

Push the **BUTTON**

Learn to sew a stand collar and a hidden placket while brushing up on your buttonholes and princess seams!

Project **CLAIRE GARSIDE**

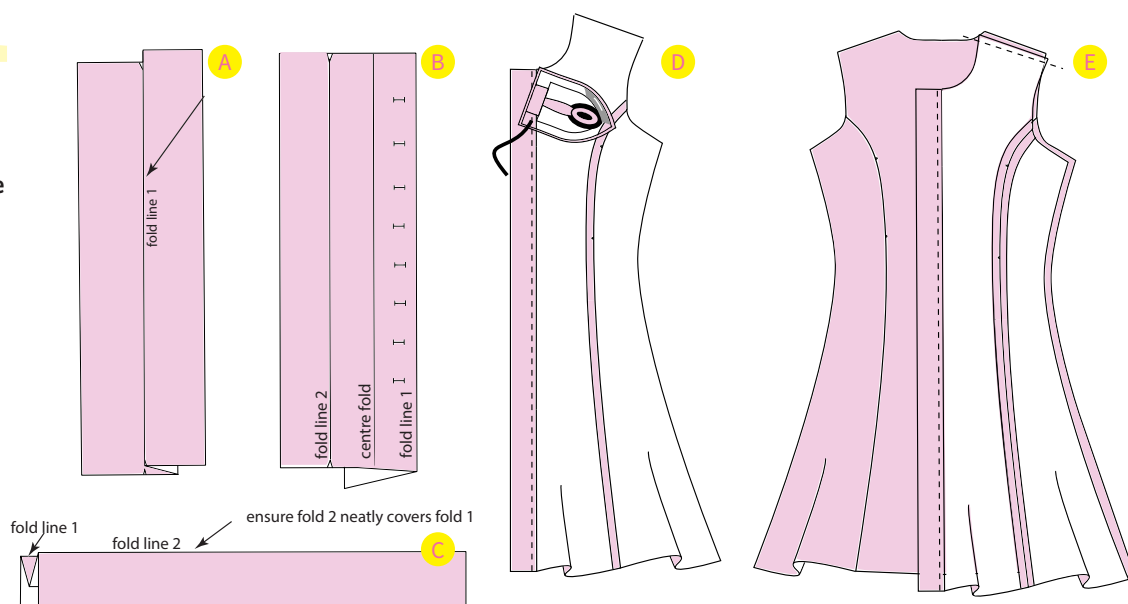


Shopping list

Michael Millar plain cotton couture poplin, £2.50 per FQ. Timeless Treasures mini hearts poplin, £3 per FQ
Both available at www.minervacrafts.com

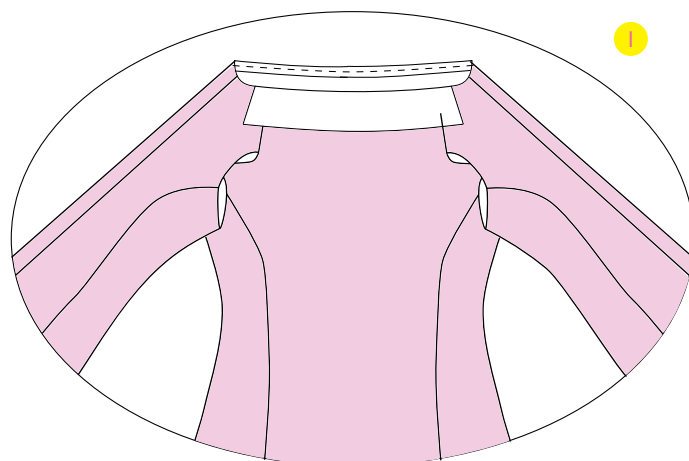
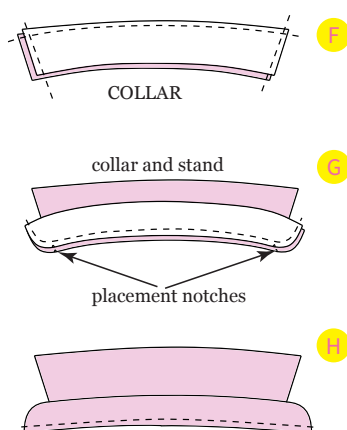
MATERIALS & TOOLS

- 1.5m (shirt) or 3m (dress) light or medium-weight fabric (unsuitable for checks or plaids)
- 1m contrast fabric for belt (optional)
- 1m lightweight interfacing
- 12 x 1cm buttons
- co-ordinating thread
- templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk



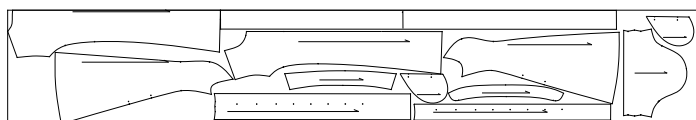
HOW TO MAKE:

- 1 Take the hidden placket piece and with RST fold along the centre and press.
- 2 Turn back the right-hand side of the placket at the fold notch (marked at the top edge) and press down the length of the placket. (See Pic A.)
- 3 Open out the centre fold create buttonholes in the right-hand side of the placket. (See Pic B.)
- 4 If needed, press the centre fold again so it is crisp then fold



LAYPLAN

45" LAYPLAN



SIZING CHART

	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
BUST	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"
WAIST	25"	27"	29"	31"	33"	35"	37"	39"

back the left-hand side of the placket as with the right, using the notch at the upper edge as a guide. Ensure this part of the placket fully covers the buttonholes. (See Pic C.)

- 5 With RST attach the right-hand side of the concealed placket to the

right-hand side (as worn) of the dress. Press the seam allowance towards the placket then enclose the seam allowance of the left side of placket inside and top-stitch.

- 6 Press the left-hand side long edge of the button stand over by 1.5cm. Place the

button stand so the RS faces the WS of the front aligning the raw edges. Sew then press the seam towards the stand. Press the stand in half WST so the folded edge sits neatly over the previous line of stitching, then top-stitch.

- 7 With RST join the front and side front dress pieces for each pair. Trim and notch the seams then press to one side. (See Pic D.)

- 8 With RST join centre back and side back for each pair.

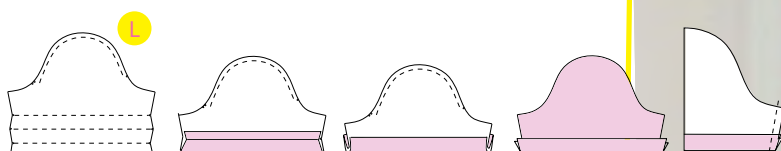
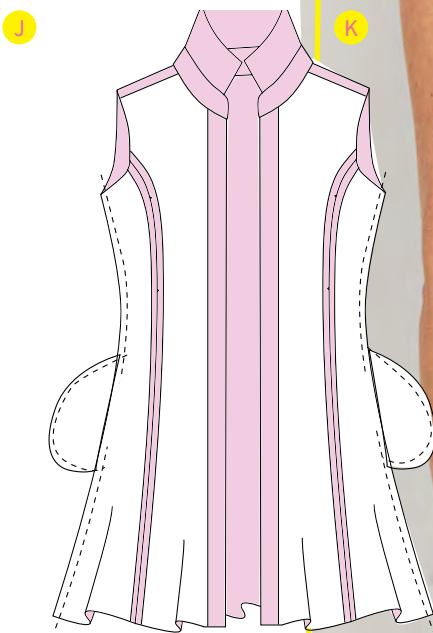
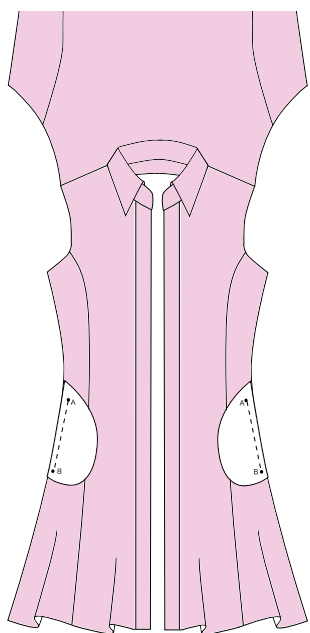
Trim and notch the seams then press to one side.

- 9 With RST join front and back dress at the shoulders. Press seam open. (See Pic E.)

- 10 With RST join collar pieces at outer edges, trim and clip the corners then turn the collar RS out and push out the corners with a point turner. (See Pic F.)

- 11 RST insert the collar pieces in-between the collar stand pieces (the raw edges will be sandwiched in between the inner and outer collar stand), use the collar notches as guides for placement. Stitch all along the

Top tip
Clip the collar points diagonally to reduce bulk and create a sharp point when turned to the right side



curved collar stand edge as shown. (See Pic G.)

12 Trim and notch then press the collar stand down into position and tack the bottom edges together within the seam allowance. (See Pic H.)

13 With RST attach the outer collar stand to the dress at the neckline. (See Pic I.) Press upwards into position the turn under the inner seam allowance and slip-stitch closed.

14 With RST pin each pocket piece onto the dress as shown. Use notches for placement

and then stitch in place with a 1cm seam allowance. (See Pic J.)

15 Press the pockets outwards with the seam allowance facing out.

16 Lay the dress front and back RST and sew down the side seams pivoting at the pockets to sew around the pocket bags in one motion.

17 Sew a line of stitches along the sleeve head curve within the seam allowance and then press the cuff turn up in place. (See Pic L.)

18 With RST join the sleeve at the side seams, trapping the cuff in position and set the sleeve into the armhole.

19 Make the belt by folding in half along the length WST and stitch all the way around, pivoting at the corner. Remember to leave a gap to turn through to RS, clip corners notch the seam allowance then turn through and slip-stitch

the gap closed. Alternatively trim the pattern piece by to a width of 6.5cm and make a contrast faced belt as we did by cutting two belt pieces and sewing as before.

20 Hem the skirt, by pressing up 3cm and then top-stitching in place.

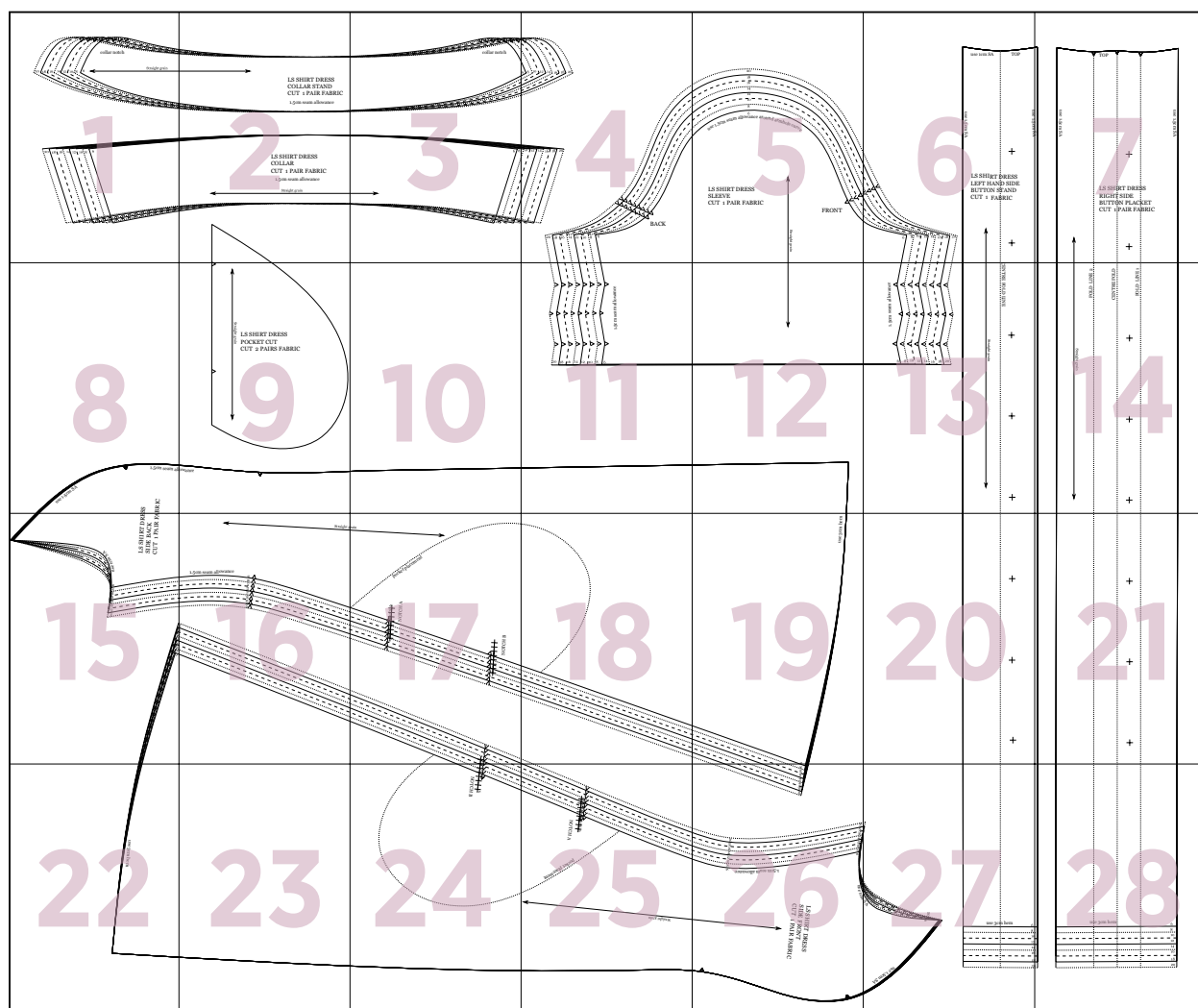
21 Stitch buttons on dress front in marked positions to complete.



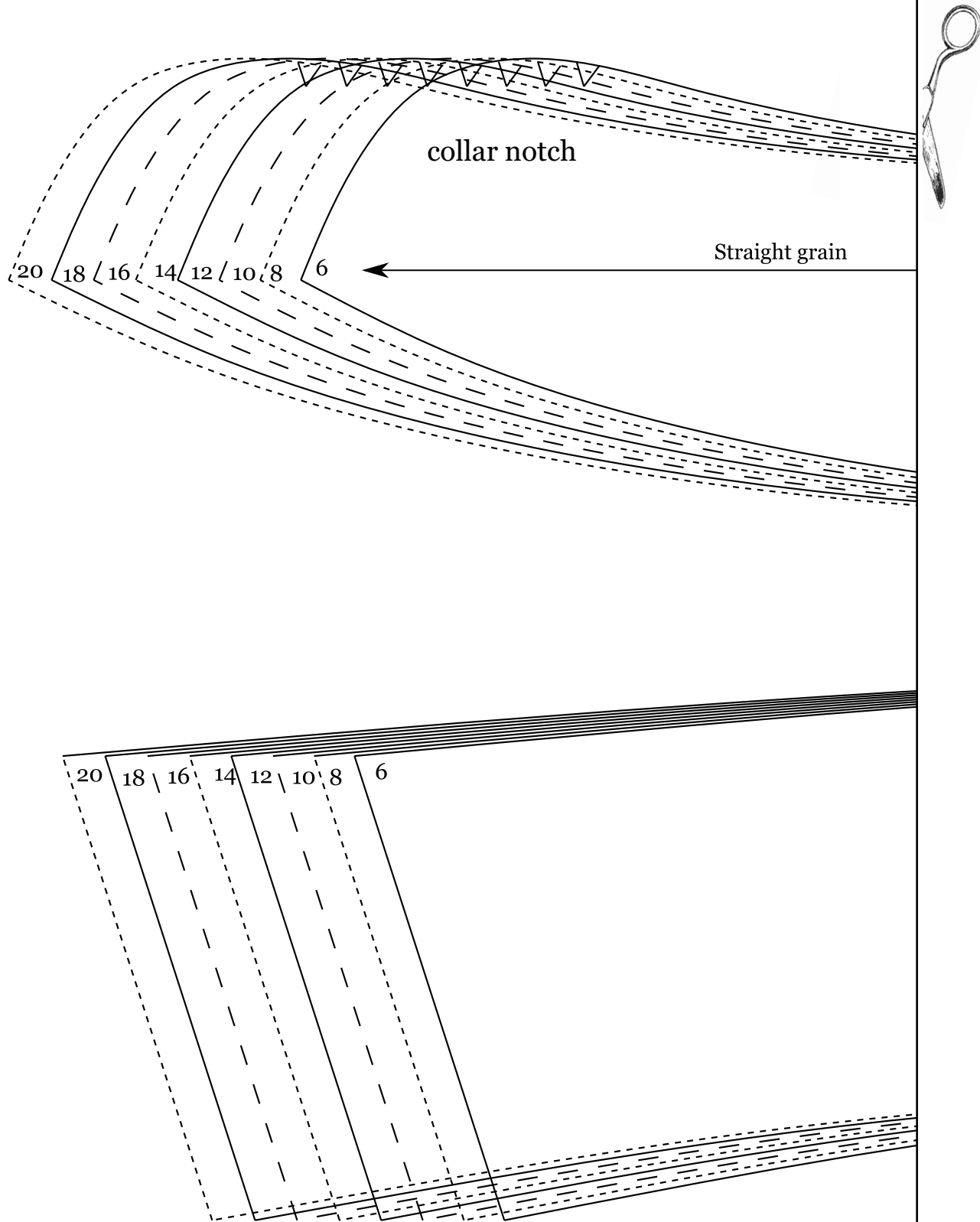
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SHIRT DRESS P1



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LS SHIRT DRESS
COLLAR STAND
CUT 1 PAIR FABRIC

1.5cm seam allowance

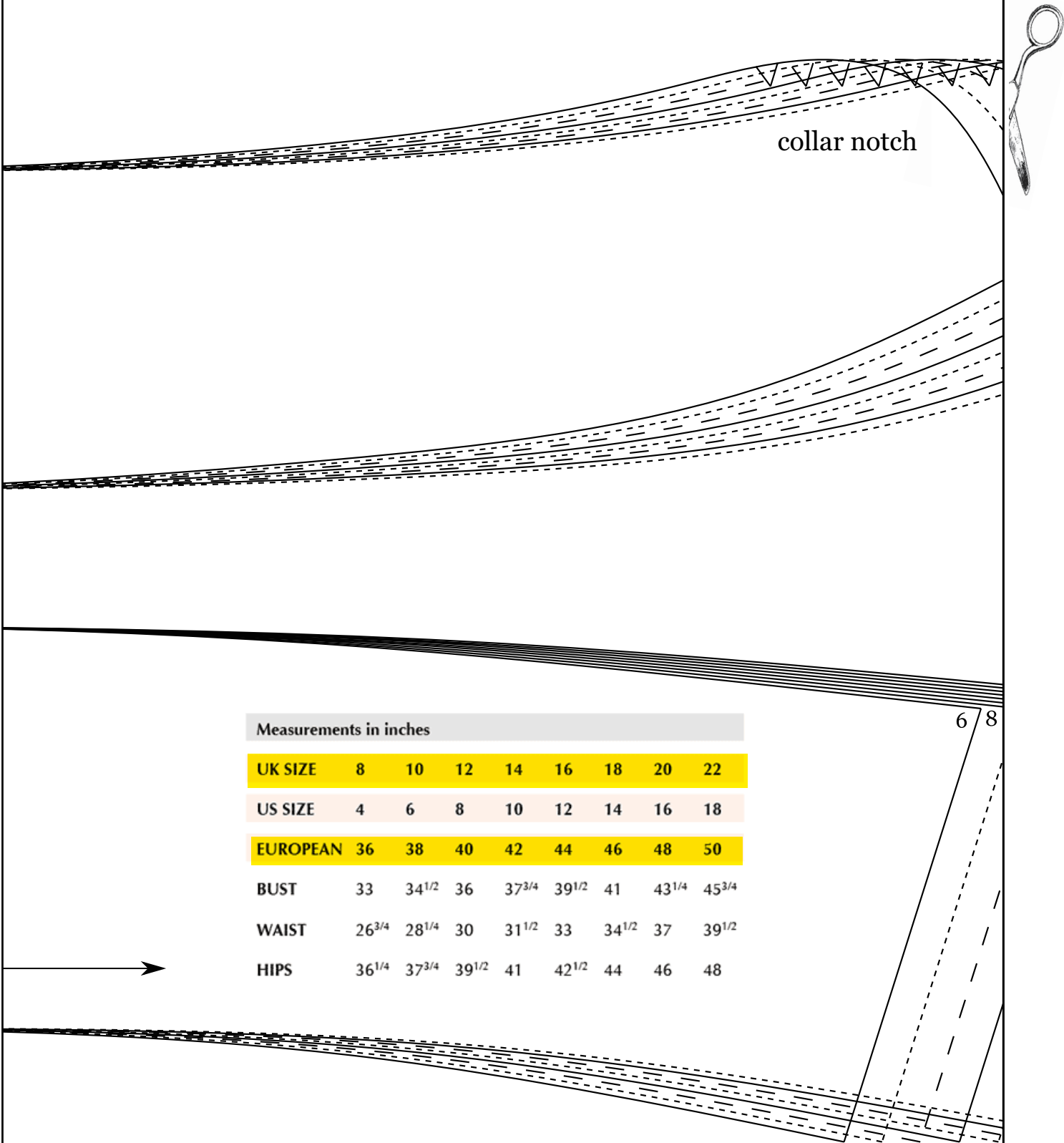
LS SHIRT DRESS
COLLAR
CUT 1 PAIR FABRIC

1.5cm seam allowance

Straight grain



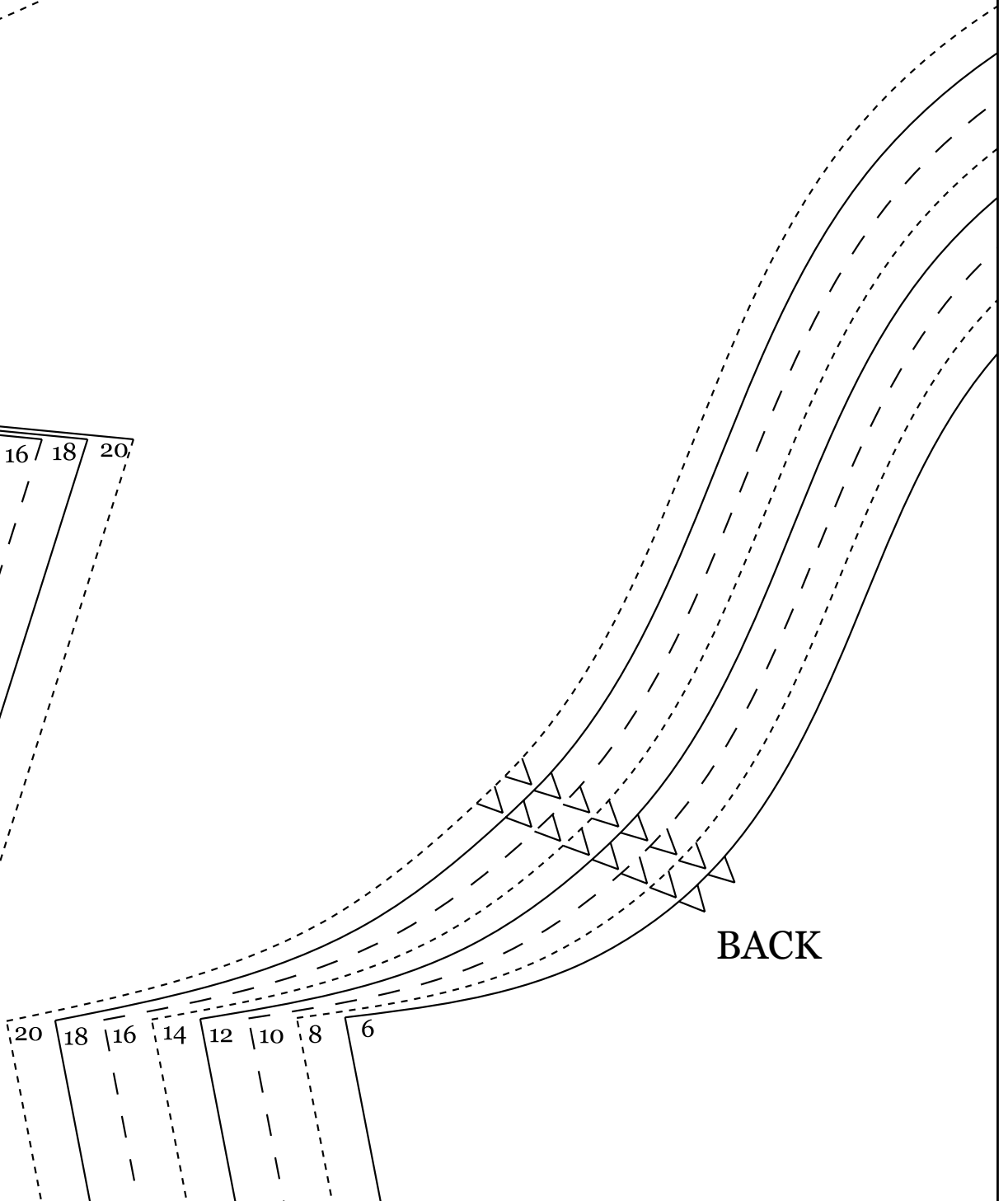
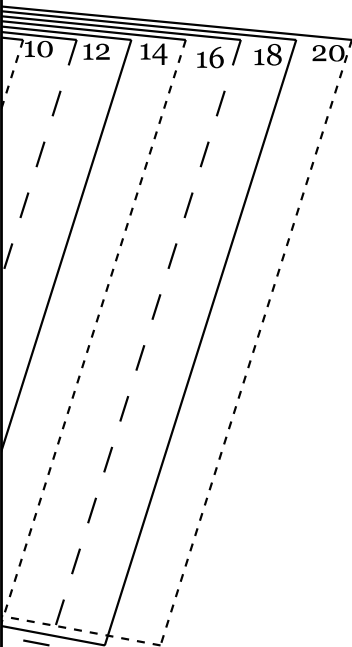
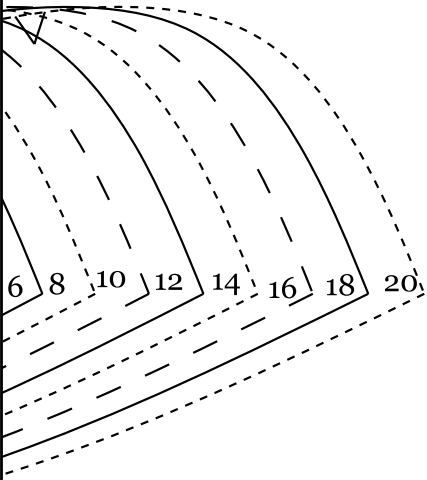
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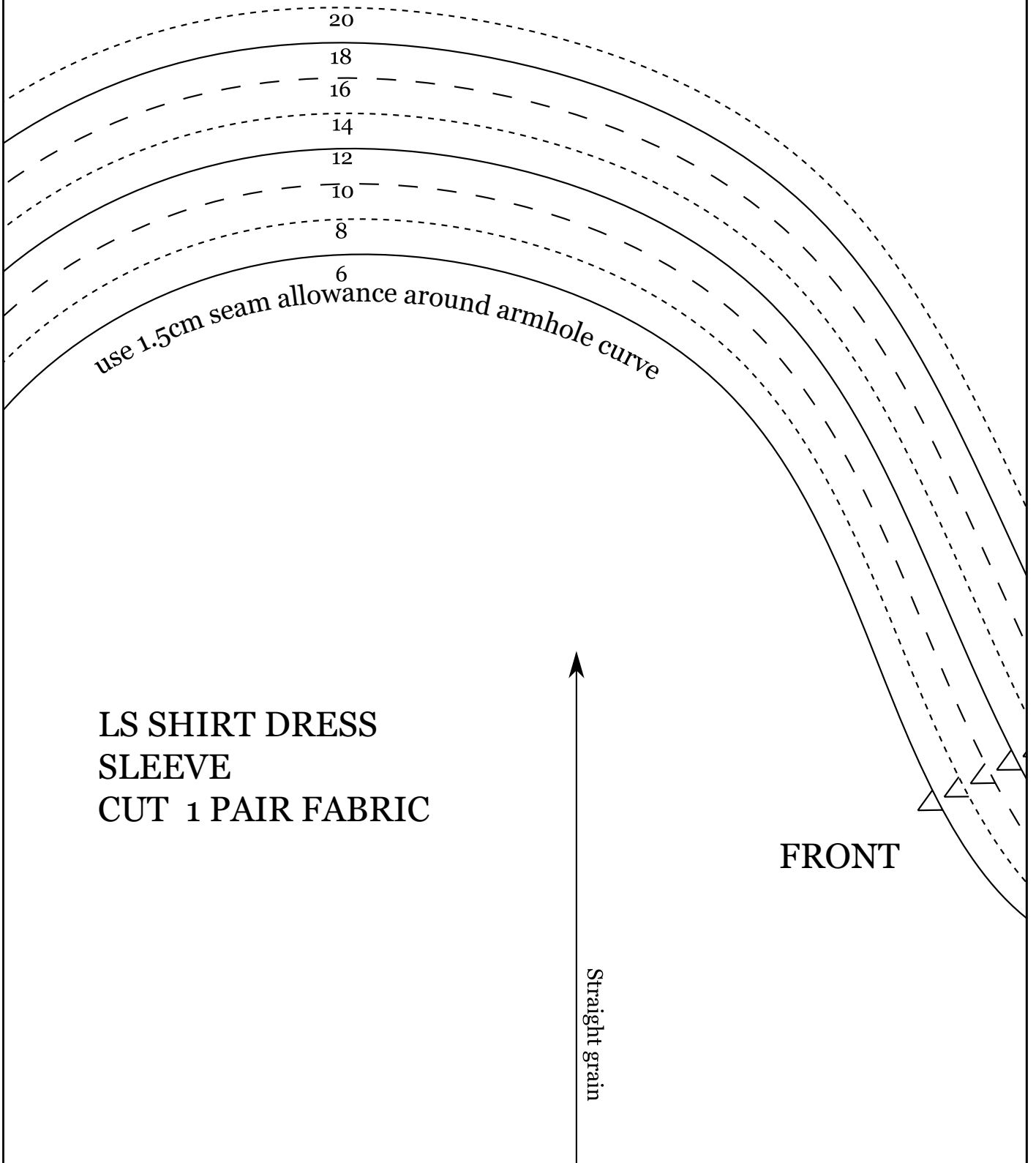
Measurements in inches

UK SIZE	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
US SIZE	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
EUROPEAN	36	38	40	42	44	46	48	50
BUST	33	34 ^{1/2}	36	37 ^{3/4}	39 ^{1/2}	41	43 ^{1/4}	45 ^{3/4}
WAIST	26 ^{3/4}	28 ^{1/4}	30	31 ^{1/2}	33	34 ^{1/2}	37	39 ^{1/2}
HIPS	36 ^{1/4}	37 ^{3/4}	39 ^{1/2}	41	42 ^{1/2}	44	46	48

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LS SHIRT DRESS
SLEEVE
CUT 1 PAIR FABRIC

FRONT

Straight grain

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use 1cm SA

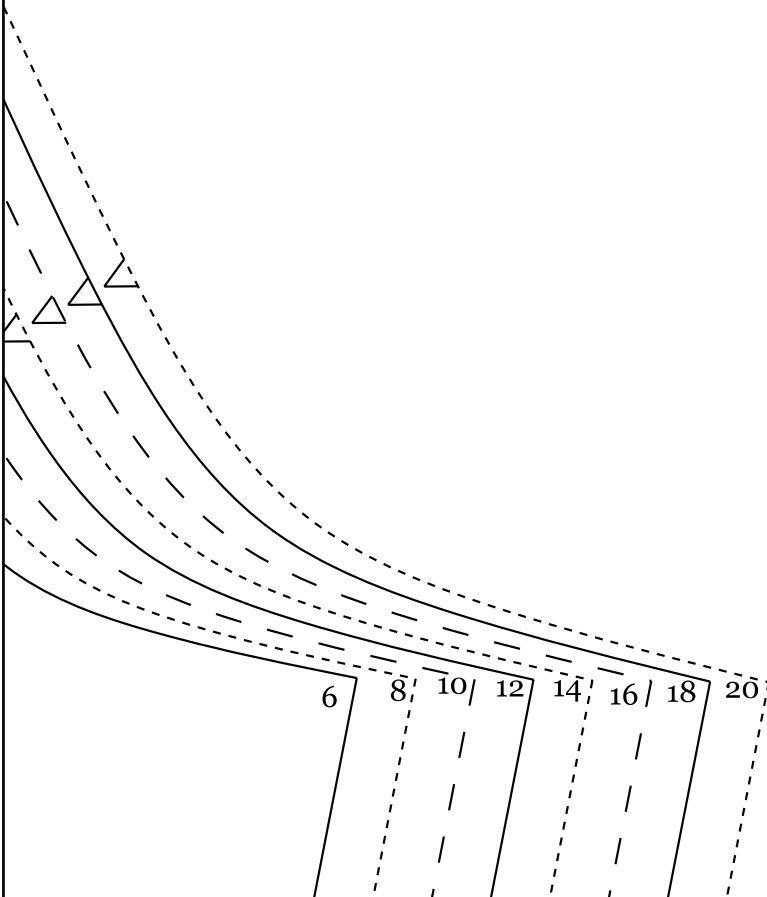
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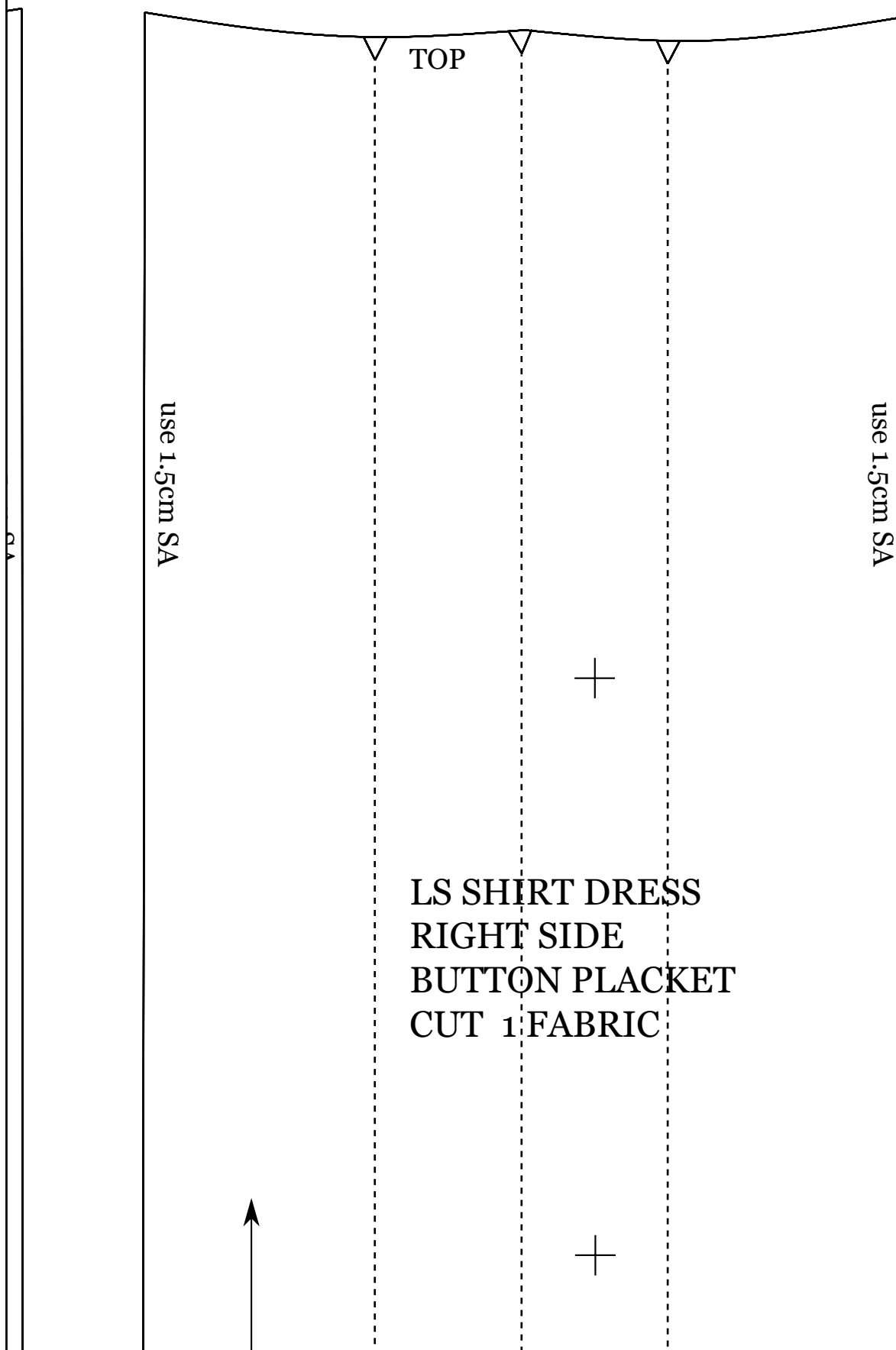
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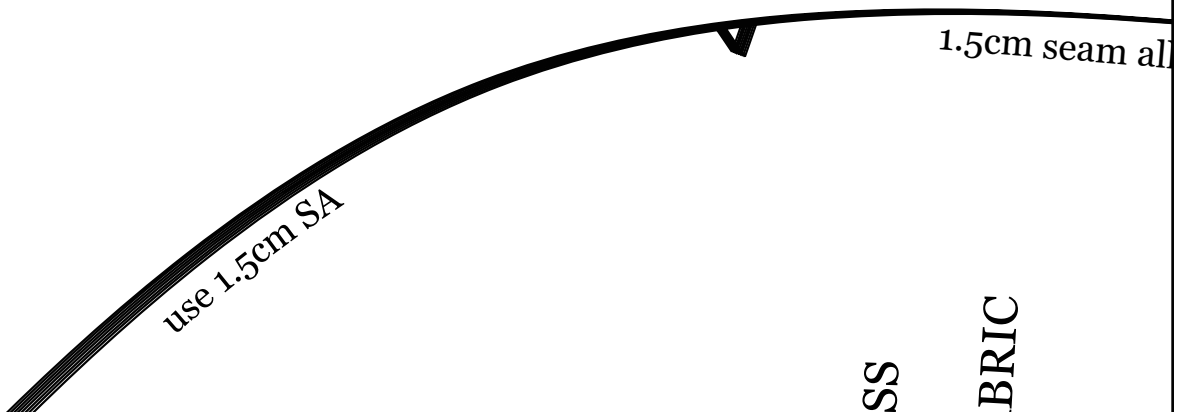
LS SHIRT DRESS
LEFT HAND SIDE
BUTTON STAND
CUT 1 FABRIC



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LS SHIRT DRESS
RIGHT SIDE
BUTTON PLACKET
CUT 1 FABRIC



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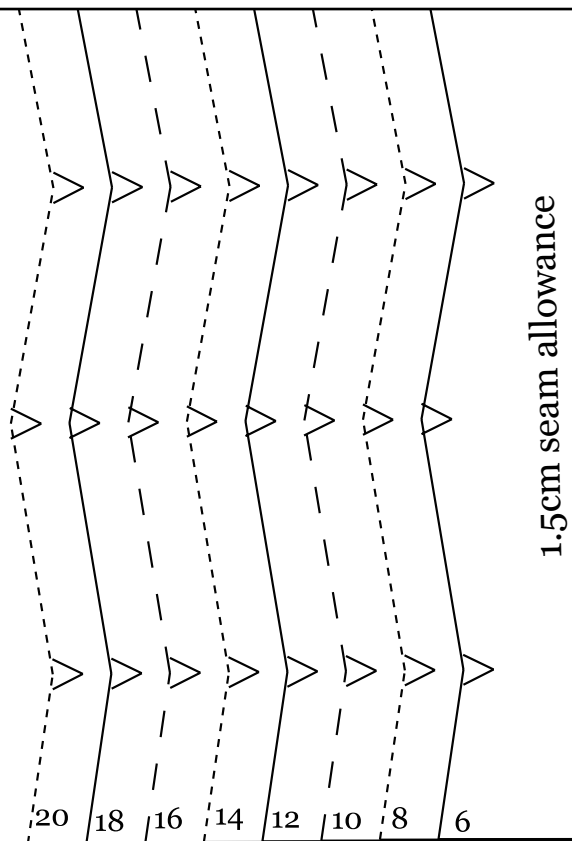
Straight grain

LS SHIRT DRESS
POCKET CUT
CUT 2 PAIRS FABRIC



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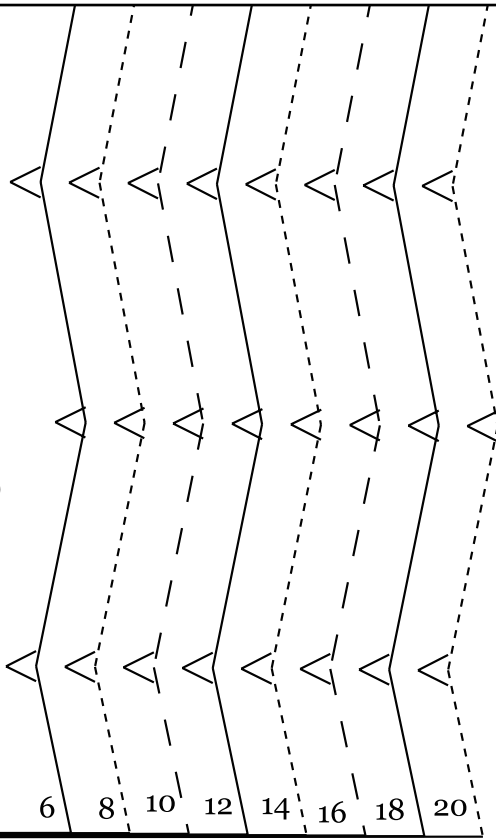
CENTRE FOLD LINE

Straight grain



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1.5cm seam allowance



Straight grain
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FOLD LINE 2

CENTRE FOLD

FOLD LINE 1



LS SHIRT DRES
SIDE BACK
CUT 1 PAIR FABRI



use 1cm SA

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1.5cm seam allowance

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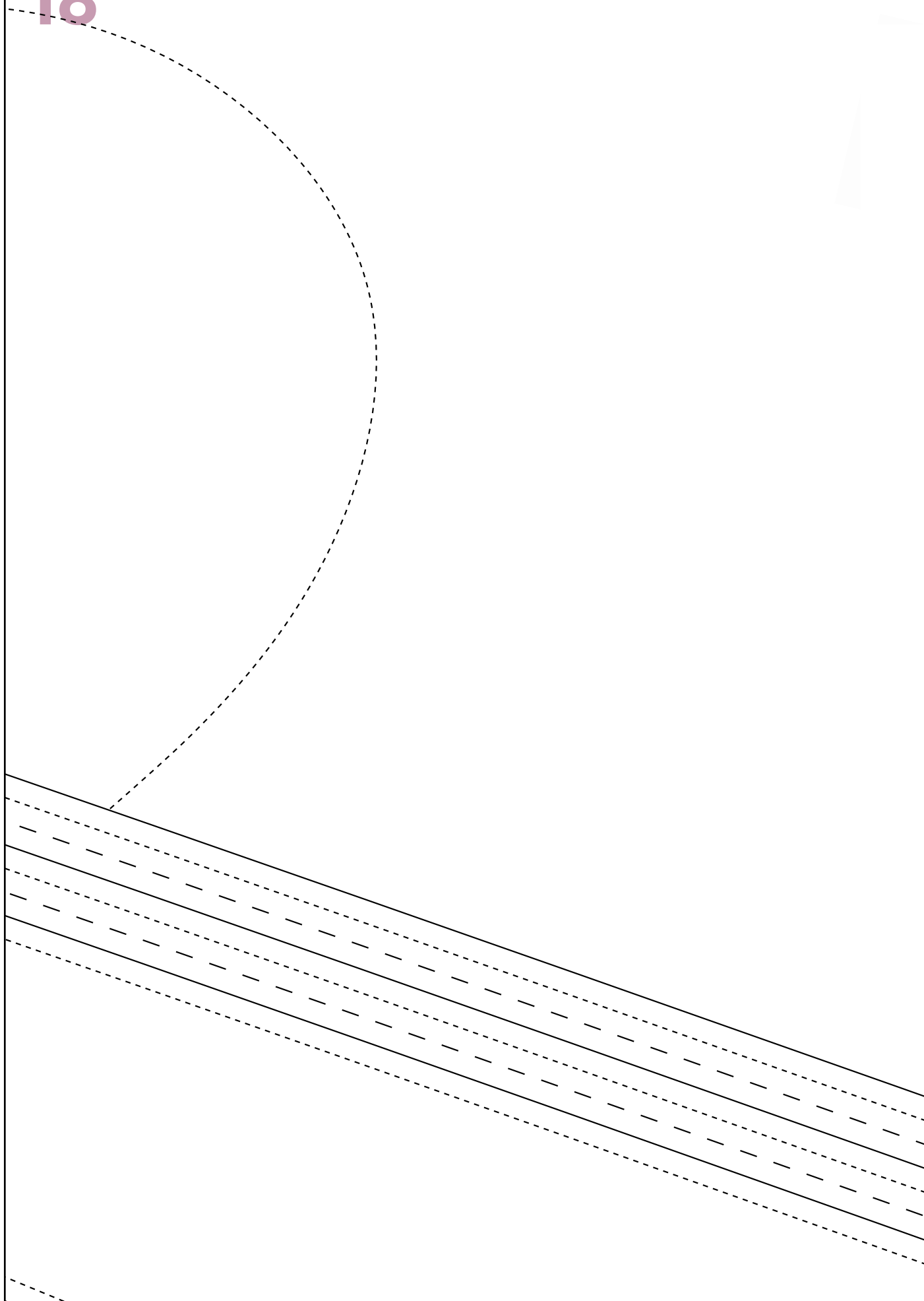
pocket placement

NOTCH A

NOTCH B



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use 3cm hem



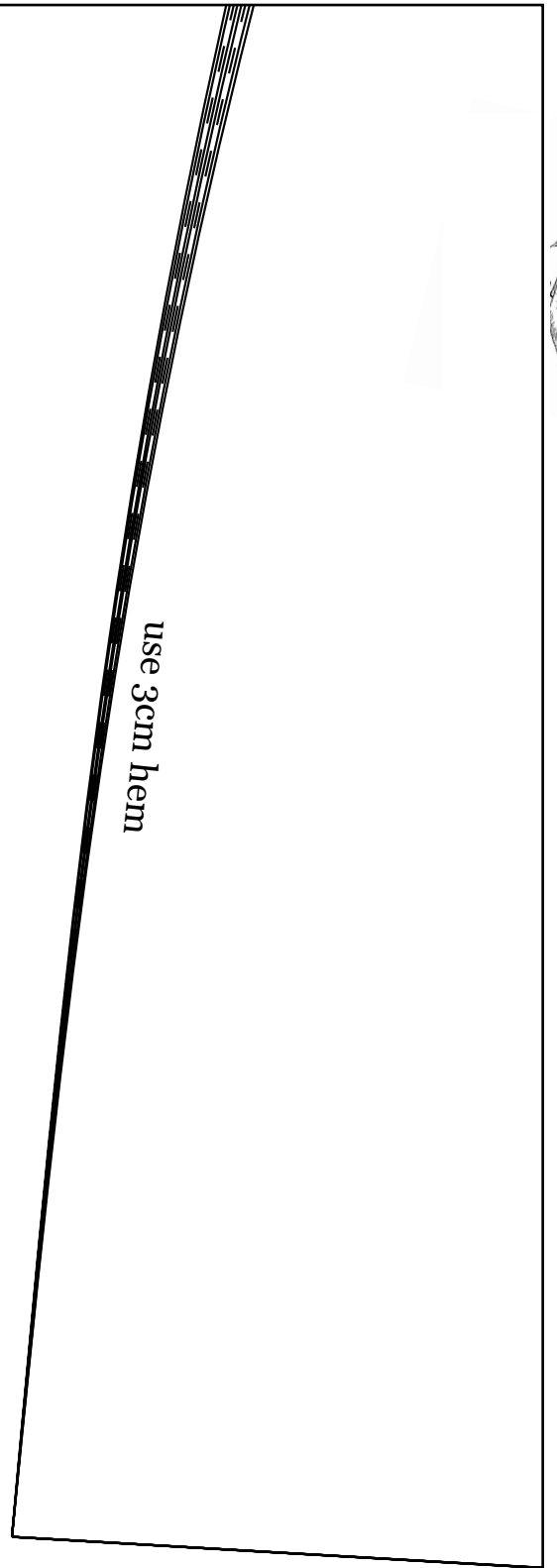


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use 3cm hem





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NOTCH B

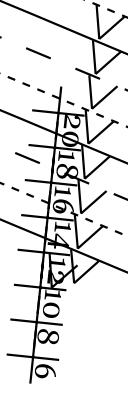
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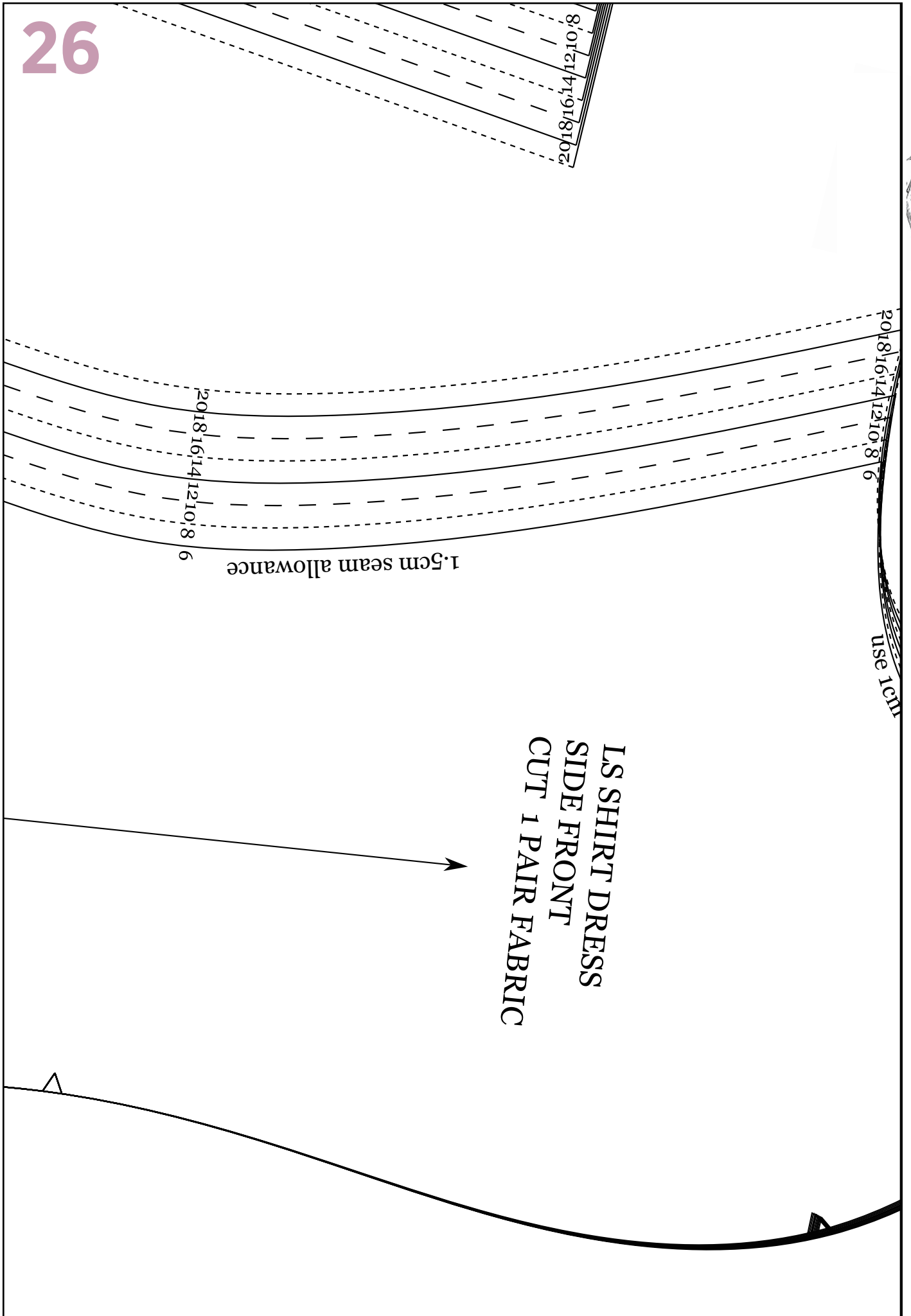


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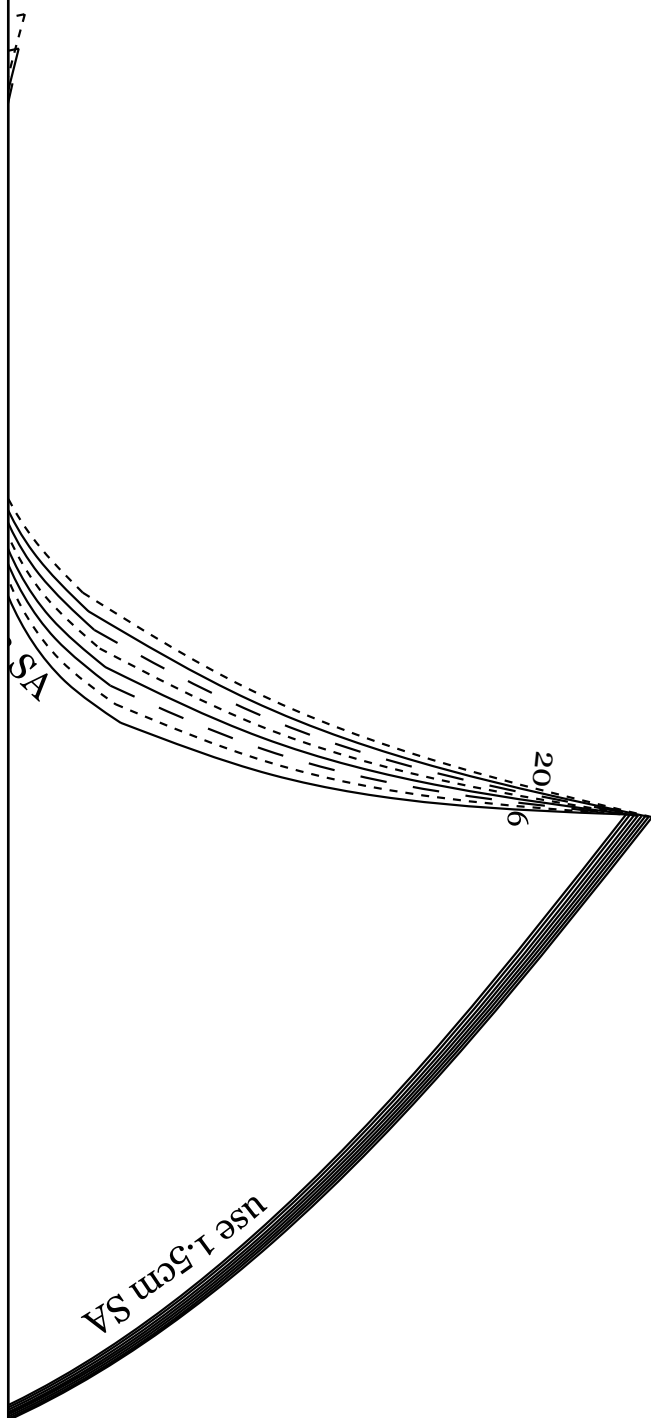


pocket placement

Straight grain



LS SHIRT DRESS
SIDE FRONT
CUT 1 PAIR FABRIC



use 3cm hem	6
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use 3cm hem

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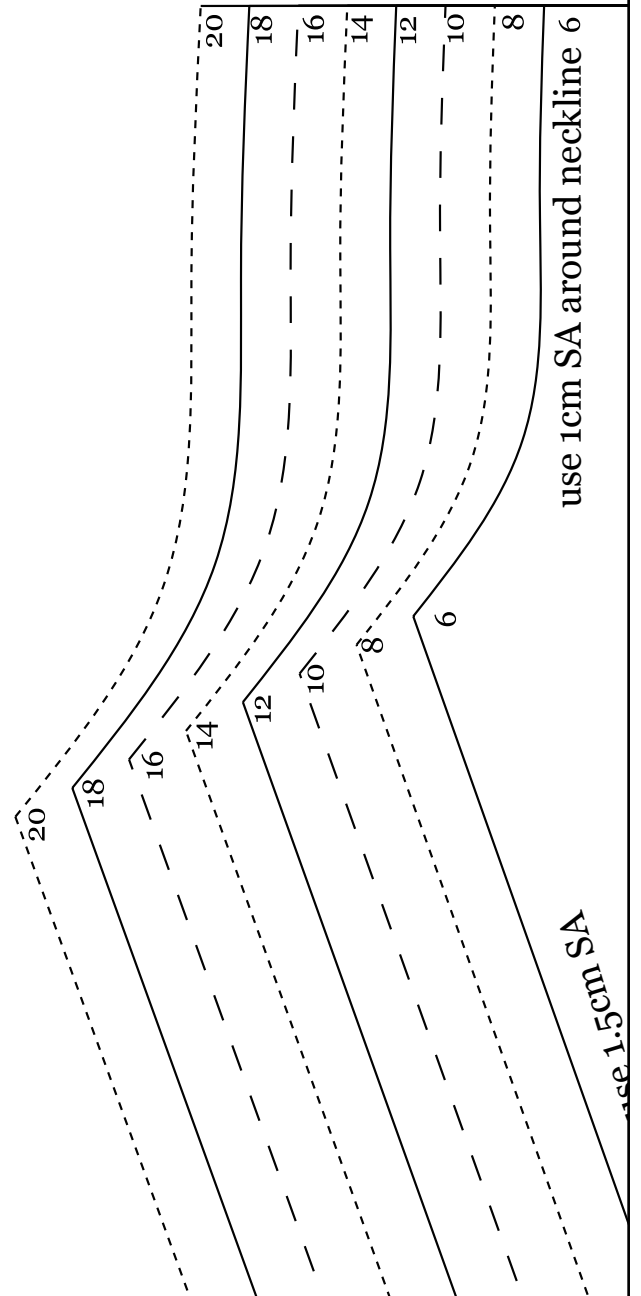
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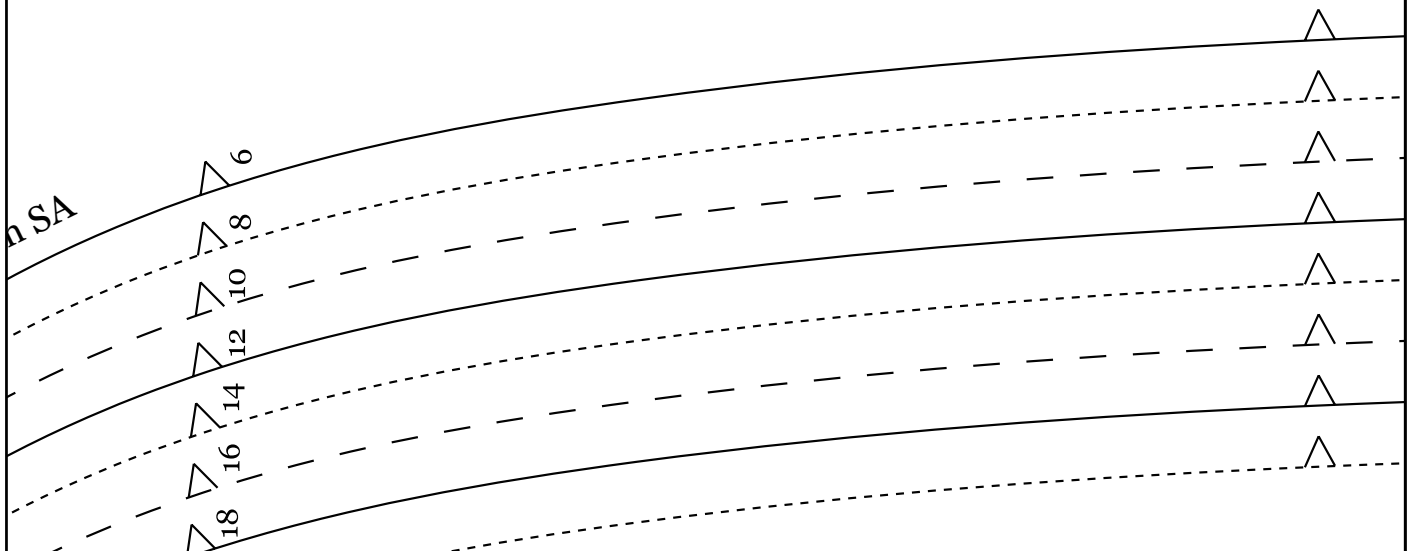
LS SHIRT DRESS
CENTRE BACK
CUT 1 ON FOLD

use 1.5cm

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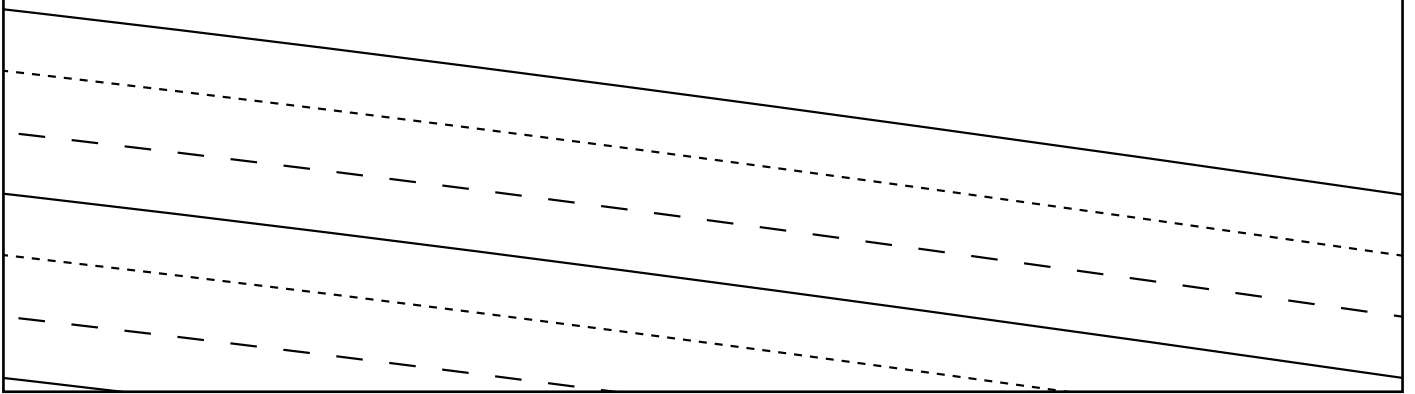
CUT ONE O



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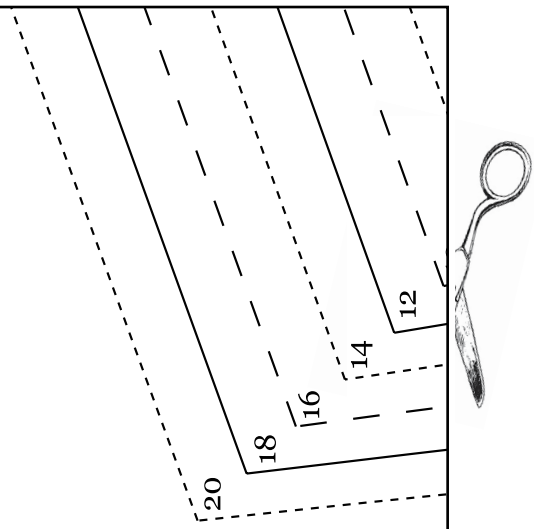
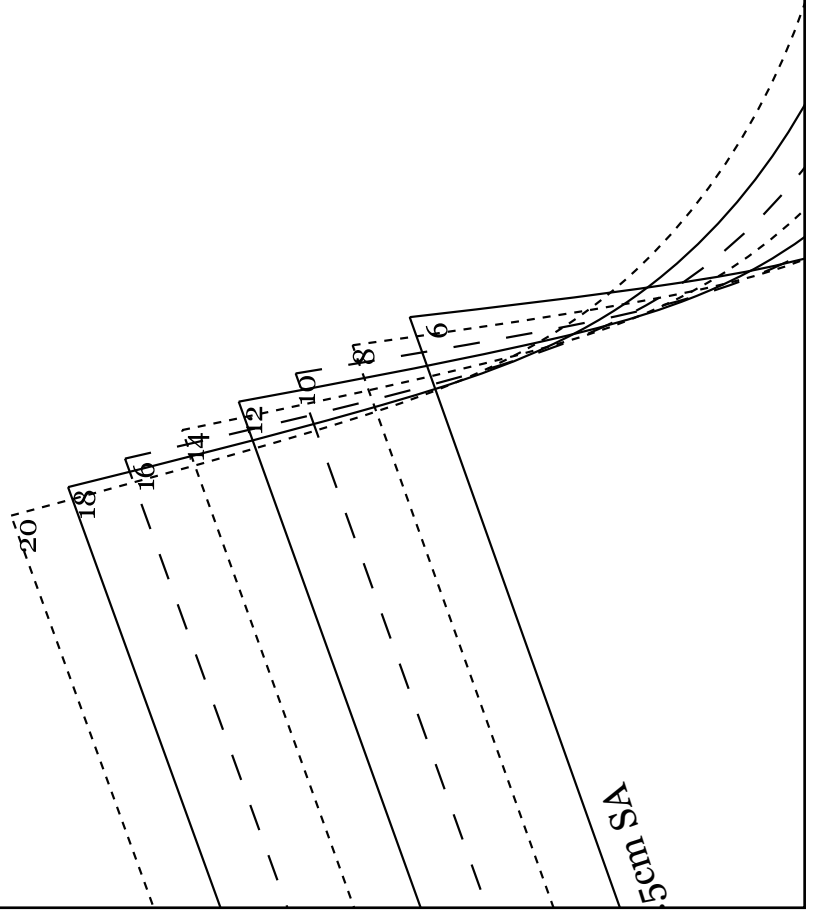


use 3cm hem

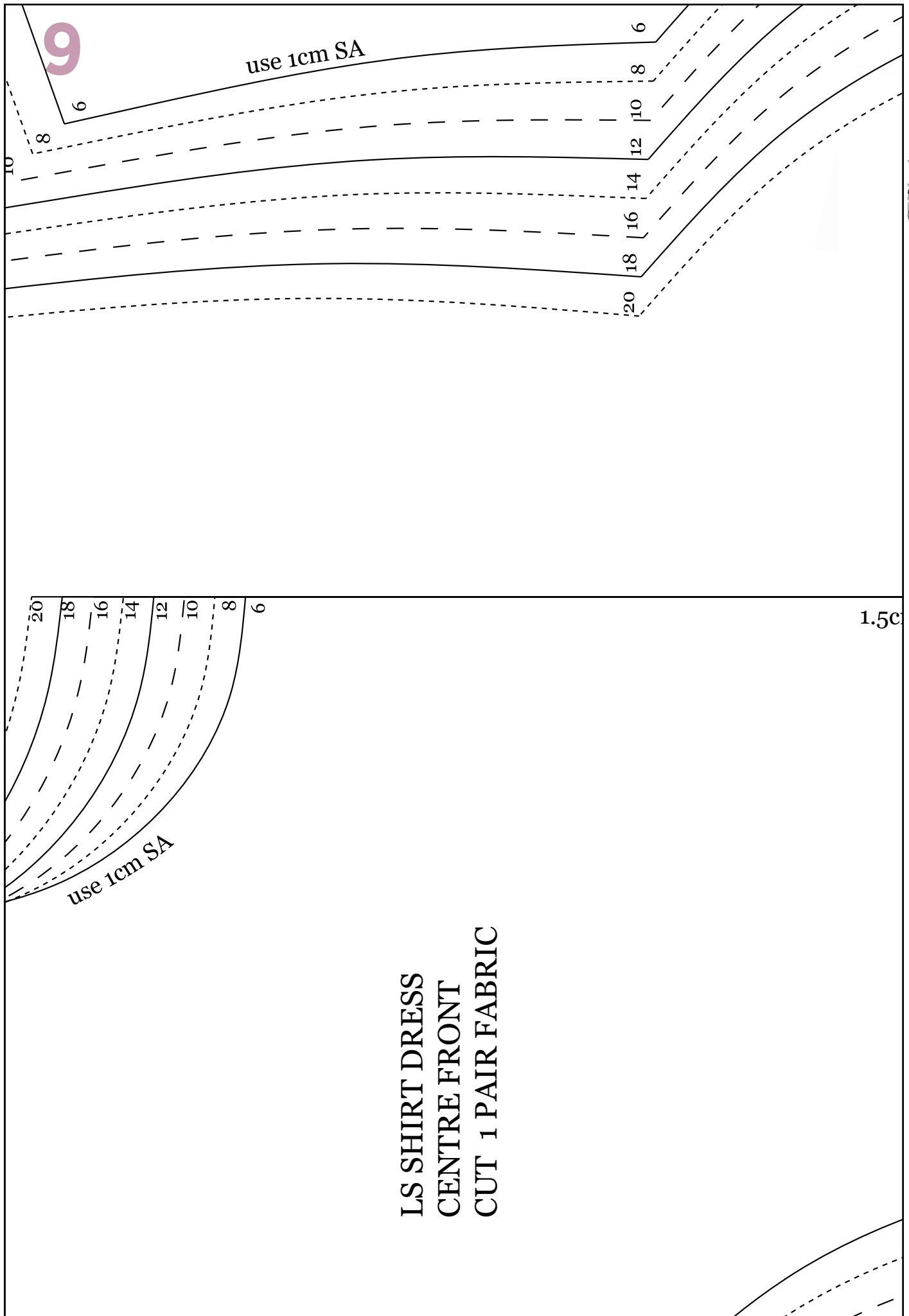
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LS SHIRT DRESS CENTRE FRONT CUT 1 PAIR FABRIC

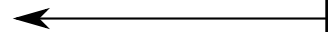


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m seam allowance



1.5cm seam allowance

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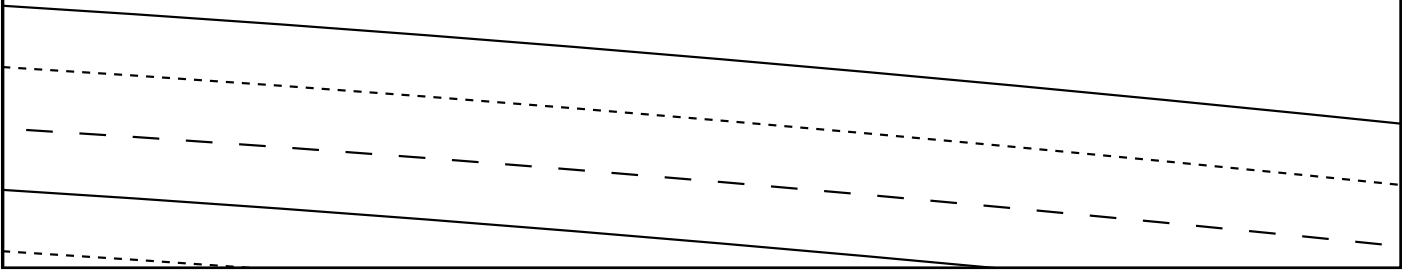
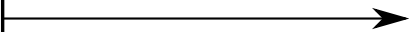
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Straight grain



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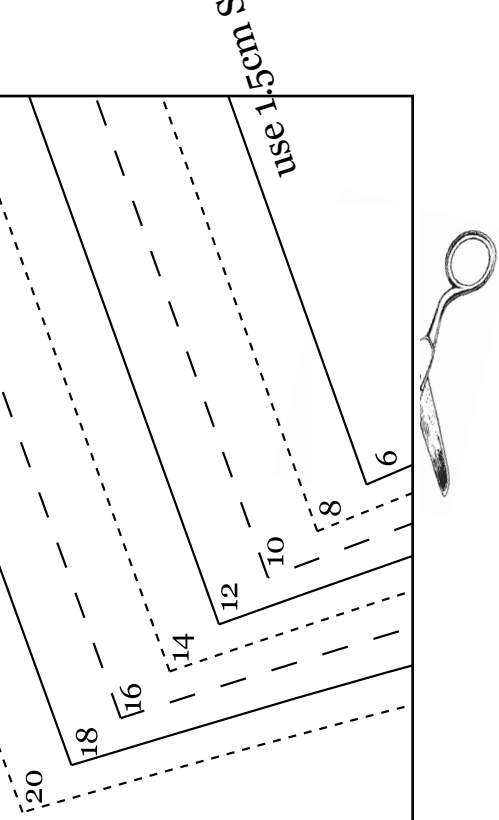
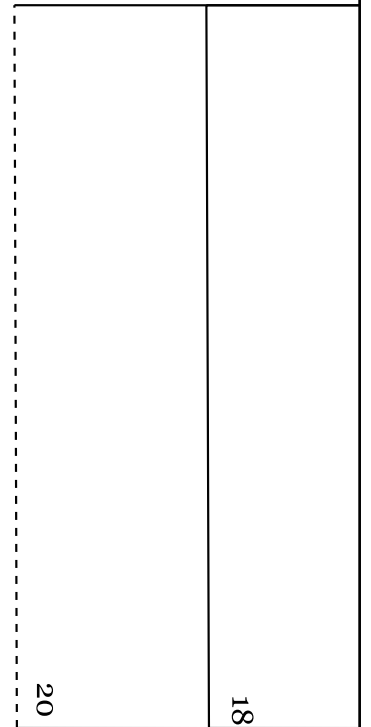


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use 3cm hem





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use 1cm SA

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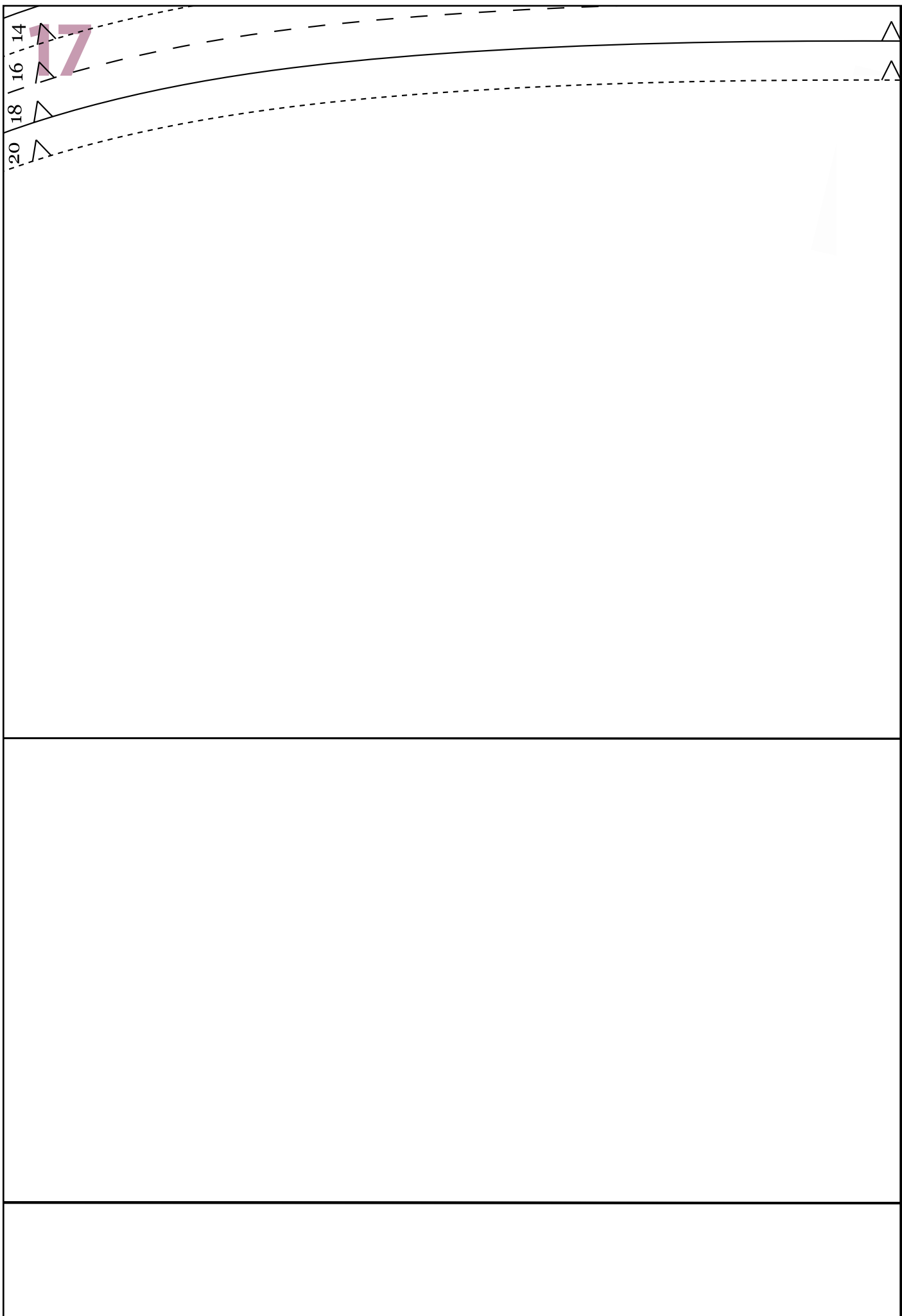
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LS SHIRT DRESS
BELT
CUT 1 FABRIC
use 1cm SA

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