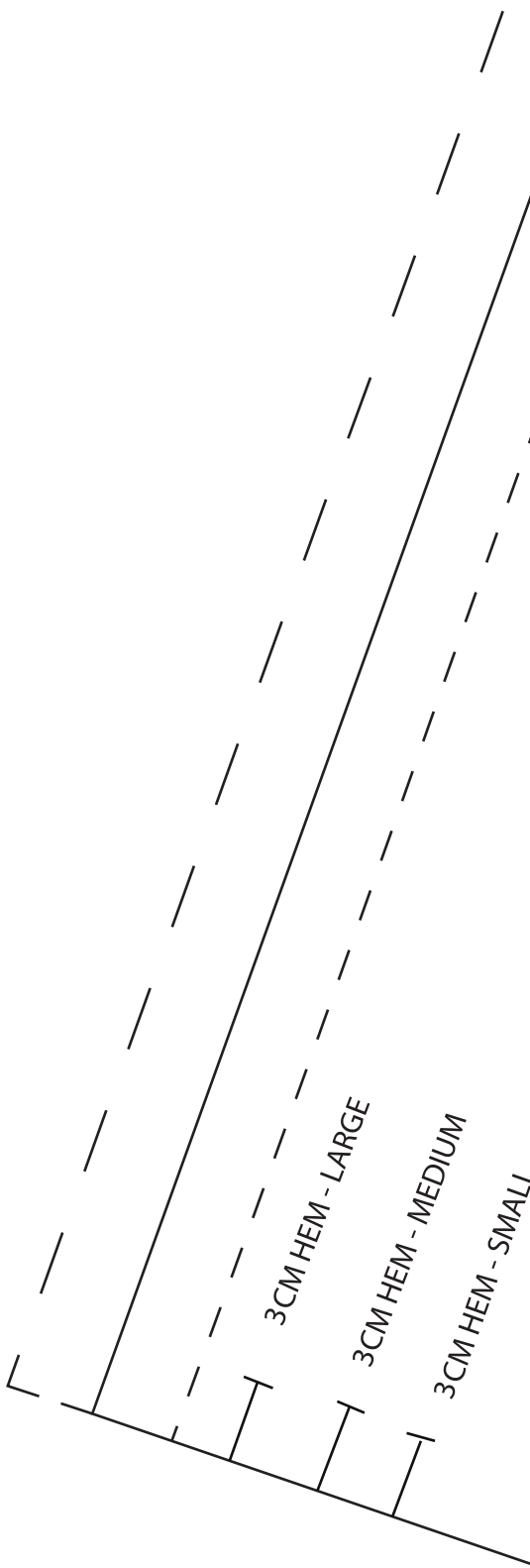
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TIE BELT

Cut belt 10cm x 180cm

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FRONT

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MATCH BACK NECKLINE TO DOT



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NECK FACING