

Simple
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VIEW A



VIEW B

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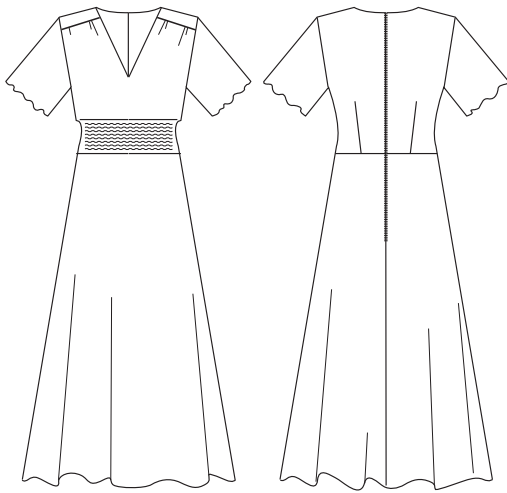
Sizes 8-20
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DESIGN

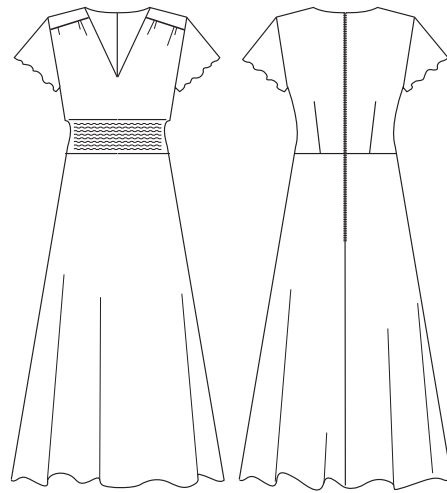


The Amelia Maxi Dress

This dress with pretty shirred waist is the perfect day-to-evening pattern



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This easy-to-make dress is the perfect day-to-evening pattern with a choice of two lengths of fluttery sleeve. The shirred waist panel means getting a great fit is even easier! Amelia will look great for a sunny day out in a pretty Tana lawn, or in a glamorous viscose or silk when attending a wedding or party.

FABRIC SUGGESTIONS

Light to mid-weight cotton, lawn, viscose, crepe and silk
This dress is only suitable for 60"-wide fabric

NOTIONS

22" concealed zip. One spool of shirring elastic

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

Size	60" wide
8	1.75m
10	1.85m
12	1.9m
14	2m
16	2.1m
18	2.1m
20	2.2m

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

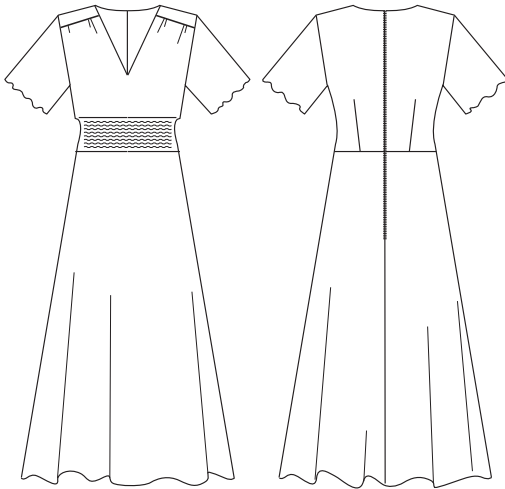
Size	Bust	Waist	Hips	Back length	Longer sleeve length	Shorter sleeve length
8	35"	28"	47"	38½"	10"	7½"
10	37"	30"	49"	38¾"	10¼"	7¾"
12	39"	32"	51"	39"	10¼"	8"
14	41"	34"	53"	39¼"	10¾"	8¼"
16	43"	36"	55"	39½"	11"	8½"
18	45"	38"	57"	39¾"	11¼"	8¾"
20	47"	40"	59"	40"	11½"	9"

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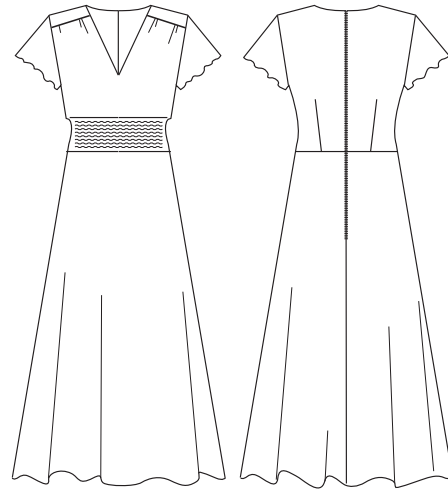
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KEY Wrong side Right side

- - - - - Stitch line

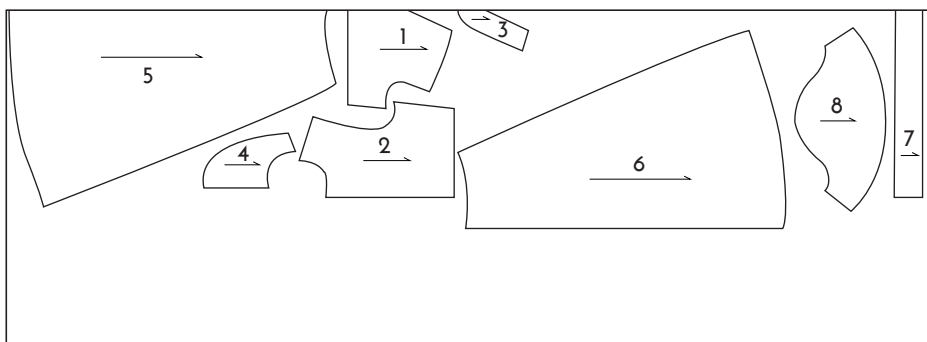
RST = Right sides of
fabric together

VIEW A (long sleeve)



VIEW B (short sleeve)

SEAM ALLOWANCES ARE 1.5CM UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

LAYPLAN 60"

FOLD

- 1 - FRONT BODICE
- 2 - BACK BODICE
- 3 - FRONT FACING
- 4 - BACK FACING
- 5 - FRONT SKIRT
- 6 - BACK SKIRT
- 7 - FRONT BODICE PANEL
- 8 - SLEEVE

GENERAL PREPARATION

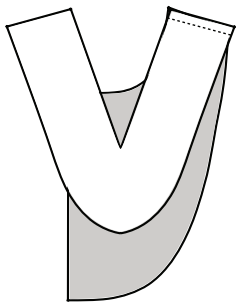
It is really important to launder your fabric (according to the manufacturer's instructions) before you begin - this allows for shrinkage.

It is **ALWAYS** a really good idea to make a toile or muslin to check for fit and form before you cut into your main fabric. This way, you will achieve a really great fit and you won't waste any good fabric. Apply interfacing to the wrong side of any piece that requires it and make sure you overlock or zigzag-stitch any raw edges that will be exposed so that they don't fray in the wash. Ultimately, sewing is amazingly rewarding so just relax and enjoy the process. It can be counter-intuitive at times, and it will challenge you to think things through logically, but when you achieve what you hoped to, or near to it, you will want to come back for more and more!

SIZE CHART

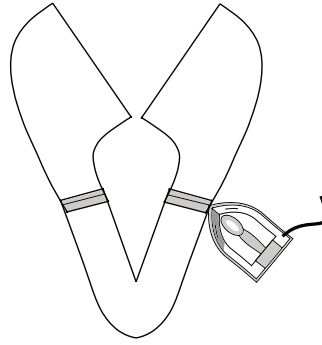
Size	Bust	Waist	Hips
8	33"	26"	36"
10	35"	28"	38"
12	37"	30"	40"
14	39"	32"	42"
16	41"	34"	44"
18	43"	36"	46"
20	45"	38"	48"

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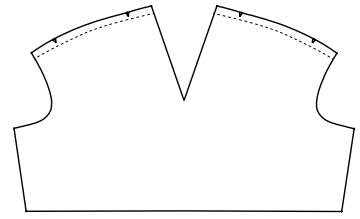
With RST, join front and back facings at shoulder seams.

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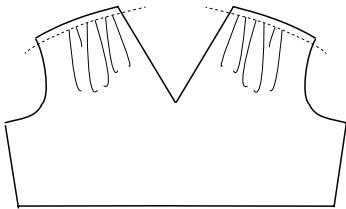
Press seams open.

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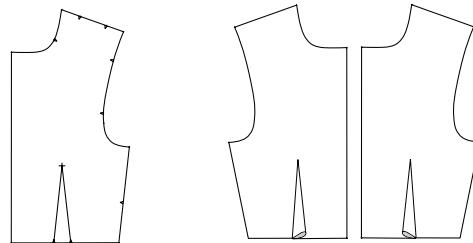
Mark the notches on the upper bodice front and sew gathering stitches between the notches.

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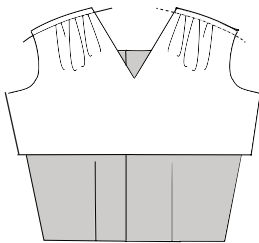
Pull to gather up the shoulders to length requested on your pattern piece.

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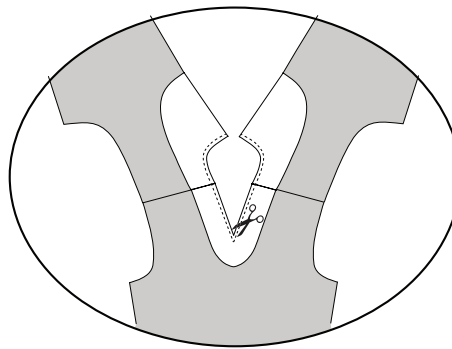
Mark darts on wrong side of back bodice and then sew in place. Don't back-stitch, simply tie a knot in the end of the thread.

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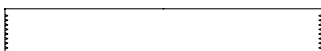
With RST, join front and back bodices together at the shoulder seams.

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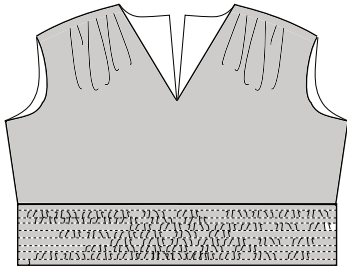
With RST, place and pin facing on front bodice and stitch in place. Trim seam allowance to 0.5cm and then clip into the 'V' neckline, taking care not cut into the stitches. Turn the facing through to inside of bodice and press flat.

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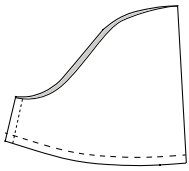
Hand-wind an empty bobbin with your shirring elastic. Don't wind it too tightly, just stretch the shirring elastic slightly as you wind it on. Sew a test line of stitches before you start to check your tension on the elastic. Adjust the stitch length on your machine so it's quite long. You need to sew with your fabric right side up, so that the shirring elastic appears on the wrong side of your fabric. Remember to back-stitch at the start and end of each row to secure the lines of stitching. Following the notches, sew parallel rows of shirring, stretching out the fabric on subsequent lines.

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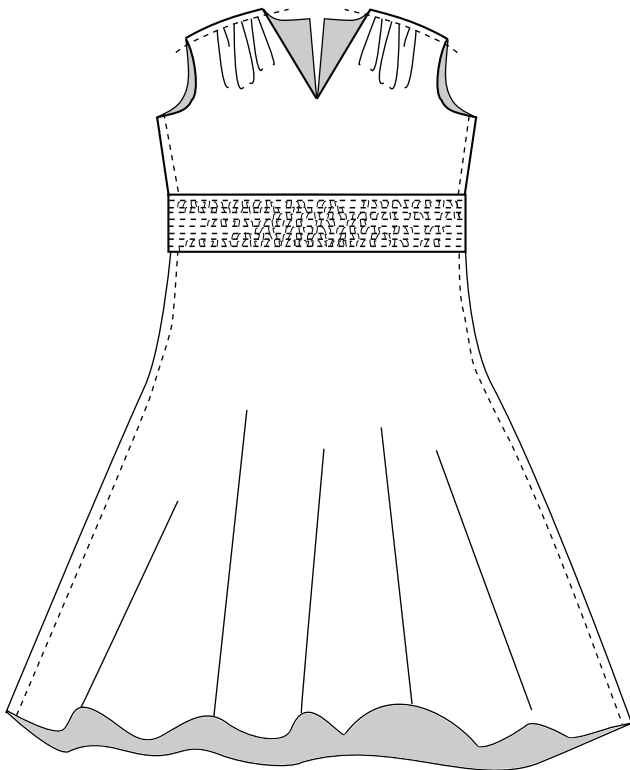
You will now need to attach the Shirred section of fabric RST to the bottom of the front bodice.

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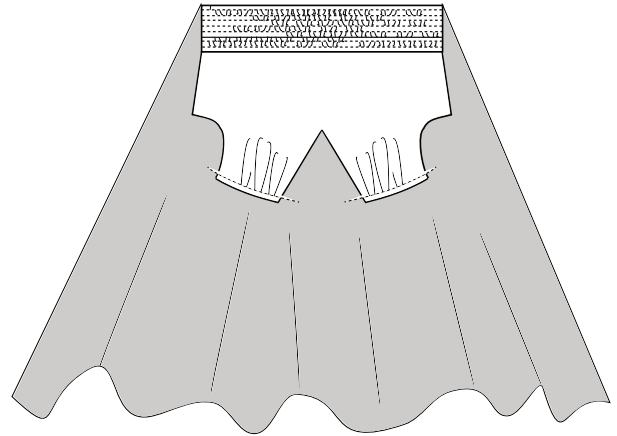
Turn up the sleeve's hem by 1cm and sew in place. Press. Then with RST, sew each sleeve together at side seams. Press seam.

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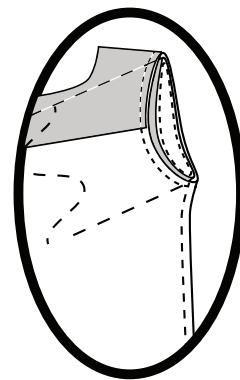
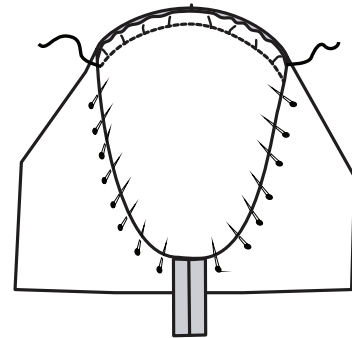
RST, stitch dress together at the side seams.

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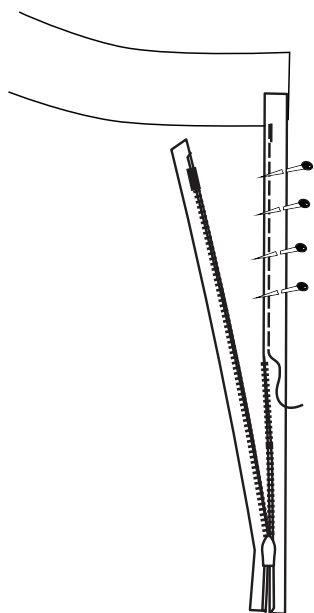
RST, attach the front bodice to the front skirt. Press bodice seam upwards and the skirt seam downwards. Repeat for the back pieces.

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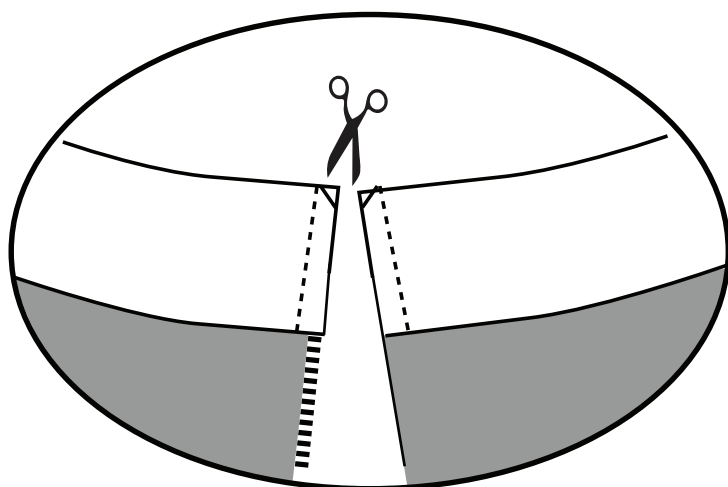
Run a gathering stitch along the sleeve head. Pin the sleeve RST to the bodice. Pin the sleeve RST to the bodice as shown, then if needed pull slightly on the threads until the sleeve will fit in the armhole. Be careful not to create gathers in the sleeve head. Pin in place. Stitch sleeve in position, removing pins as you go.

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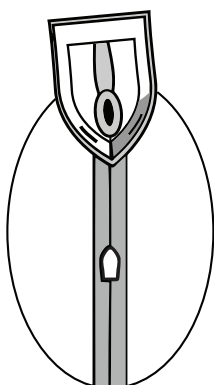
Flip the neckline facing up and on the right side of the bodice, pin your concealed zip in place RST. Using a zipper foot on your machine, sew a line of stitches as close to the teeth as you can get and as far down as the foot will allow. Repeat other side.

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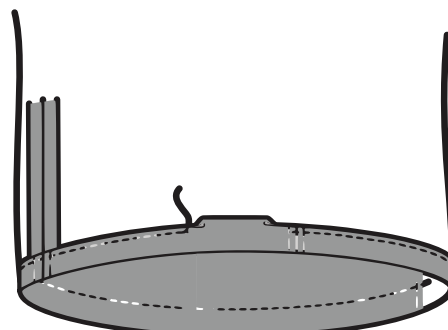
Fold facing over the zipper so that it is RST with it, then sew a small line of stitches to secure the facing to the dress. You will be stitching through the zipper, the facing and the dress. Snip the top corner of the zip and then turn the facing back through so it is right sides out and lying flat on the inside of the dress. Press flat.

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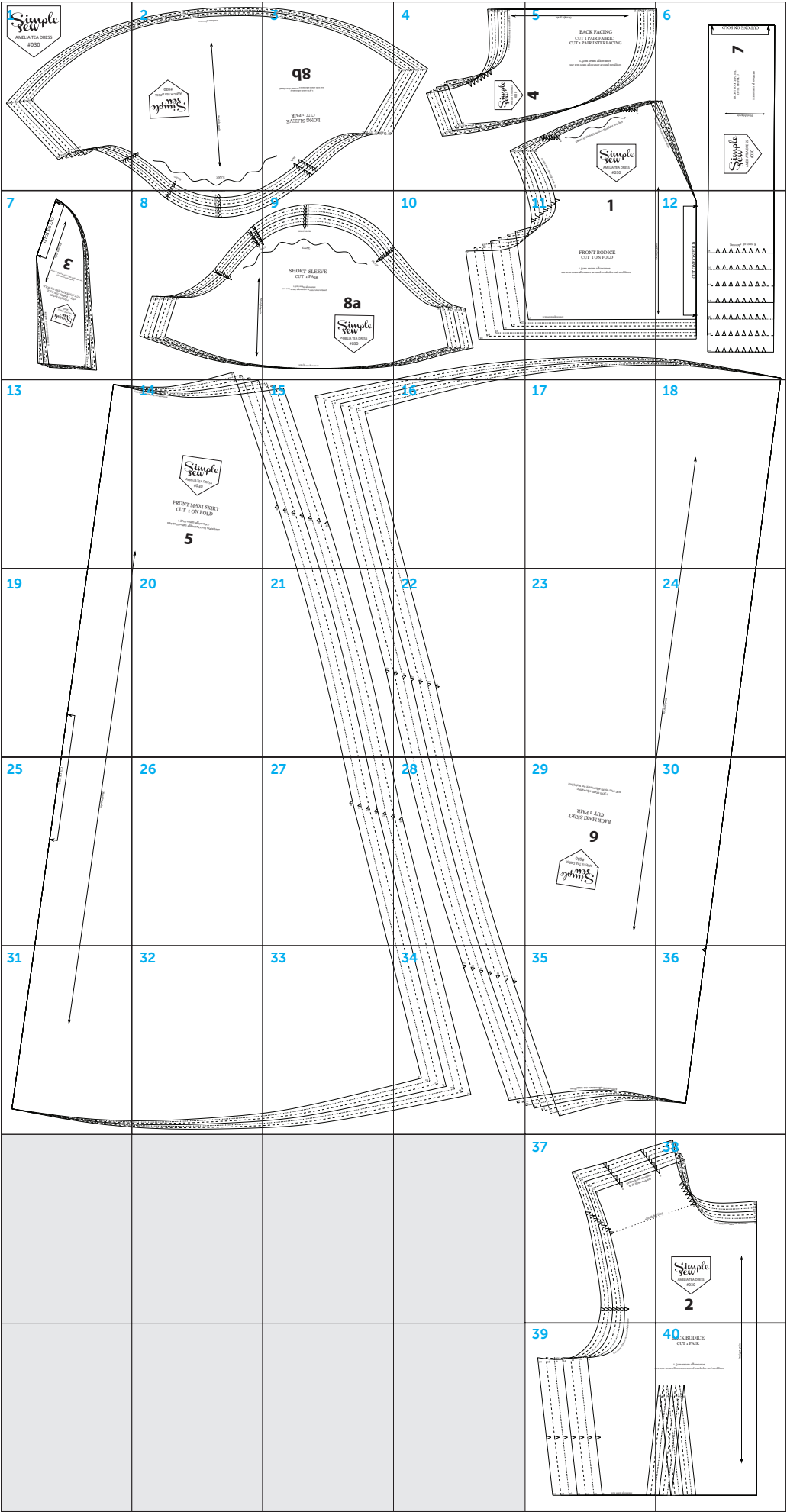


Sewing from the bottom of the zip, continue the centre back seam all the way to the hem and press the seam open.

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Finally, turn up the dress hem by 0.5cm and press and pin in place then sew all the way around, removing pins as you go.

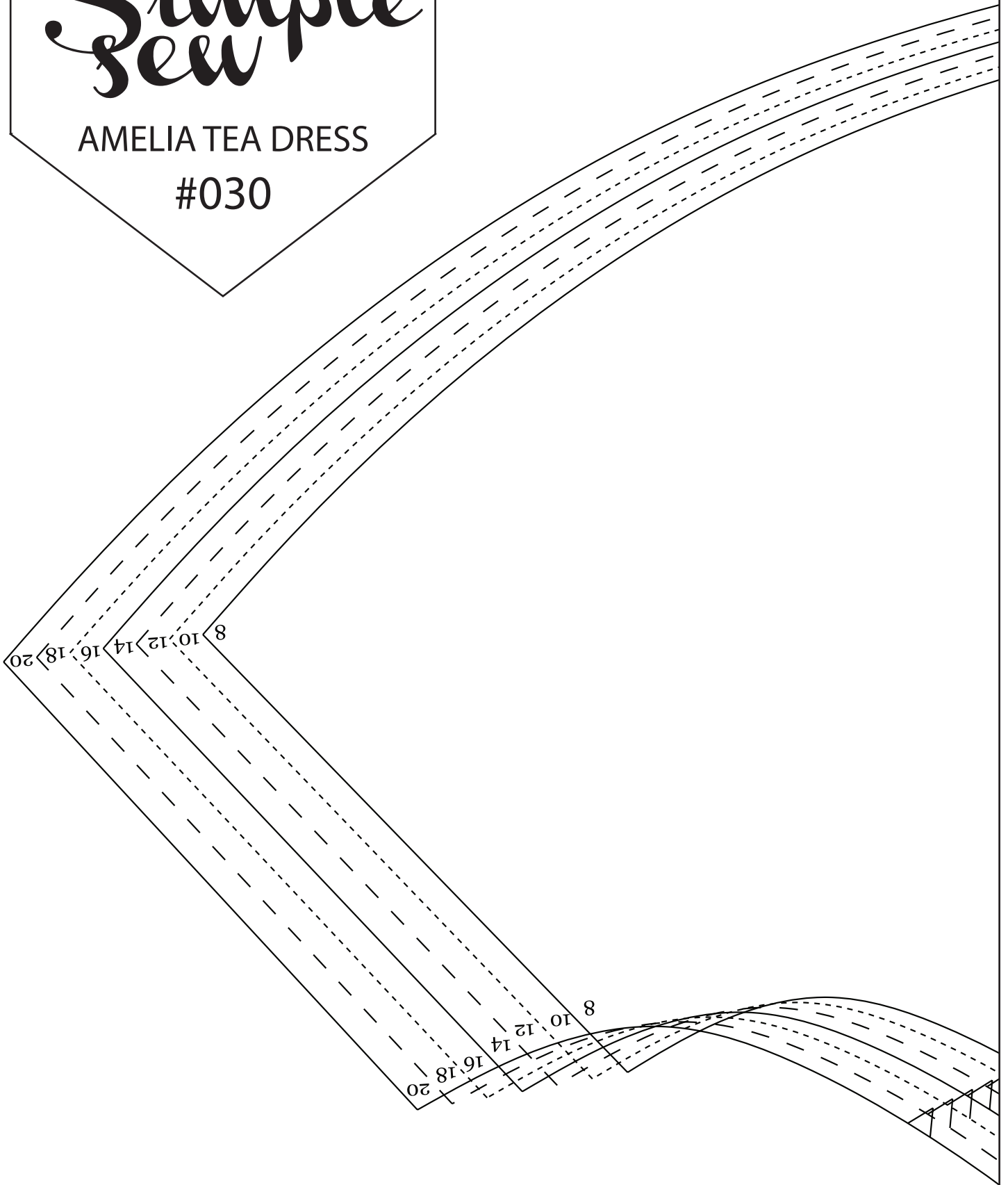


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1cm hem allowance



Straight grain

EASE

FRONT

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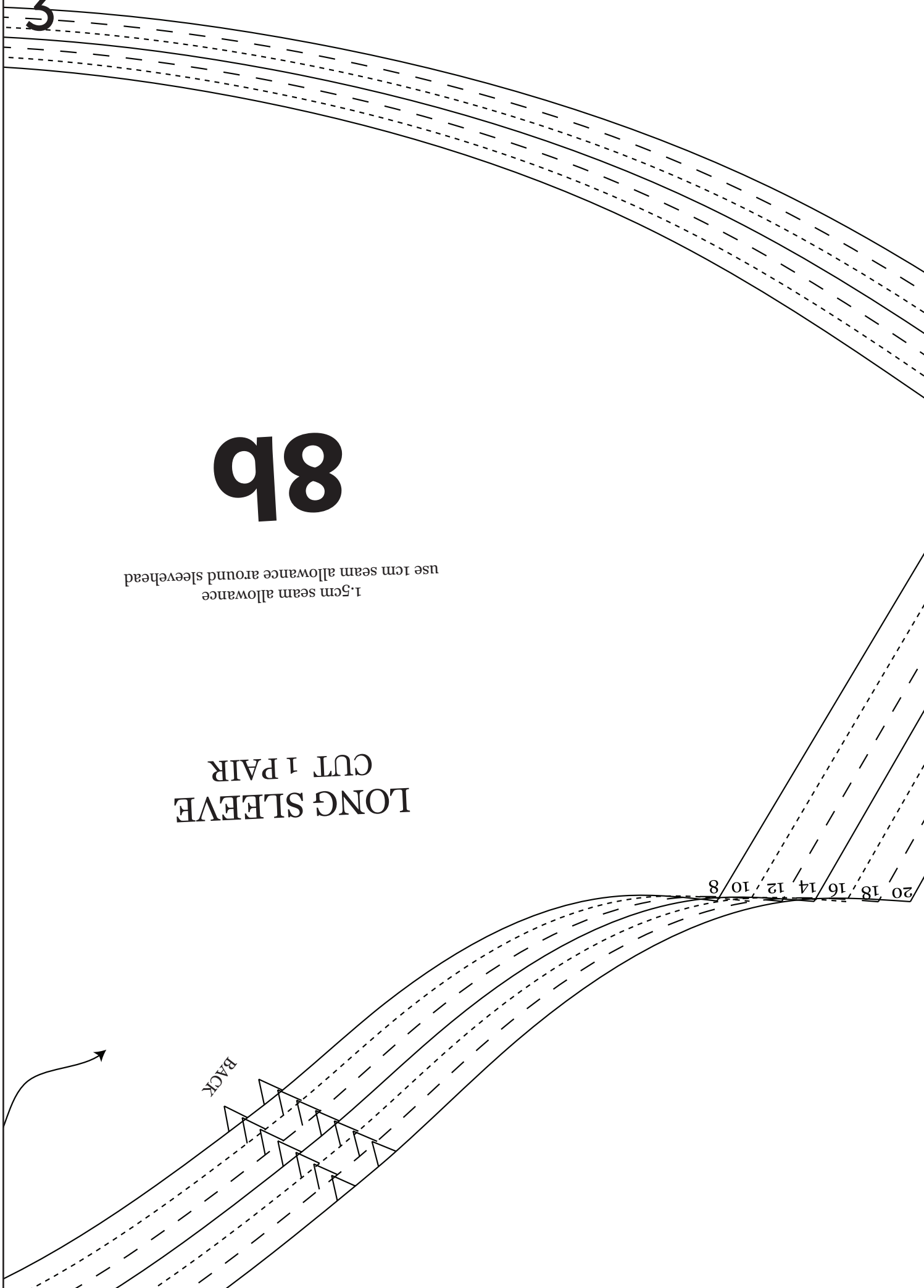
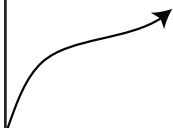
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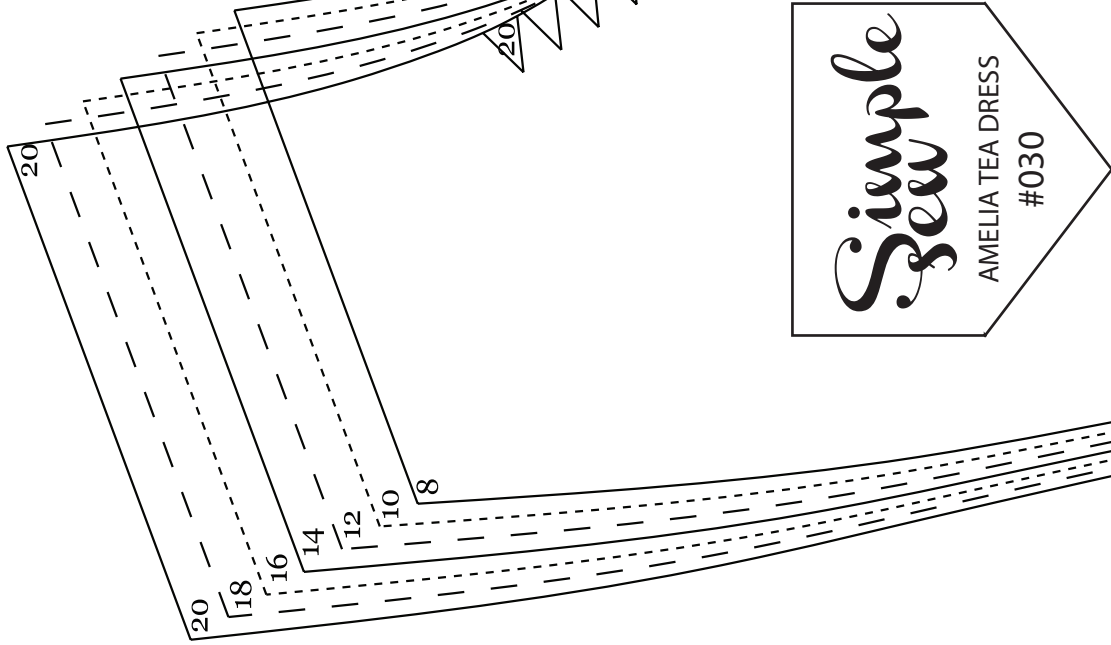
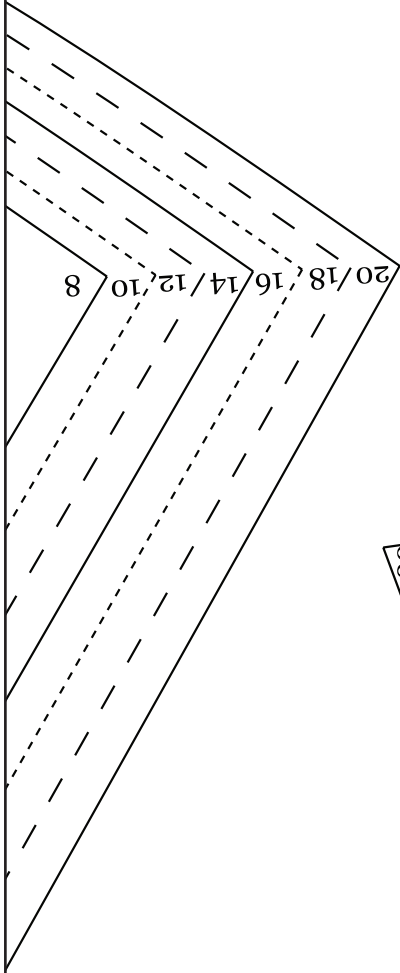
1.5cm seam allowance
use 1cm seam allowance around sleevehead

LONG SLEEVE
CUT 1 PAIR

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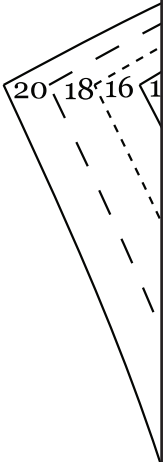
BACK





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1 cm seam allowance on necklines



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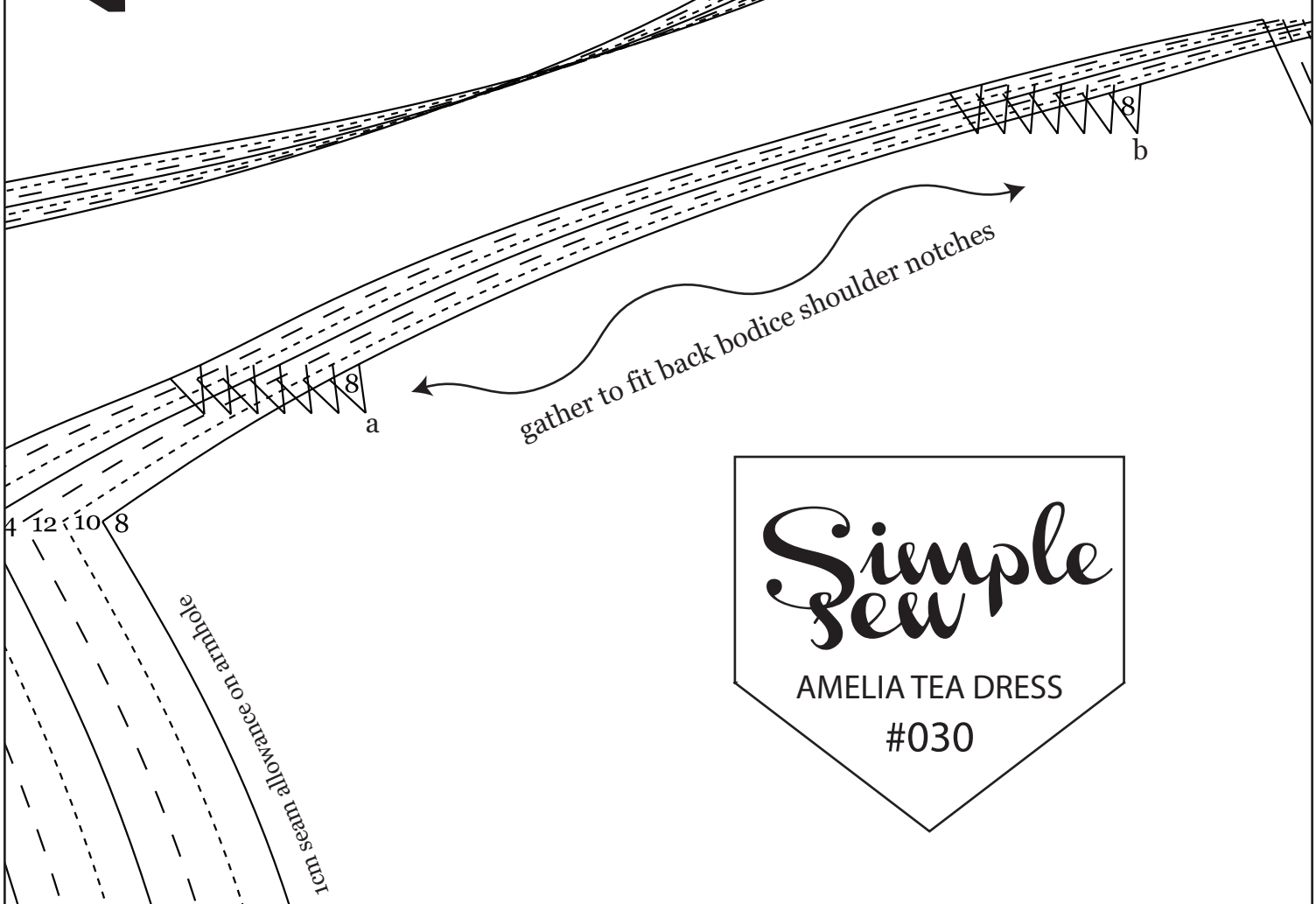
Straight grain →

BACK FACING
CUT 1 PAIR FABRIC
CUT 1 PAIR INTERFACING

1.5cm seam allowance
use 1cm seam allowance around necklines

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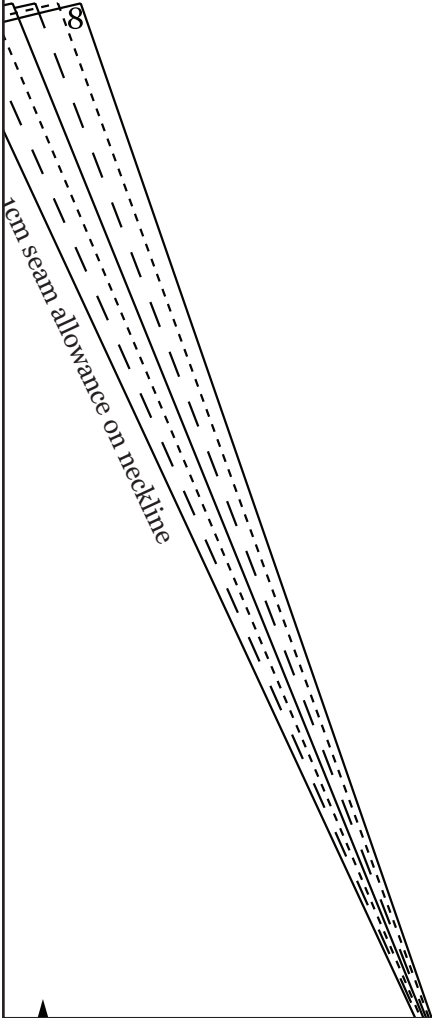
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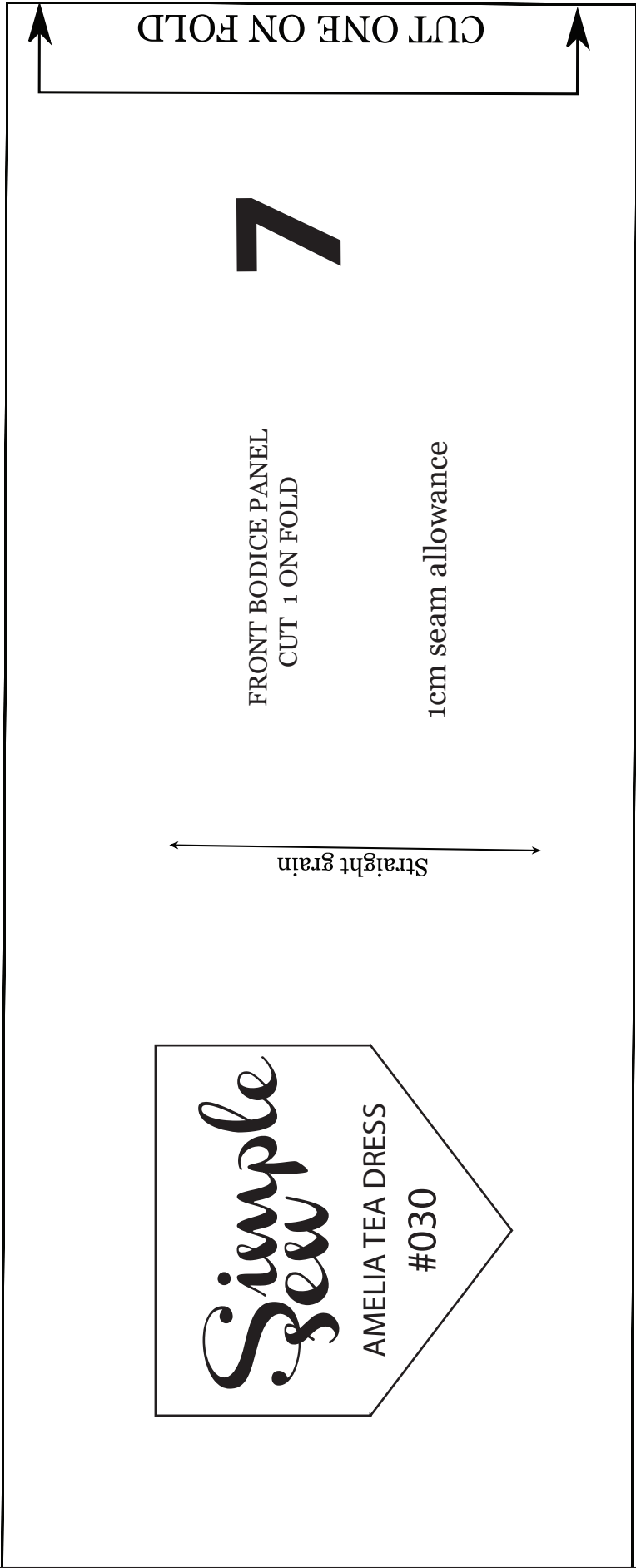
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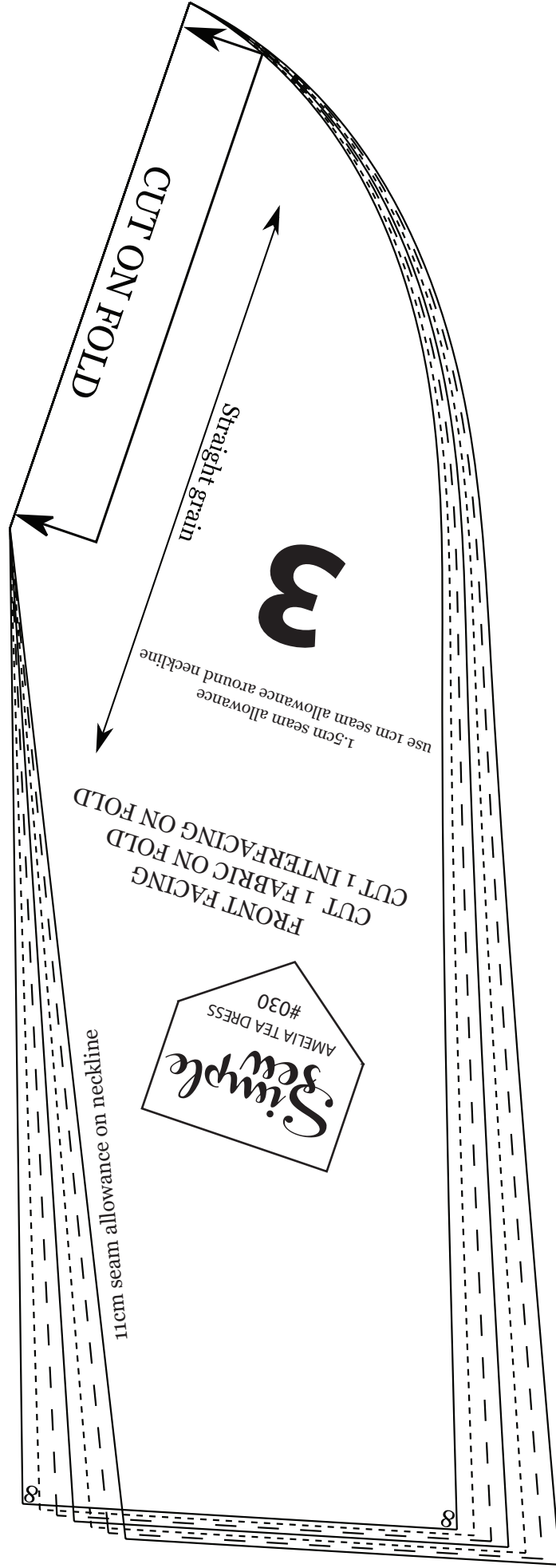
FRONT BODICE PANEL
CUT 1 ON FOLD

1cm seam allowance

CUT ONE ON FOLD

Straight grain





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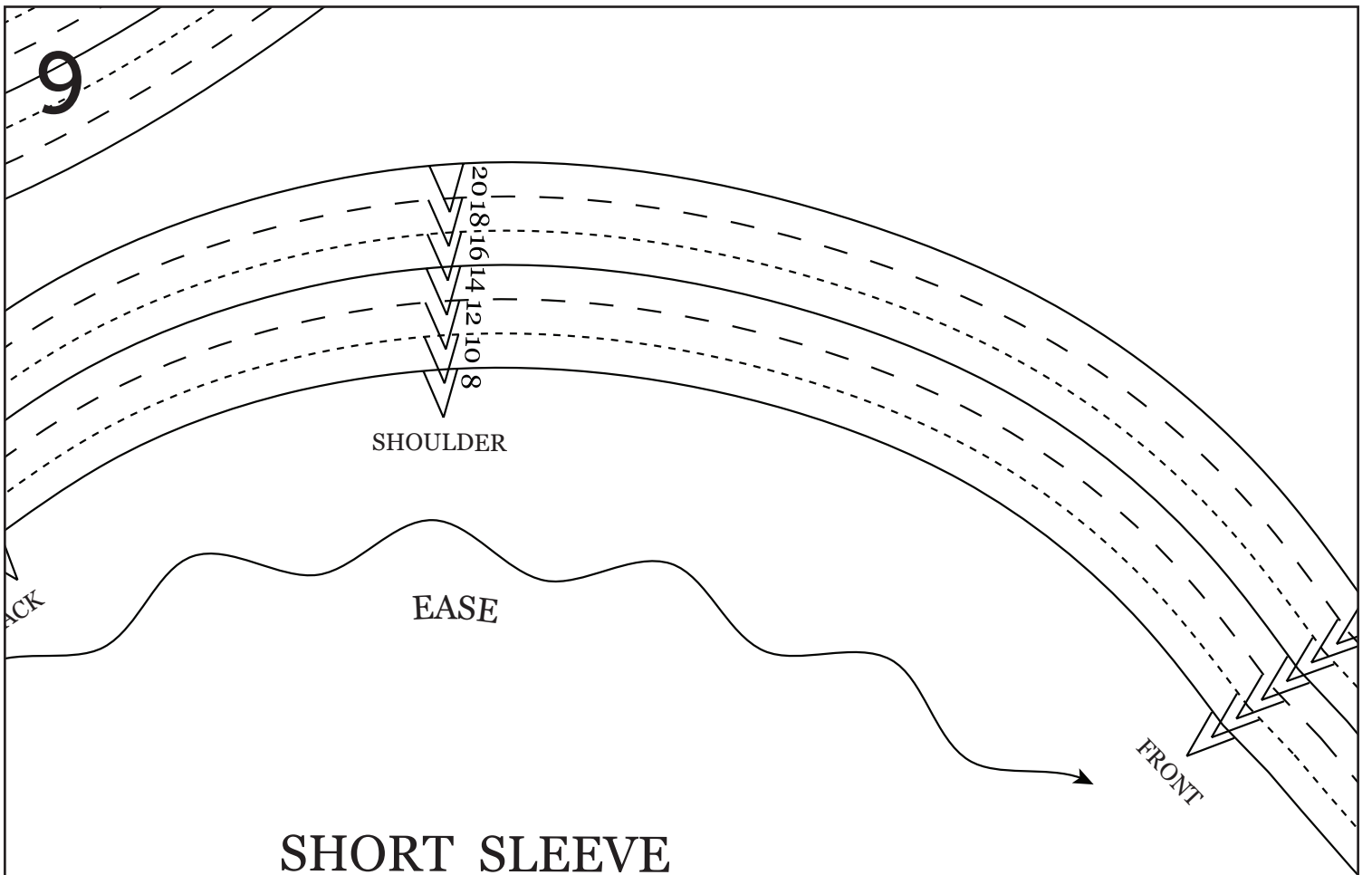
Straight grain

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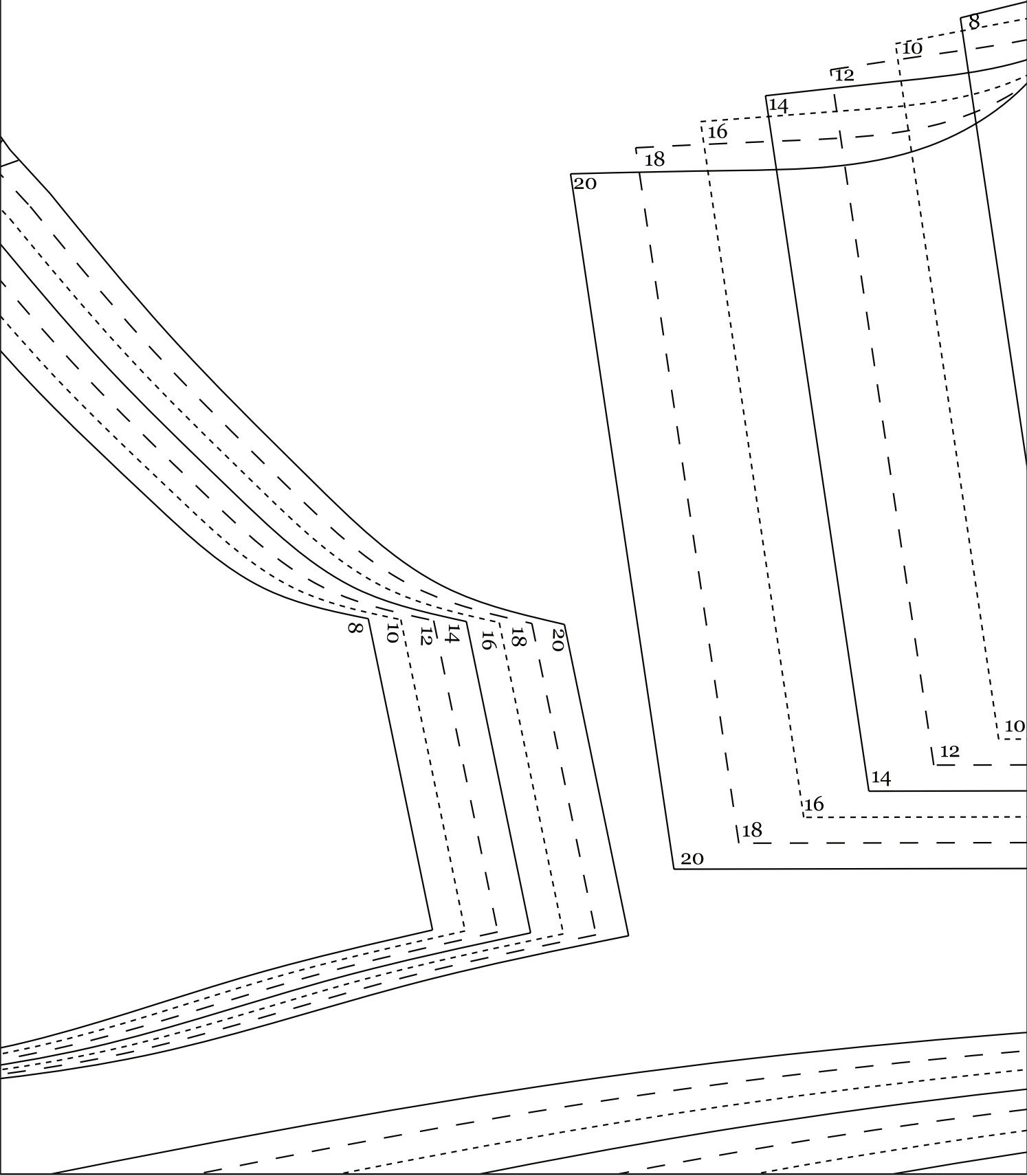
SHORT SLEEVE CUT 1 PAIR

1.5cm seam allowance
use 1cm seam allowance around sleevehead

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1cm hem allowance



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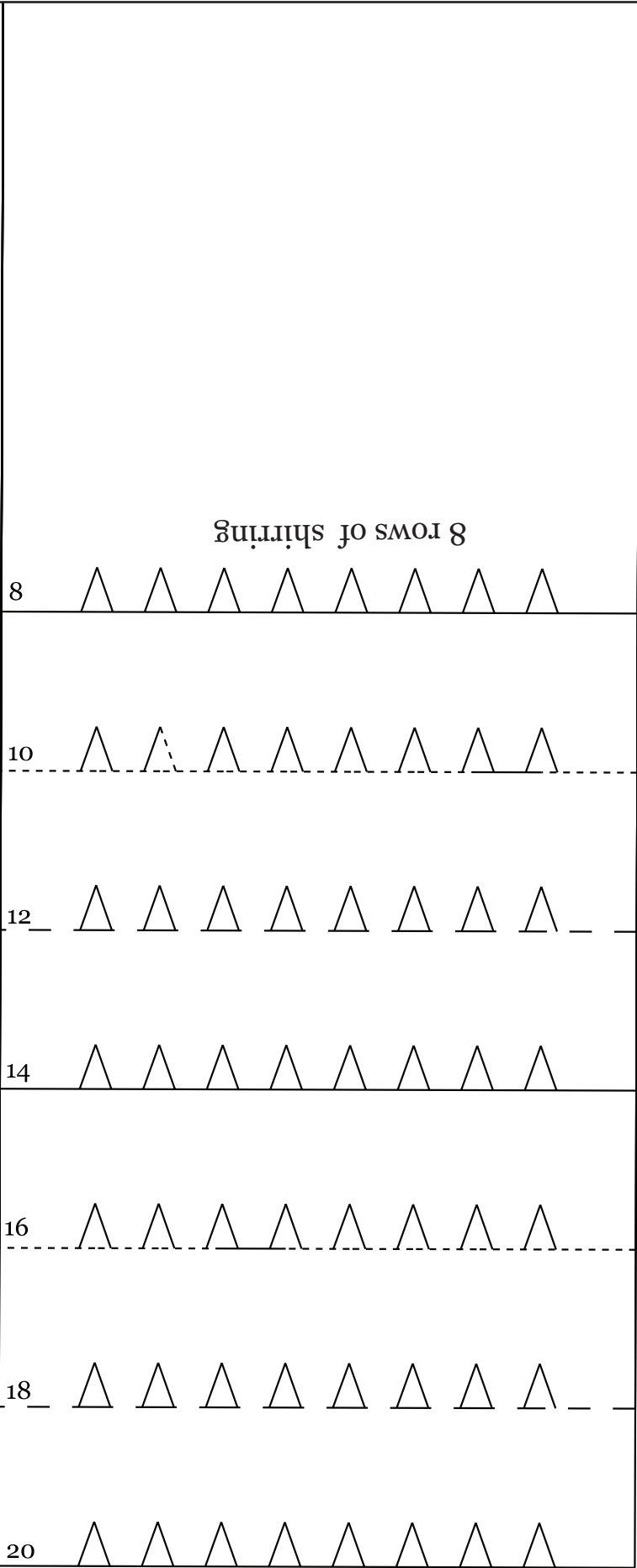
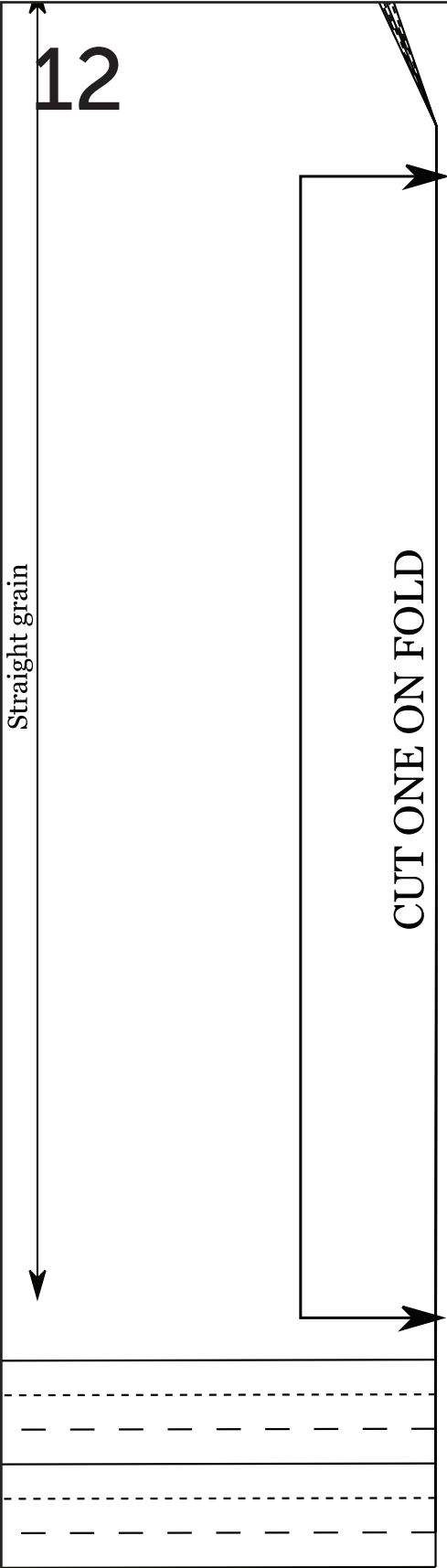
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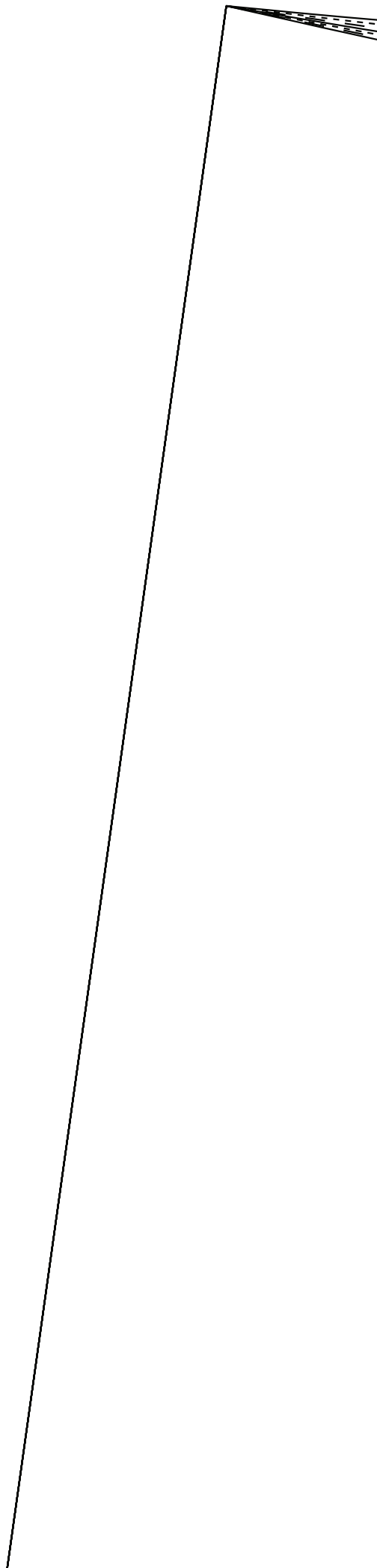
FRONT BODICE CUT 1 ON FOLD

1.5cm seam allowance
use 1cm seam allowance around armholes and necklines

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1cm seam allowance





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1cm seam allowance on waistline

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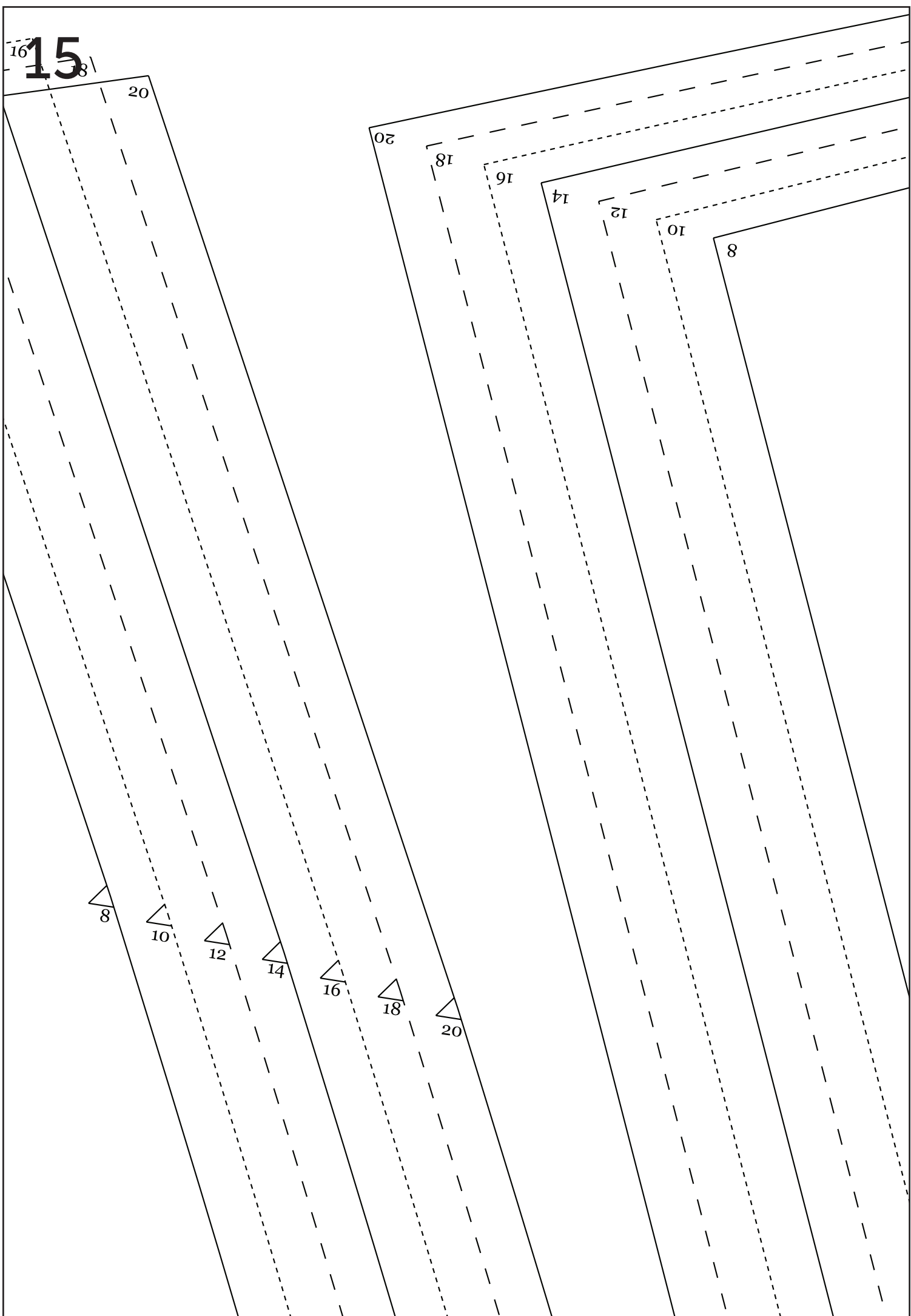


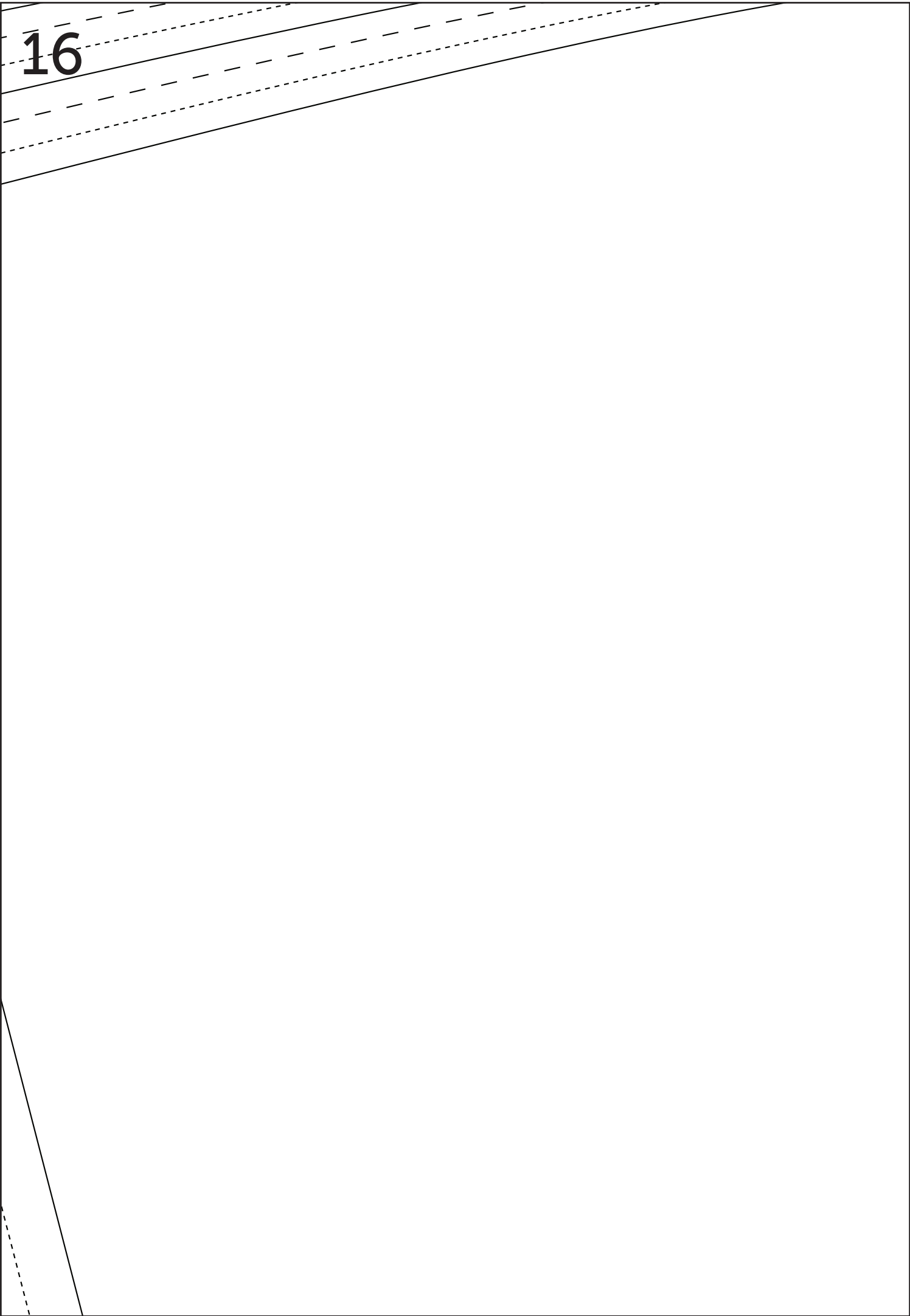
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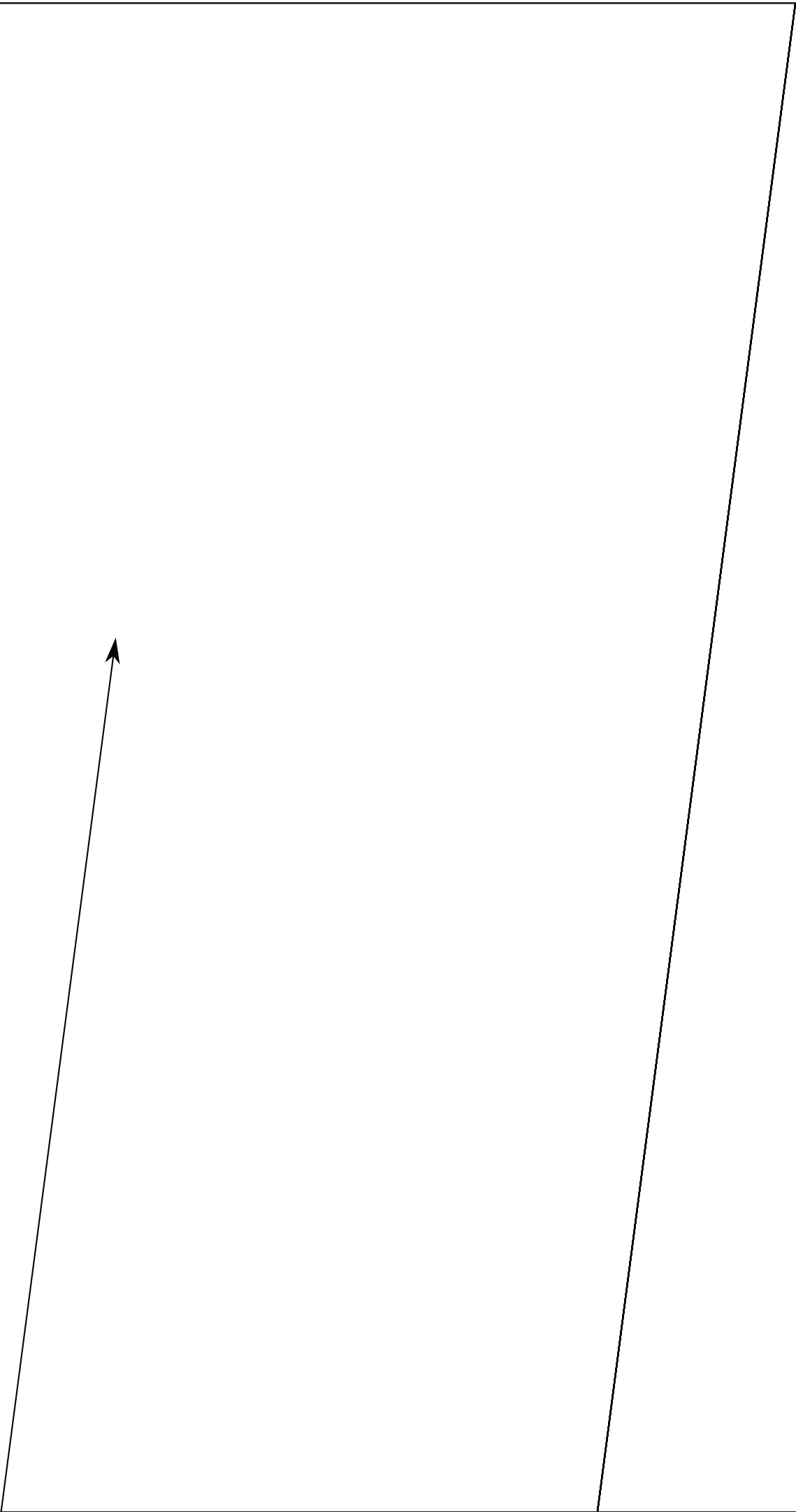
1.5cm seam allowance
use 1cm seam allowance on waistline

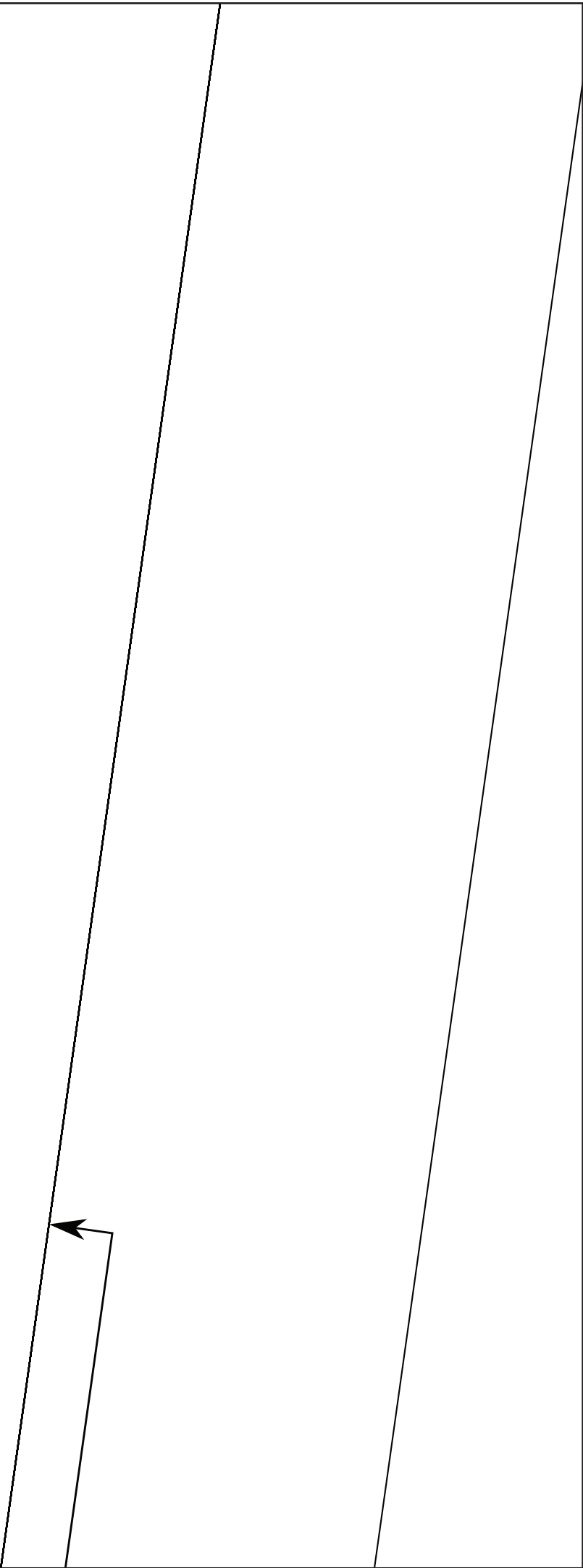
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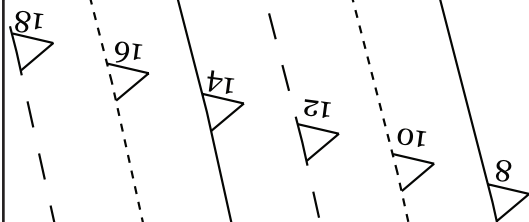




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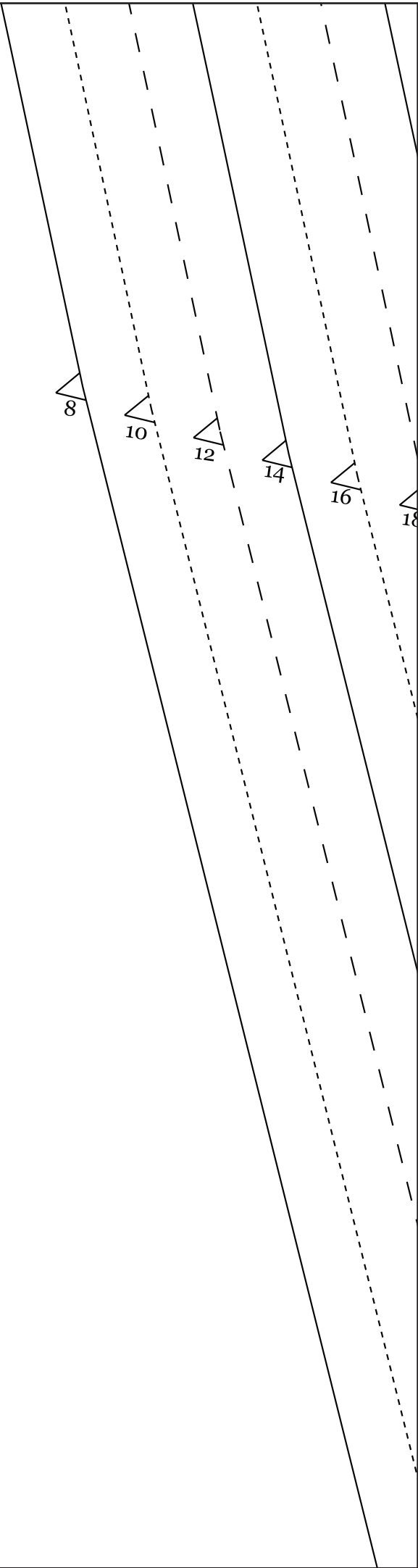


Straight grain

Straight grain

CUT ON FOLD





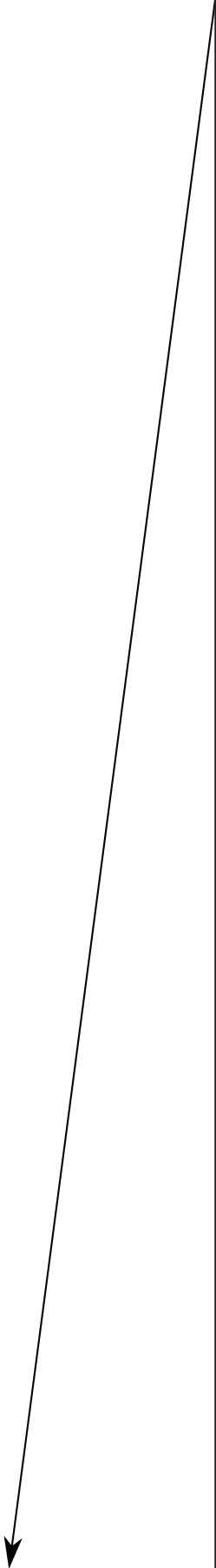
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1.5cm seam allowance
use 1cm seam allowance on waistline

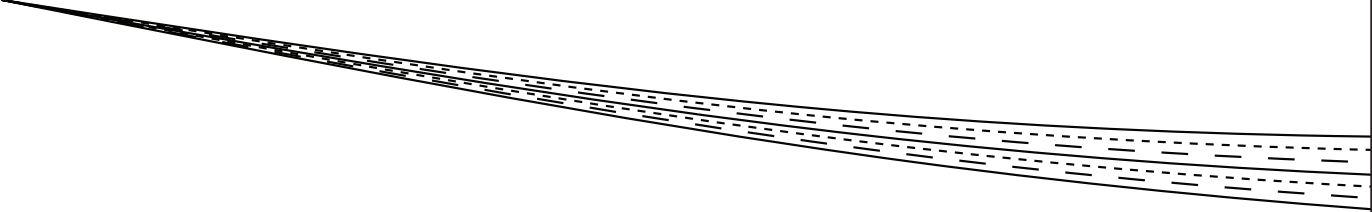
BACK MAXI SKIRT
CUT 1 PAIR

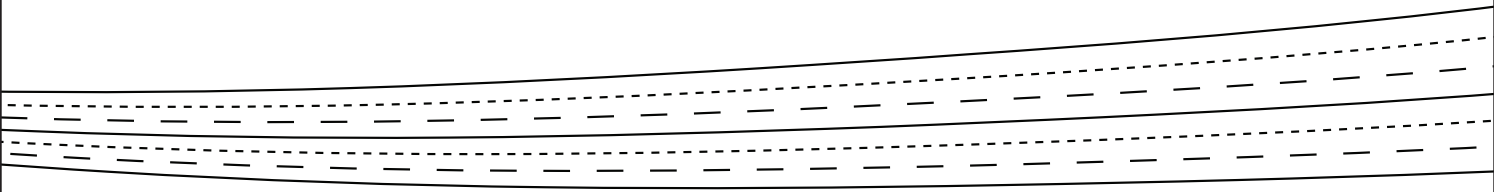
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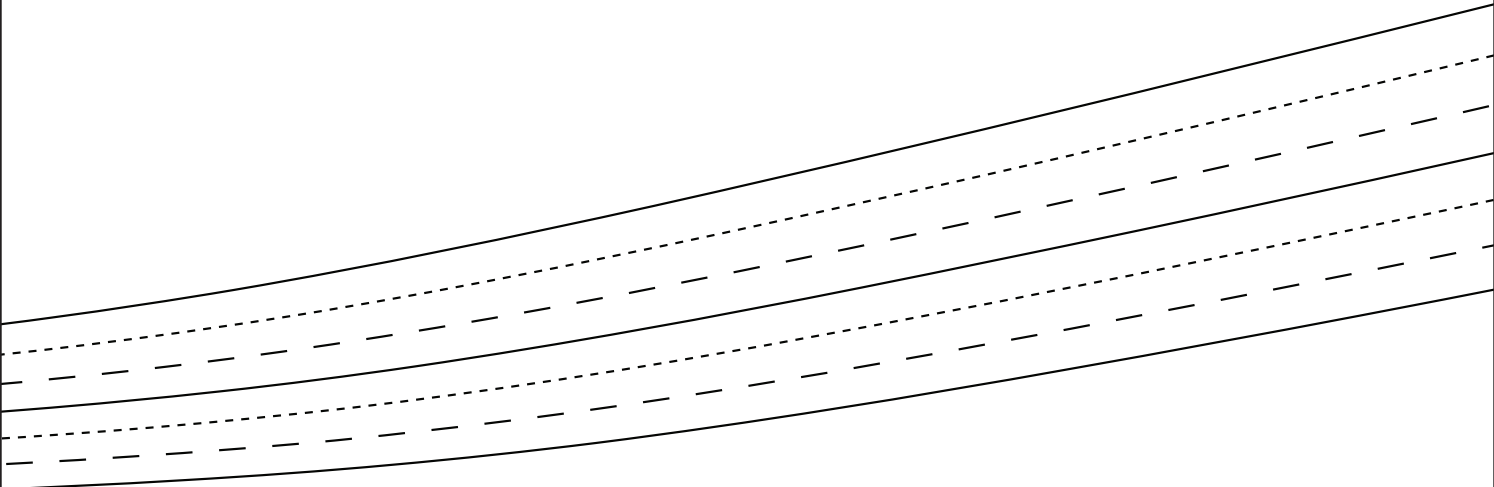


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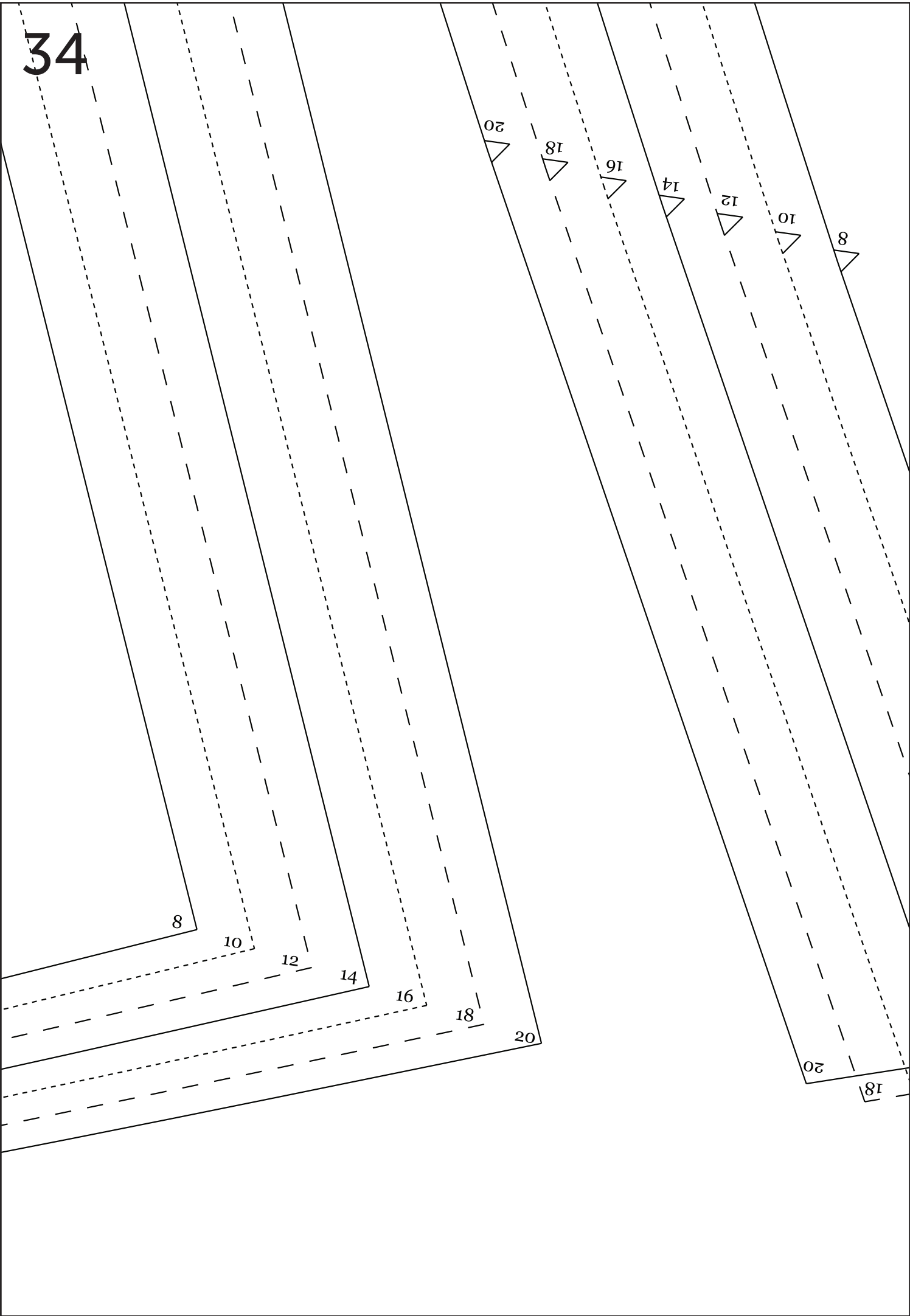
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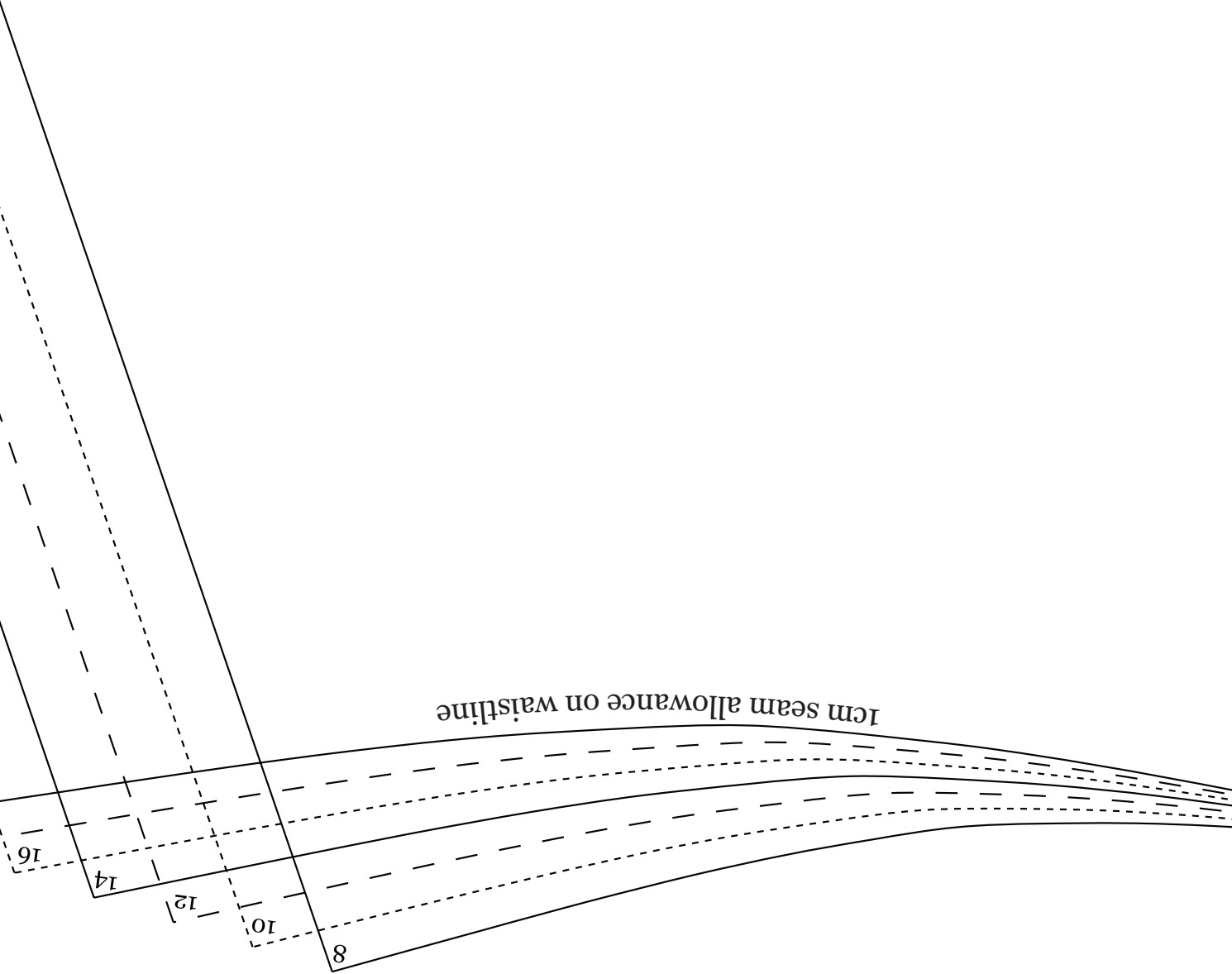




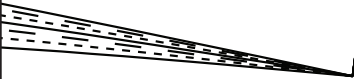


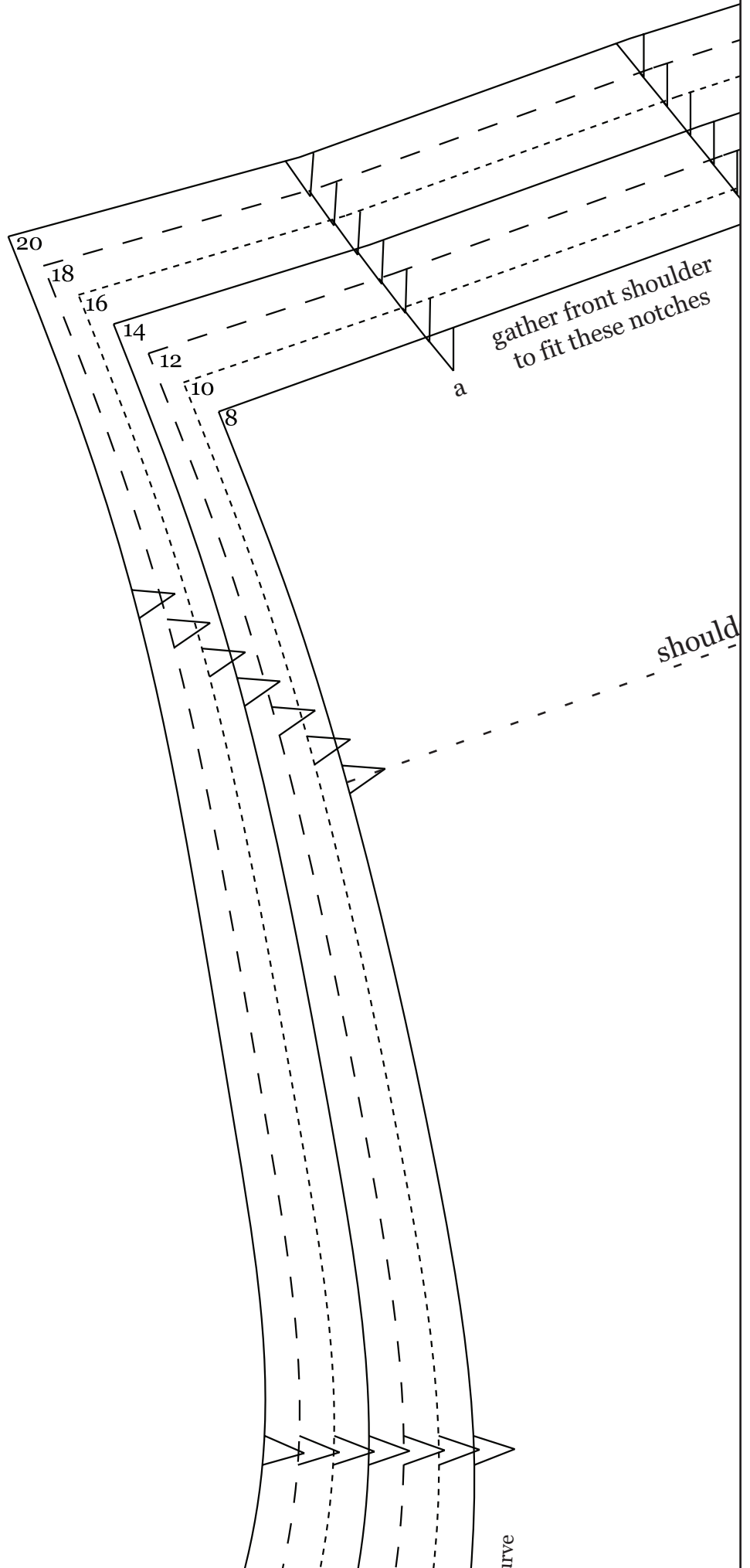
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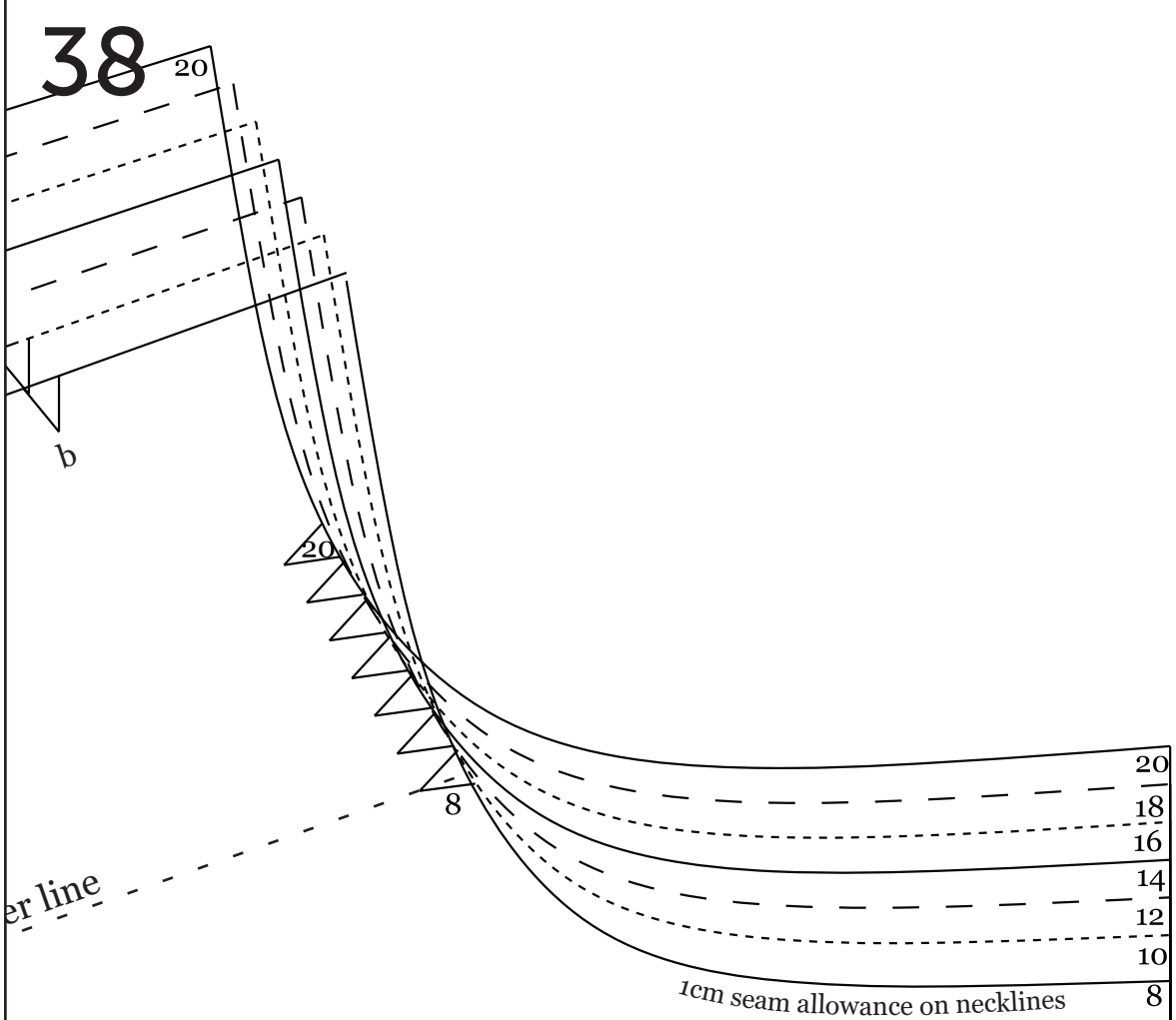




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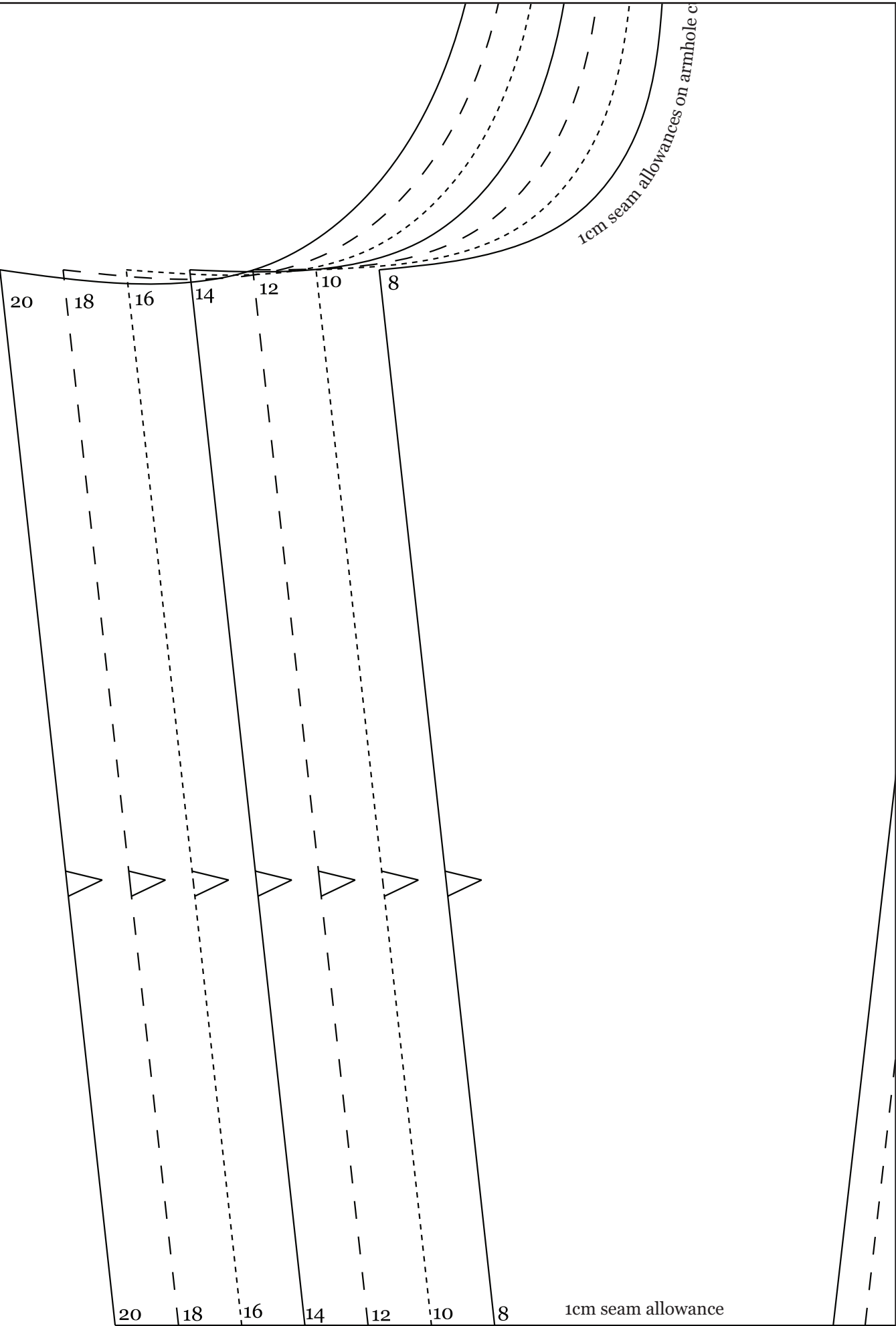






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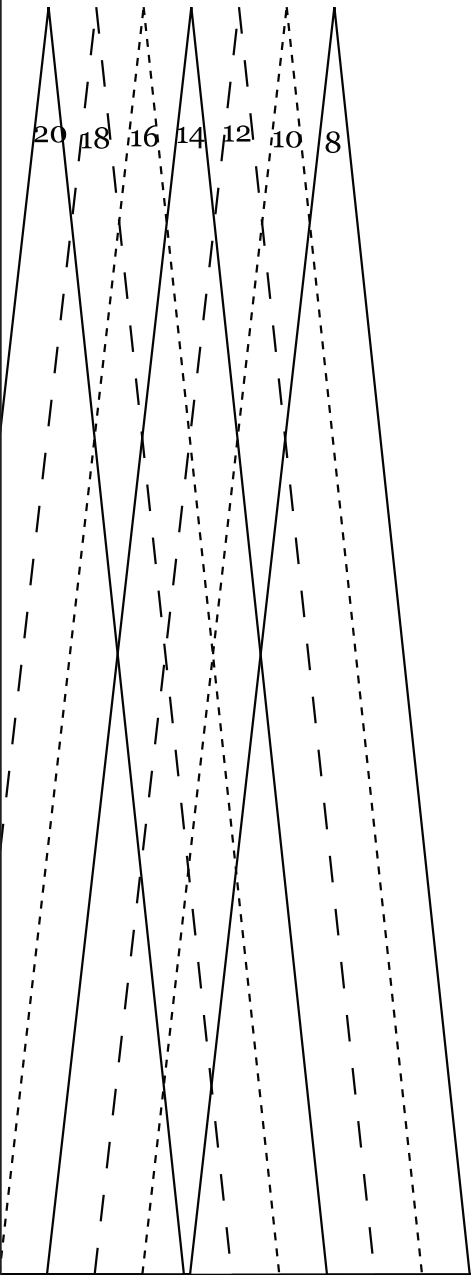


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BACK BODICE
CUT 1 PAIR

1.5cm seam allowance

use 1cm seam allowance around armholes and necklines



Straight grain

