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stitch CROPPED TROUSERS

Get started

- Fabric, lightweight, 1m x 1.5m
- Matching thread
- Interlining, 20cm x 1m
- Fastening, hook and bar
- Concealed zip, 21cm

Sizes

XS-XL

Note: check hip measurement against pattern to determine size

Cutting guide

Trouser front and back: cut one pair of each from fabric

Waistband: cut one from main fabric, and one from interlining

1 Download and print the templates at sewmag.co.uk/templates then cut out the pieces referring to the cutting guide. Neaten the trouser pieces, omitting the waist and base, using overlocking or zigzag stitches around the edges. With right sides together, match the two front trouser pieces and pin. Sew from the crotch to the waist edge. Repeat on the back trouser pieces.

2 With wrong side uppermost, fold the fabric to align the two notches for each dart and pin in place. Machine stitch to secure the dart. Repeat where indicated on the pattern to create four darts on the front and four on the back. Press all darts towards the centre of the garment.

3 Align the top of the side seams and the hems of the front and back trouser sections, with right sides facing. Pin, then sew the right-

hand side seam. When working the left-hand side seam, join as far as the zip notch marker. Machine stitch to join both inside leg seams.

4 Using a zipper or concealed zipper foot, prepare the side zip section by folding and pressing the seam allowance along the edges of the side opening. Turn the garment inside out so the right sides are facing, open out the seam allowance and place the opened zip face down. Match the teeth to the crease line in the seam allowance on each side and pin. Sew to the top of the side seam.

5 Leave 3cm of the zip base open. Backstitch, then sew the second side of the zip in place in the same way. Thread the zip pull through to the right side at the base of the side seam. Pull up to close and turn to the right side.

6 Affix the fusible interlining to the wrong side of the waistband. With the band and trousers right sides together, pin the band around the top of the trousers. Leave 1.5cm protruding above the top of the zip on the front and 3cm above the top of the zip on the back. Sew in place. Press the right side of the band up from the trousers.

7 Fold the band in half along the length, right sides facing. Sew across the protruding edge at the back. Pivot 1.5cm from the long edge and sew down to meet the zip top. Trim the corners. At the protruding edge of the band on the front, fold in 1.5cm on the corner of the long edge. Sew through the layers in line with the top of the zip. Trim the bulk and turn the band ends to the right side.



8 Tuck in the remainder of the band across the top of the trousers, nudge the raw edges in and pin. Hand-stitch across the length, so the raw edges of the waist and band will be sandwiched inside. Neaten the hems with overlocking or zigzag stitch.

Turn 3cm to the wrong side, press and pin. Slip stitch by hand to secure. Position the hook to the side opening on the front section and sew. Position the bar to the side opening on the back and stitch in place.

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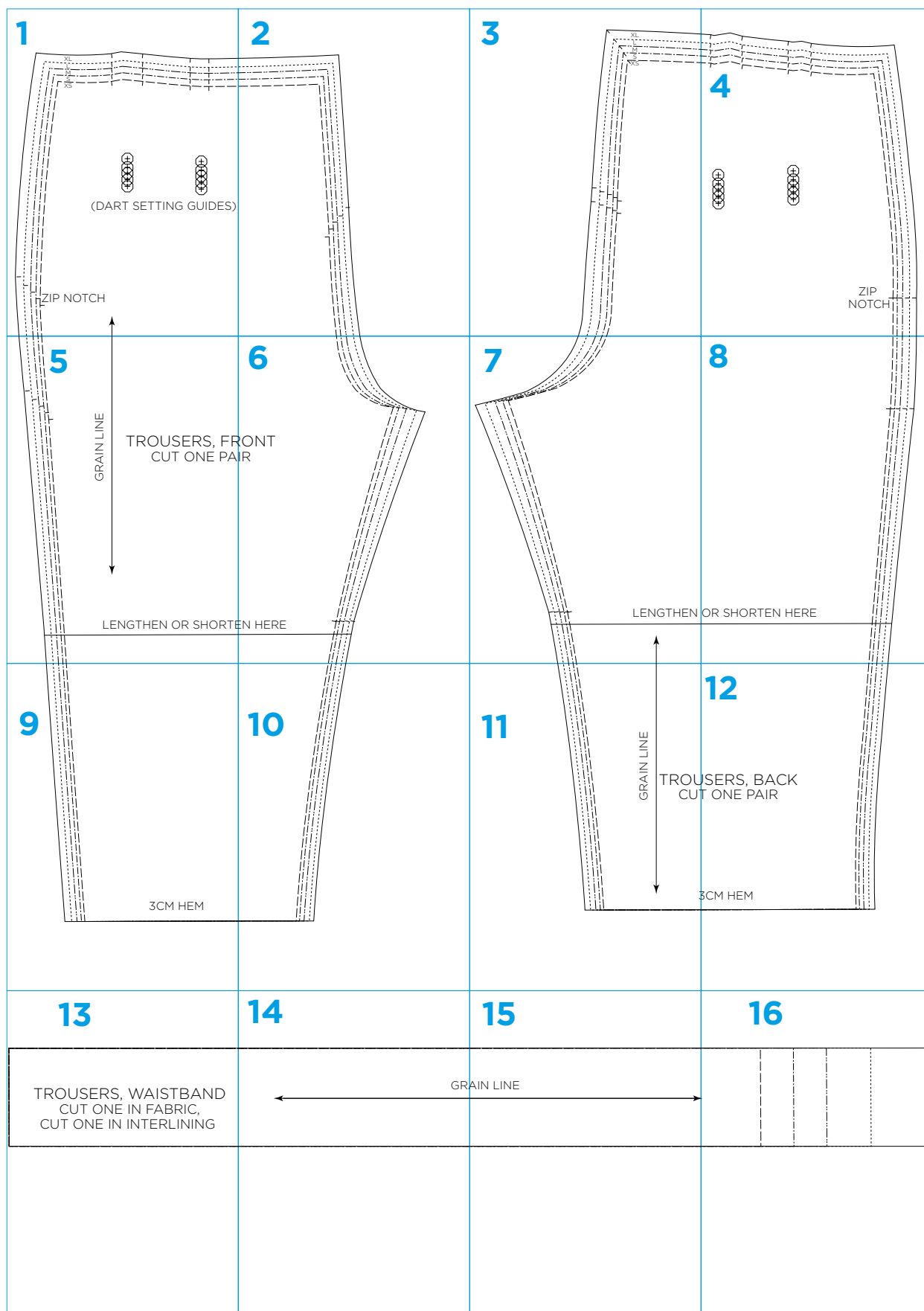
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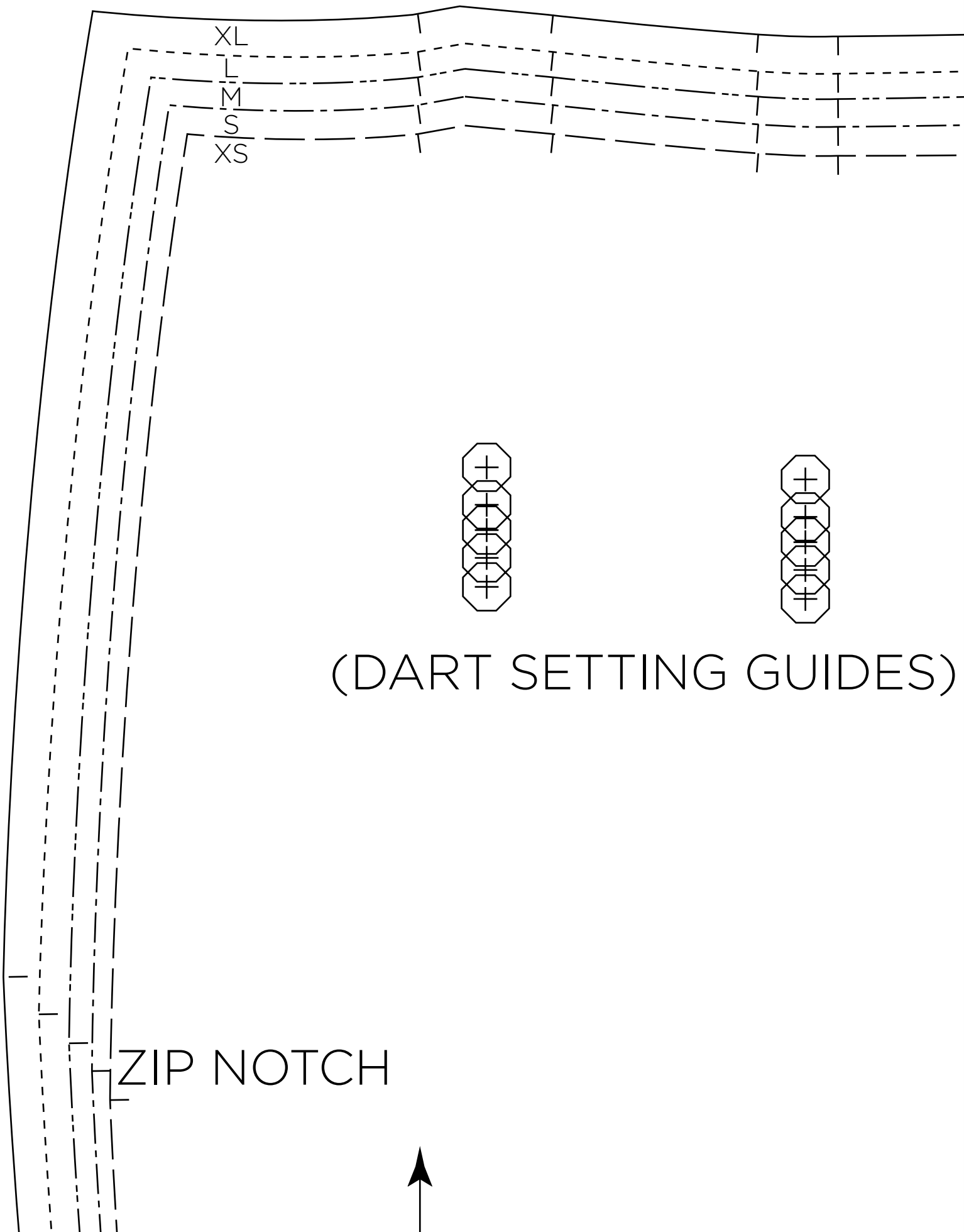
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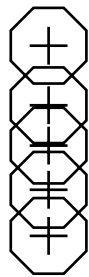
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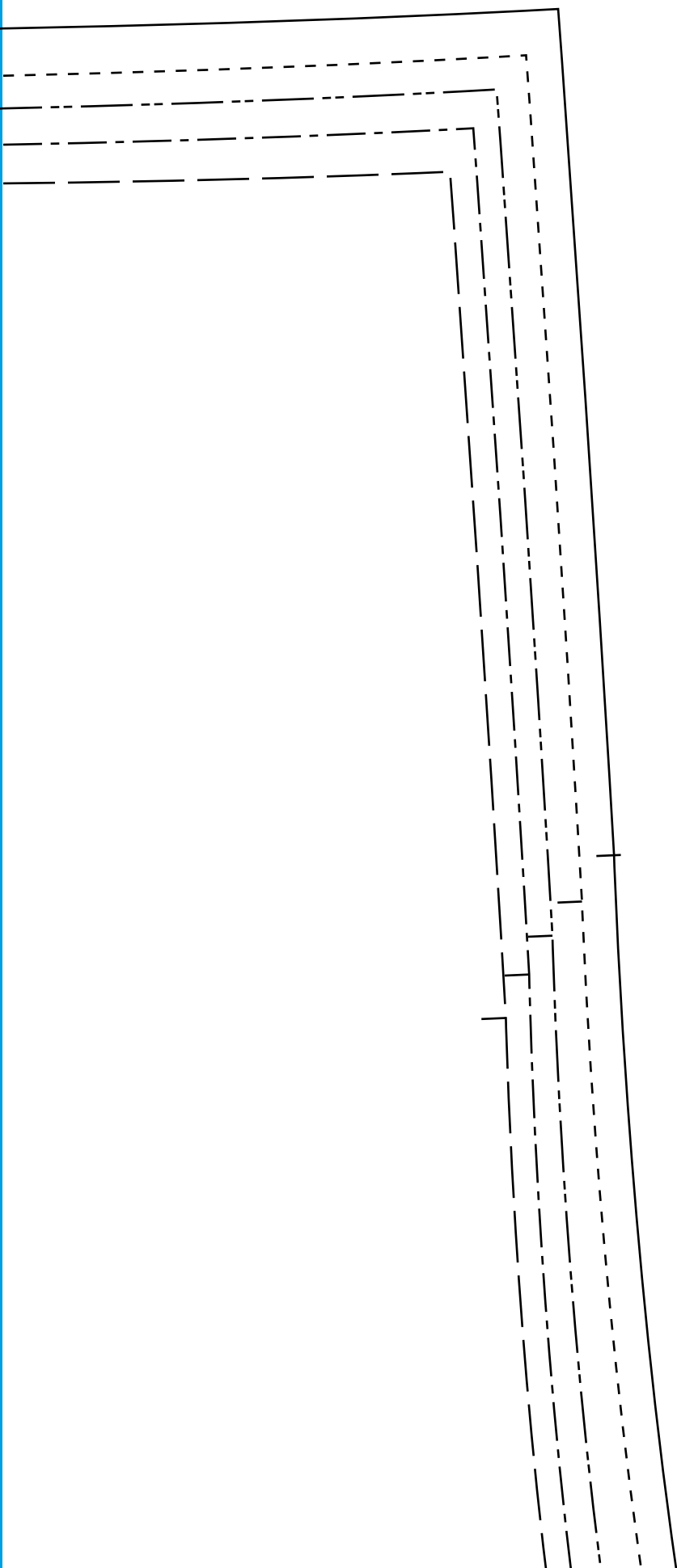


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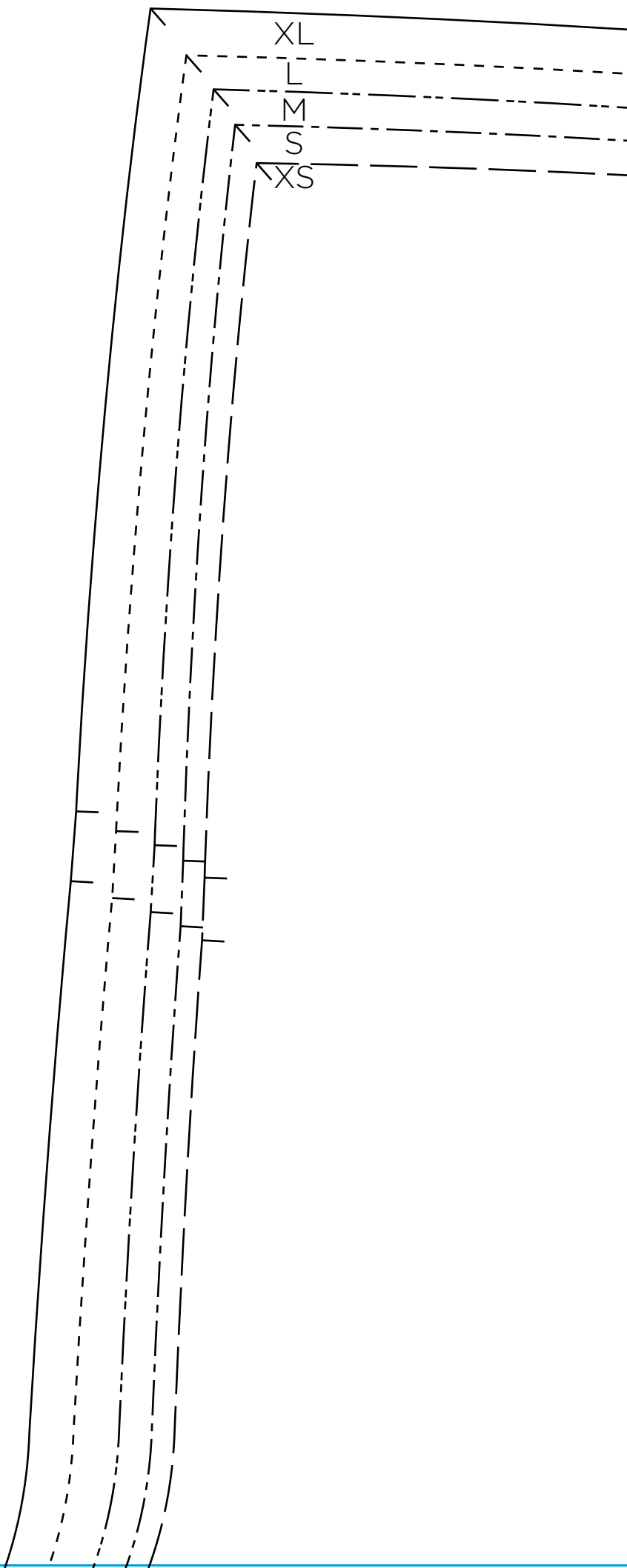
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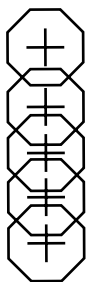
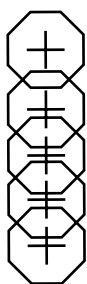
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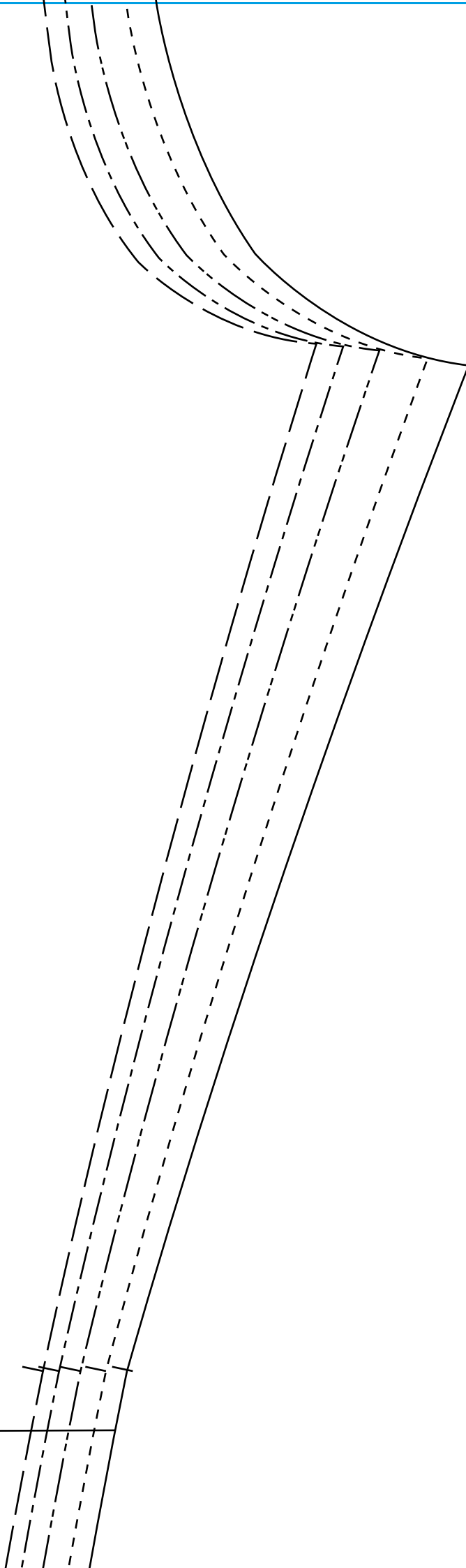
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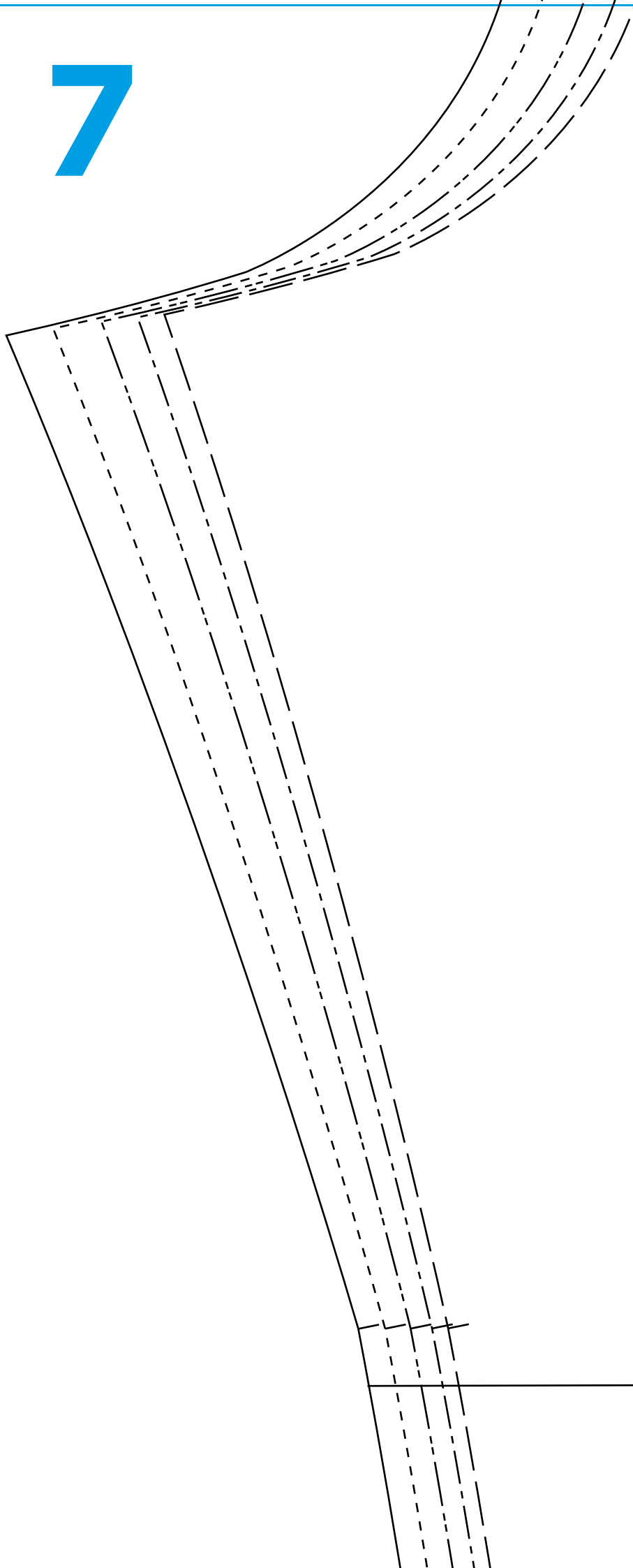
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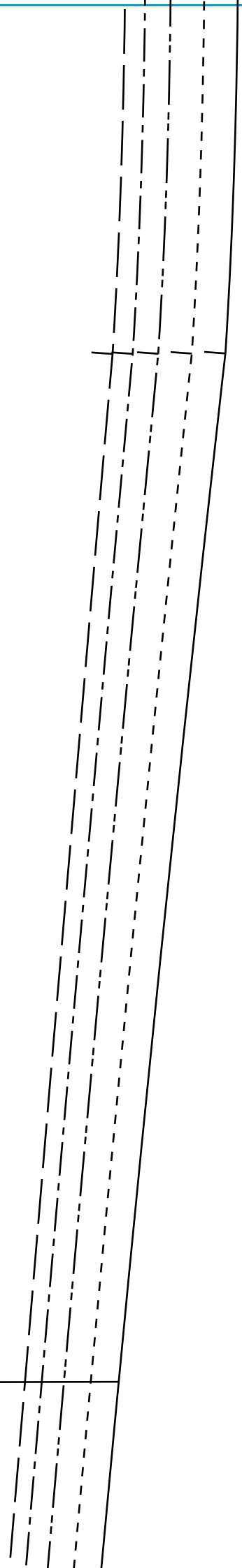
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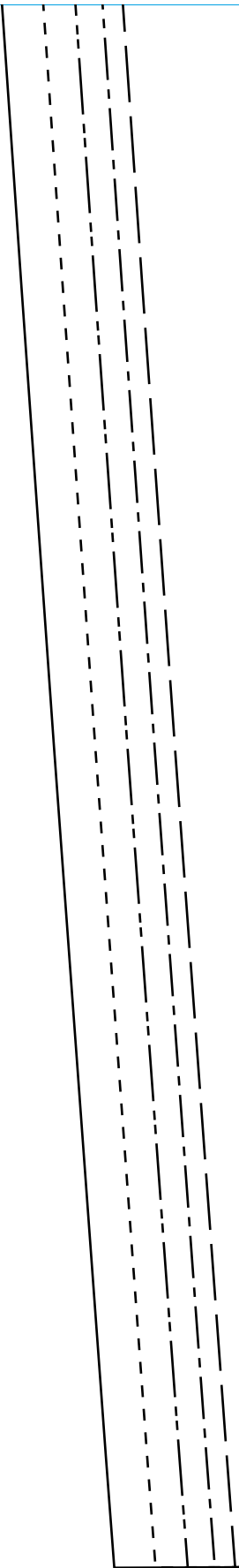
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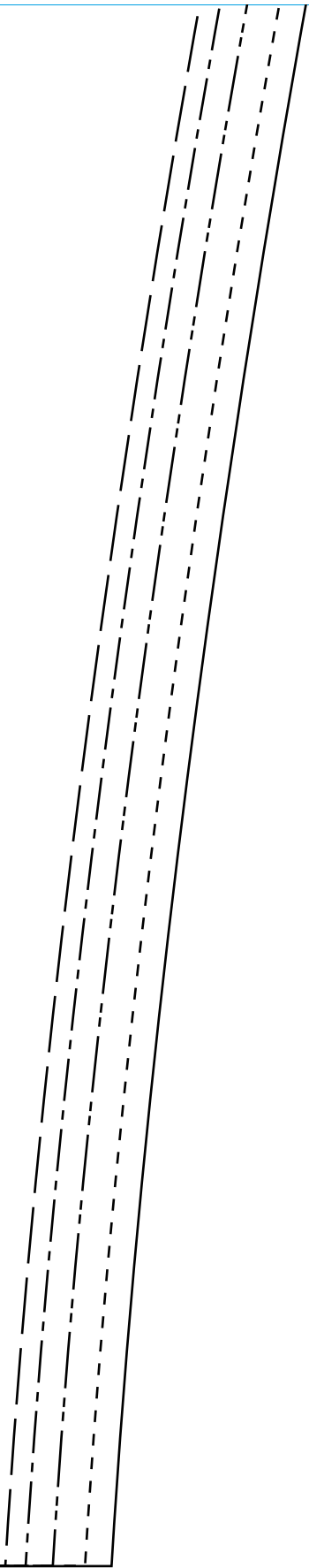


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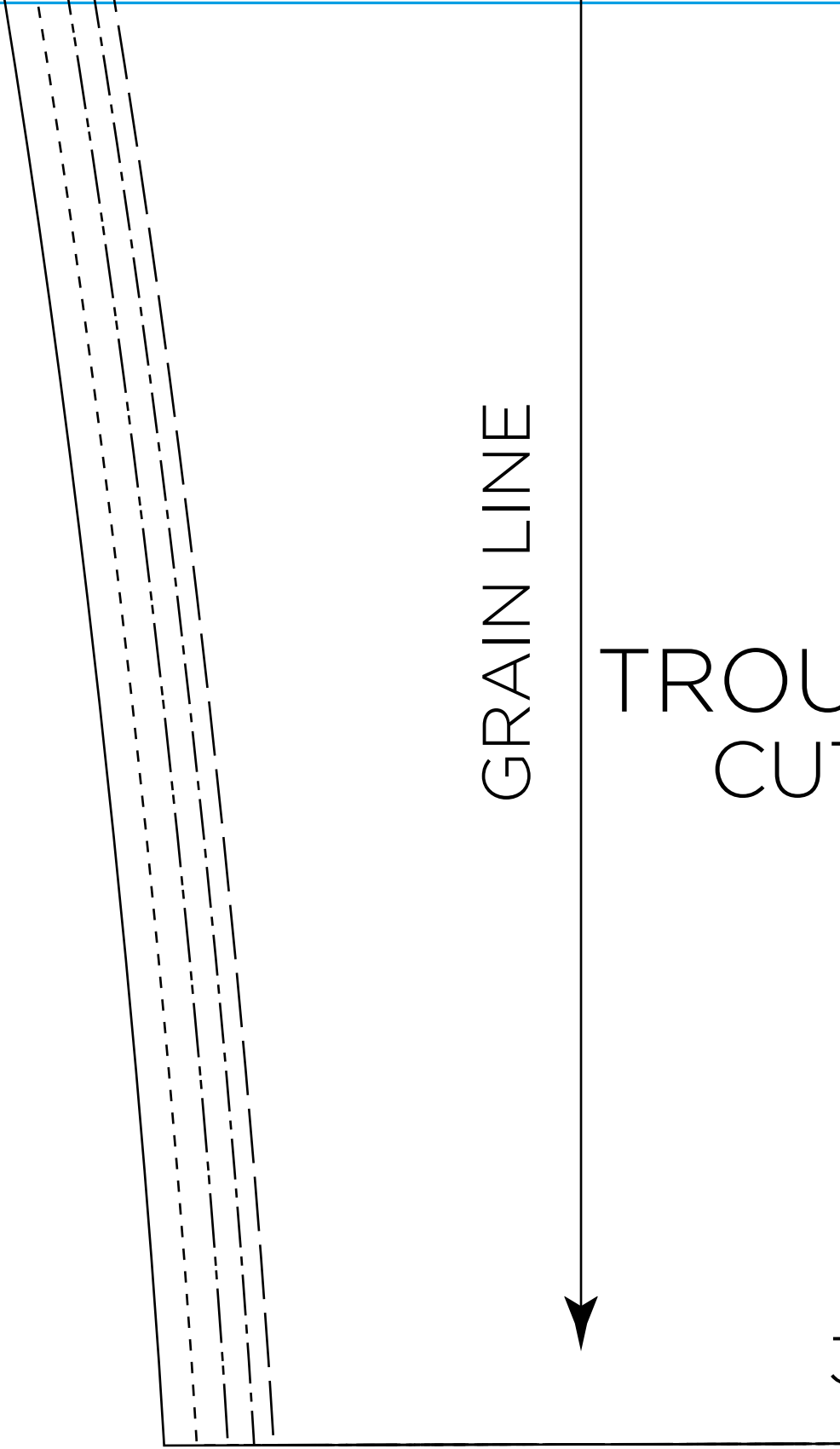


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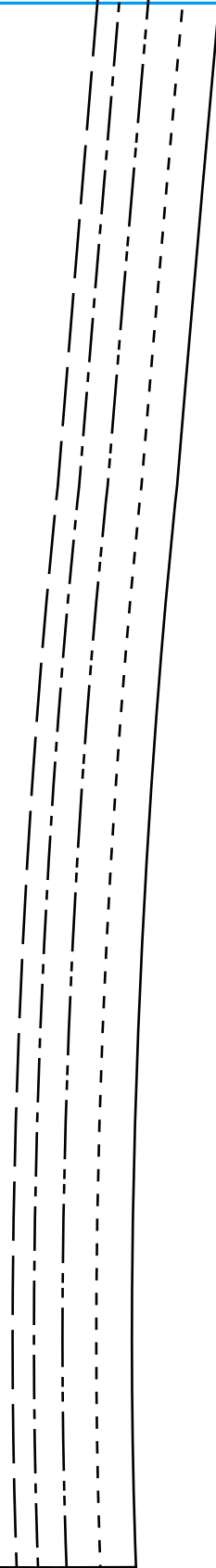
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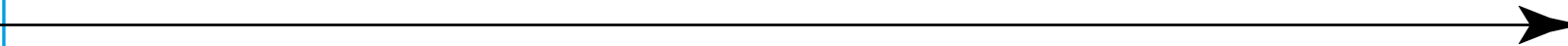
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