



"It's easy to become the designer by teaming the bodice with a different skirt"

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LEARN WITH... Tanya Whelan BOND GIRL DRESS

*You will discover countless design possibilities with this classic fitted bodice and straight skirt which make up into a chic fitted wiggle dress fit for a Bond girl. Depending on the fabric you choose, it is versatile enough to transition from day to night. These instructions are for a dress with a side zip.
For a back opening, add 1.5cm to the back bodice pattern.*

Dimensions
12 sizes (see pattern for size chart)
Use a 1.5cm seam allowance unless otherwise stated

1 Visit www.sewmag.co.uk to download the pattern. Trace and cut out the front and back bodice, and the front and back straight skirt patterns. Then trace the armhole and neckline of the front and back bodices to make the patterns for the bodice facings. Make them at least 5cm wide, plus seam allowances, and trace to within 1mm to 3mm of the edge [**1**].
2 Cut the pieces from main fabric, facing material, and interfacing. Sew the darts on the front and back bodice. Press the waist darts towards the centre and the bust darts downwards [**2**]. With right sides together, sew the front bodice to the back bodice at the shoulders and one side seam. The zip will be inserted

at the other side. Press the seams open.

3 Apply interfacing to the wrong side of the facing pieces. Sew the armhole facings with right sides together at the shoulder and the side seam of one pair. Press all the seams open. Sew the front neck facing to the back neck facing with right sides together at the shoulder. Press the seams open.

4 With right sides together, sew the neck and armhole facings to the bodice [**3**]. Grade all seam allowances, clip the curves, and understitch the armhole and neckline seam allowances to the facing. Press the facings to the

inside of the bodice.

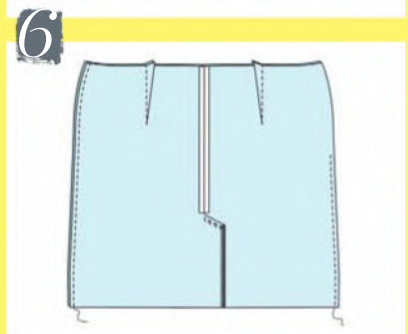
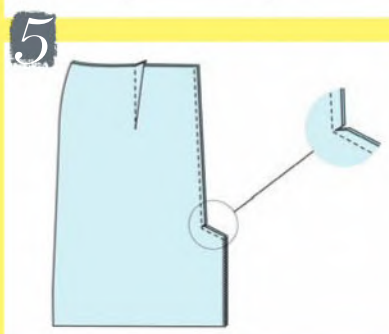
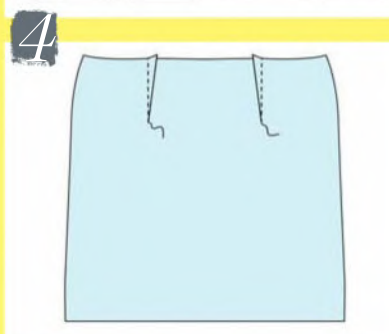
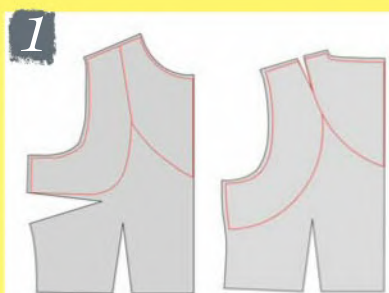
5 Sew the back skirt darts and press towards the centre. Overlock or zig zag stitch the straight edge of the vent extensions. Sew the front skirt darts and press towards the centre [**4**]. Right sides together, sew the back skirt pieces together from the centre back waist and along the top edge of the vent extension. Cut a notch as shown [**5**]. Press the back seam open. Press the vent extension to one side and stitch diagonally along its top edge to the skirt.

6 With right sides together, sew the back of the skirt to the front along one side seam. Sew the other side seam, where the zip will be inserted,

to within 20.5cm of the waist. Press the seams open [**6**].

7 To attach the skirt to the bodice, make sure all seams are pressed open and the darts are pressed towards the centre front and centre back. Place the bodice inside the skirt, right sides together, raw edges and side seams aligned. Pin and stitch. Insert an invisible zip at the side opening.

8 Unfold the vent extension and press the hem to the inside by 2.5cm. Repeat and sew close to the folded edge. Make a few hand stitches through the edge of the folded vent extension through one layer of the fold of the hem to secure.



CUTTING GUIDE

Front bodice, cut one on fold from fabric

Back bodice, cut one on fold from fabric

Front neck facing, cut one on fold from fabric and interfacing

Back neck facing, cut one on fold from fabric and interfacing

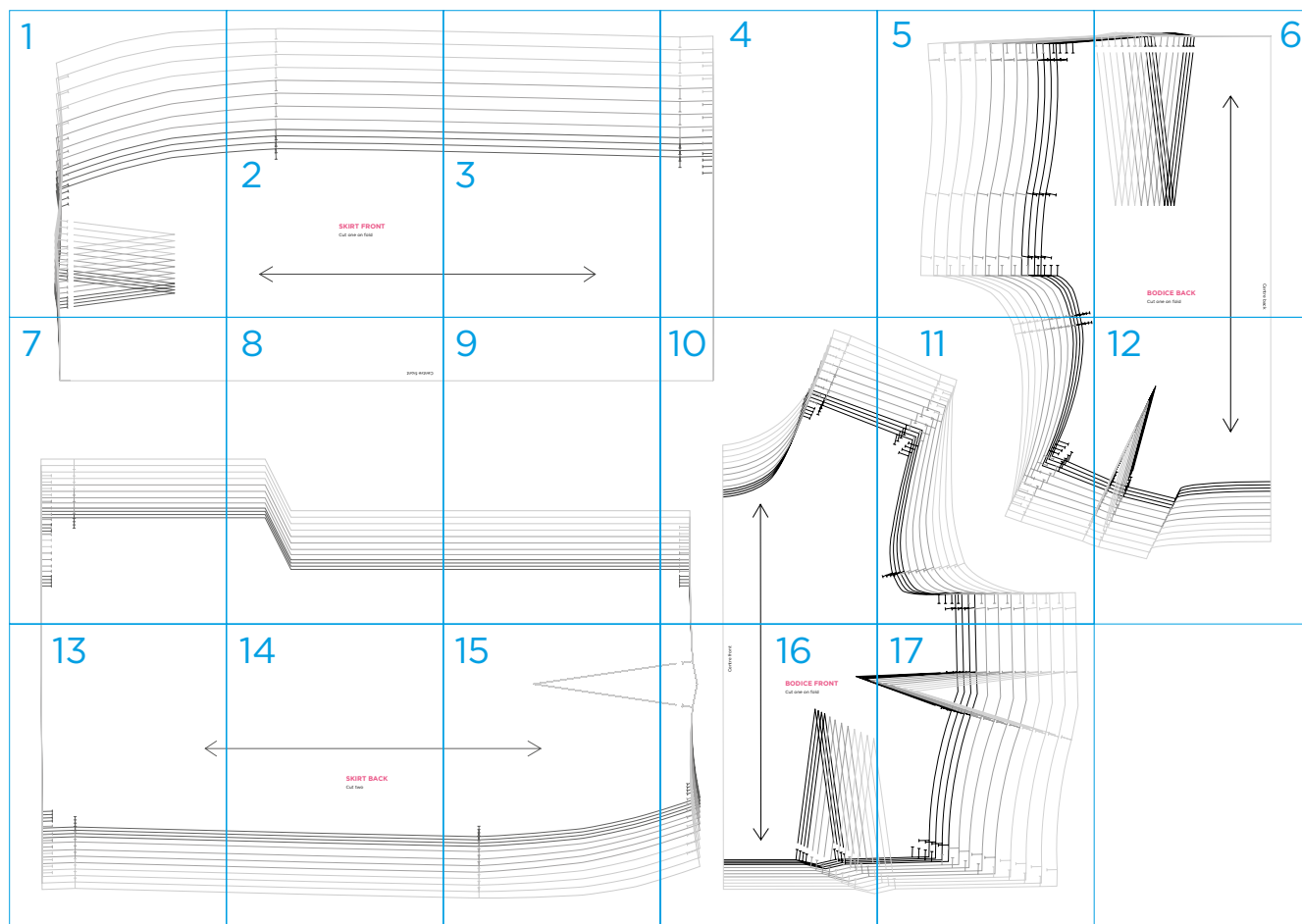
Armhole facing, cut four (two reversed) from fabric and interfacing

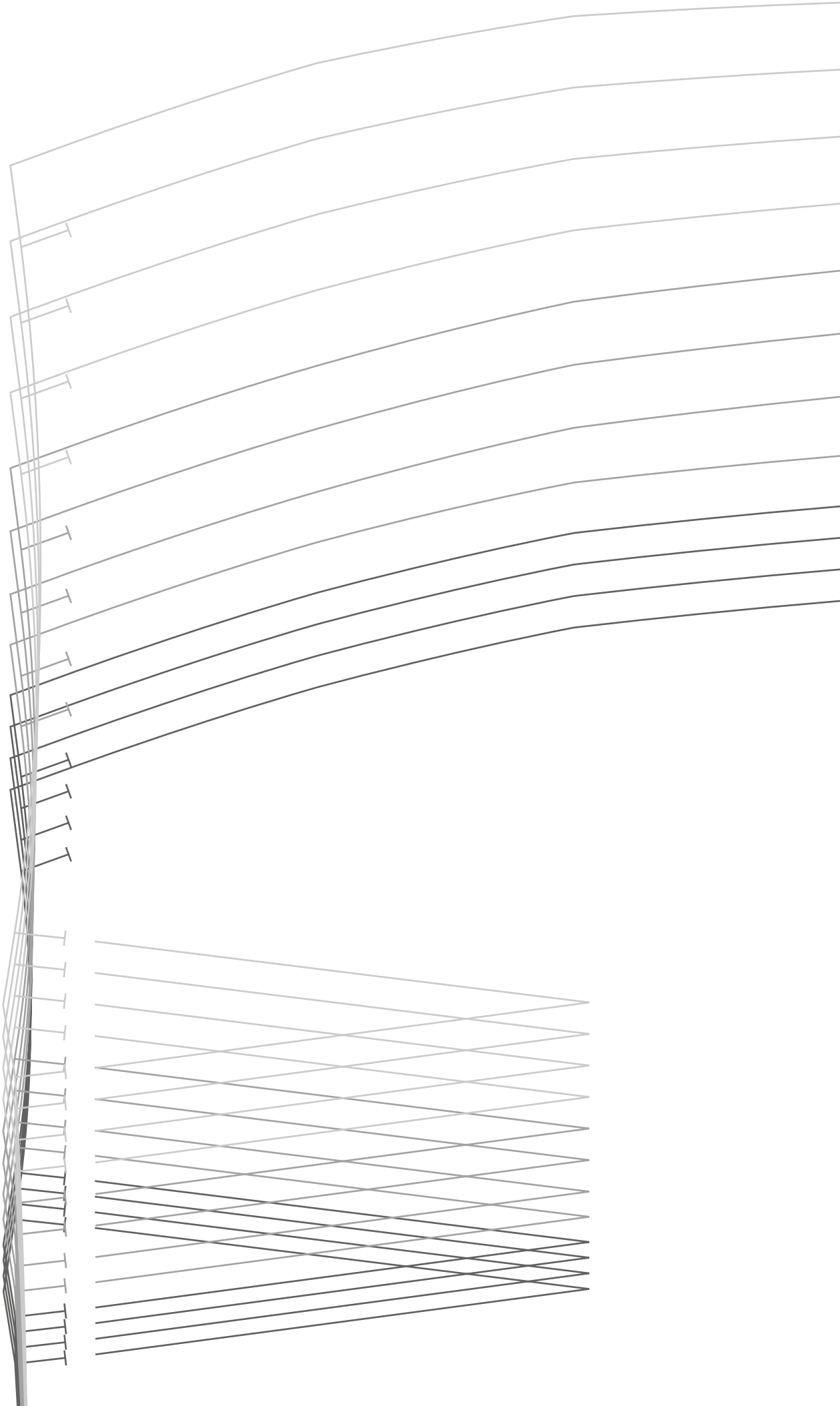
Skirt front, cut one on fold from fabric

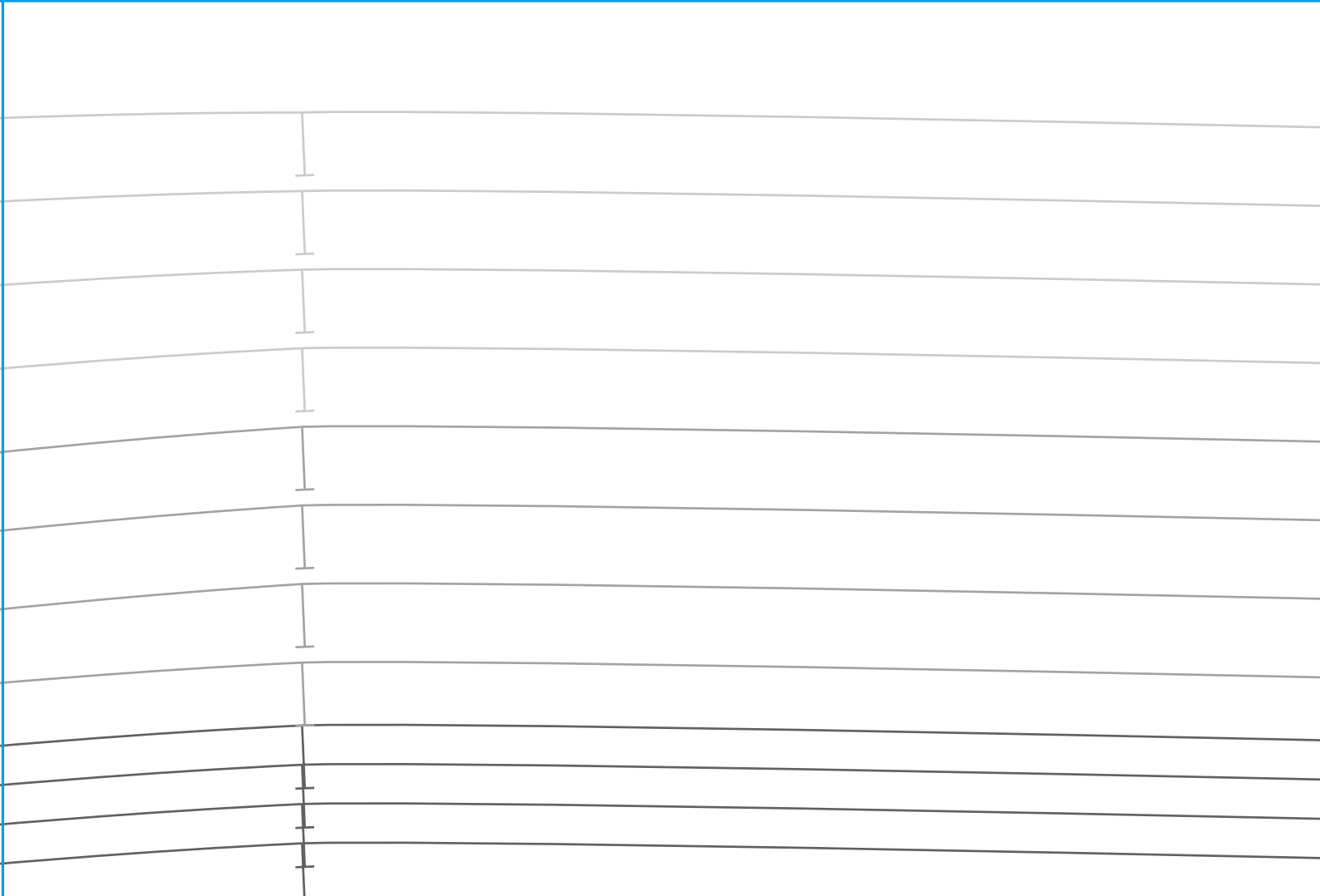
Skirt back, cut two from fabric

Size guide

Size	Bust	Waist	Hip
1	81cm	61cm	86cm
2	84cm	63.5cm	89cm
3	86cm	66cm	91cm
4	89cm	68.5cm	94cm
5	92.5cm	72cm	98cm
6	98cm	77.5cm	103cm
7	103cm	82.5cm	108cm
8	108cm	87.5cm	113cm
9	113cm	92.5cm	118cm
10	118cm	98cm	123cm
11	123cm	103cm	128.5cm
12	128.5cm	108cm	133.5cm



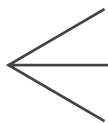




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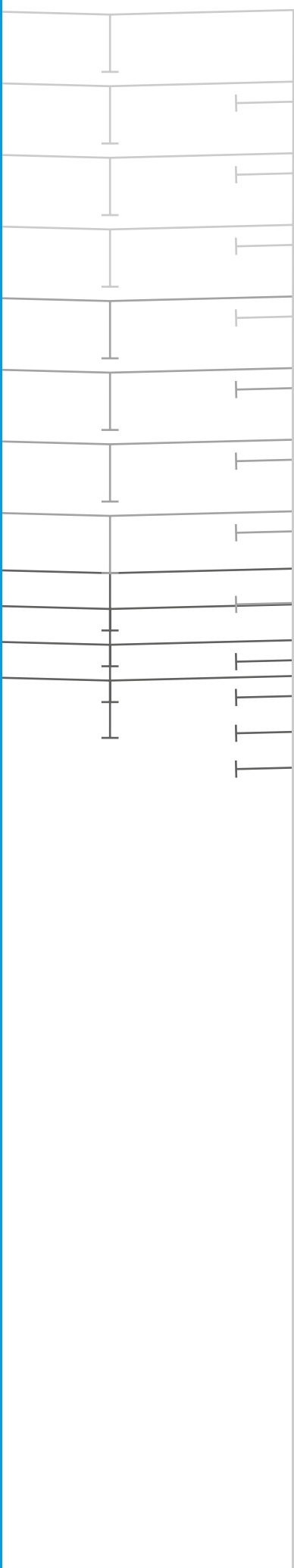
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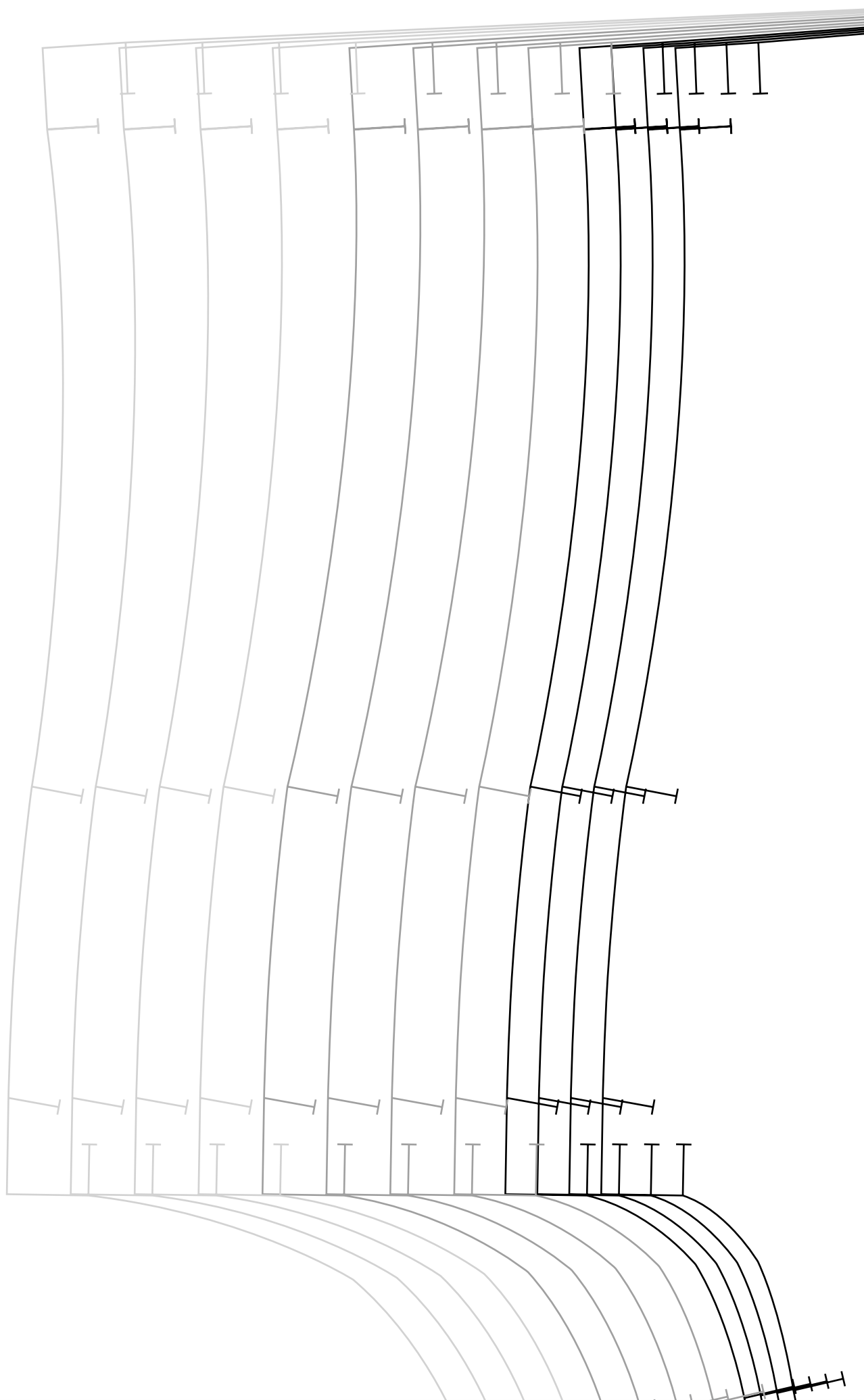


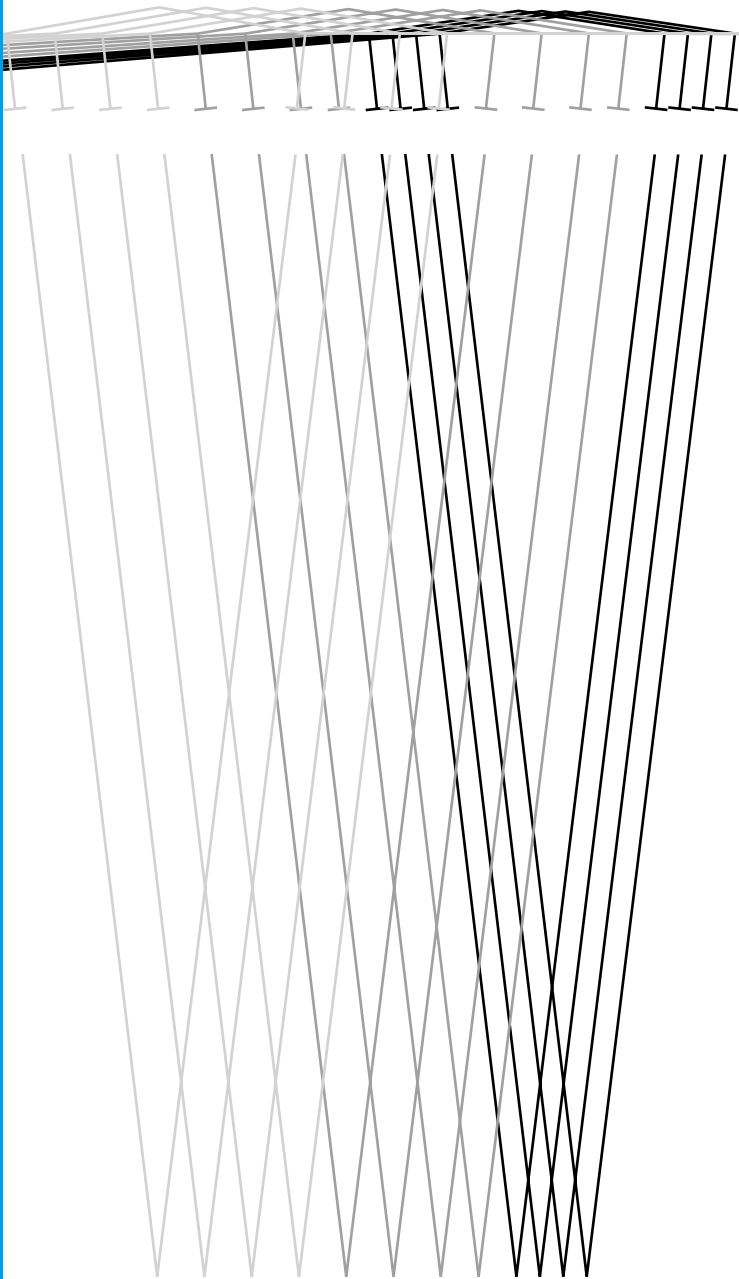
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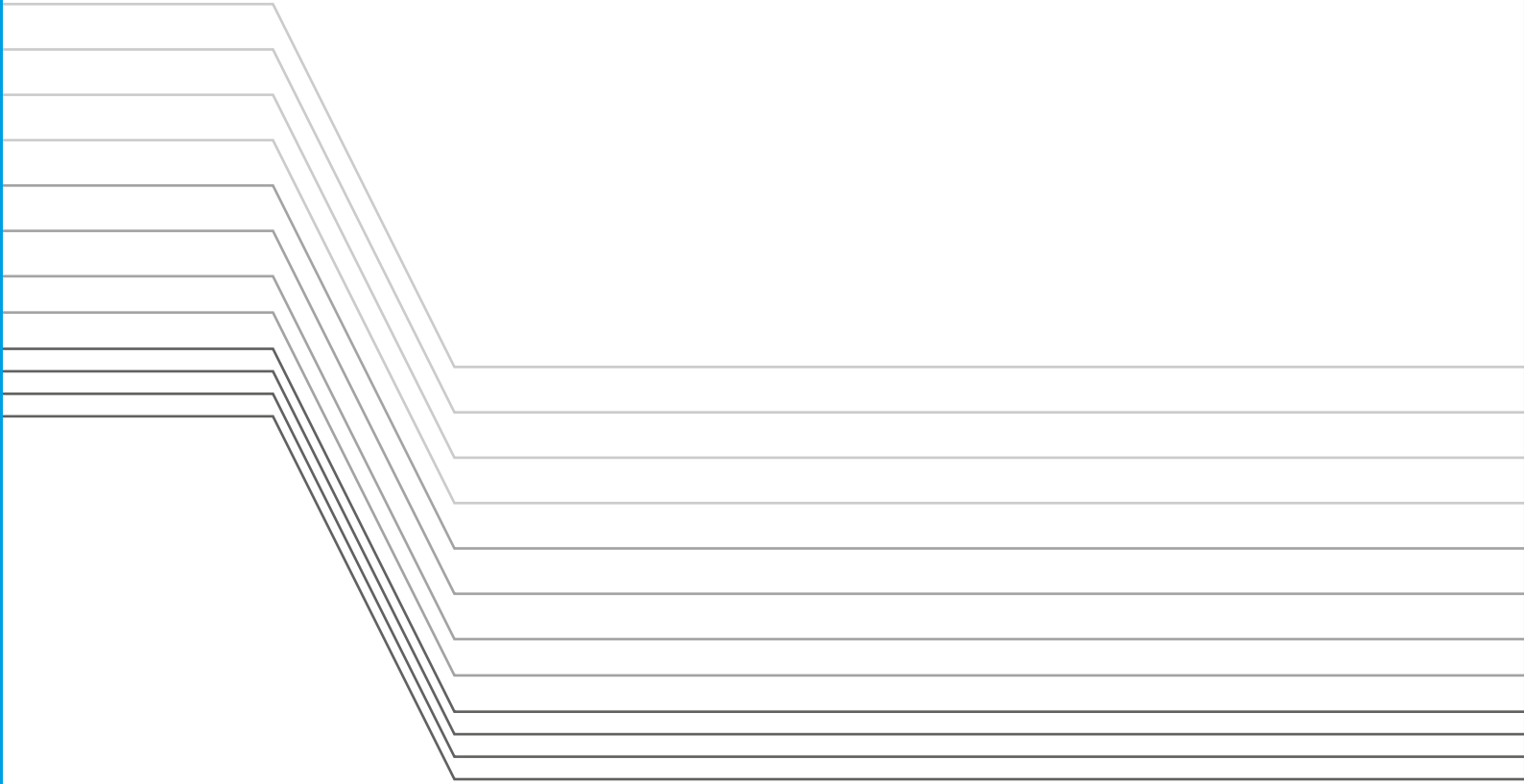
BODICE BACK

Cut one on fold

Centre back

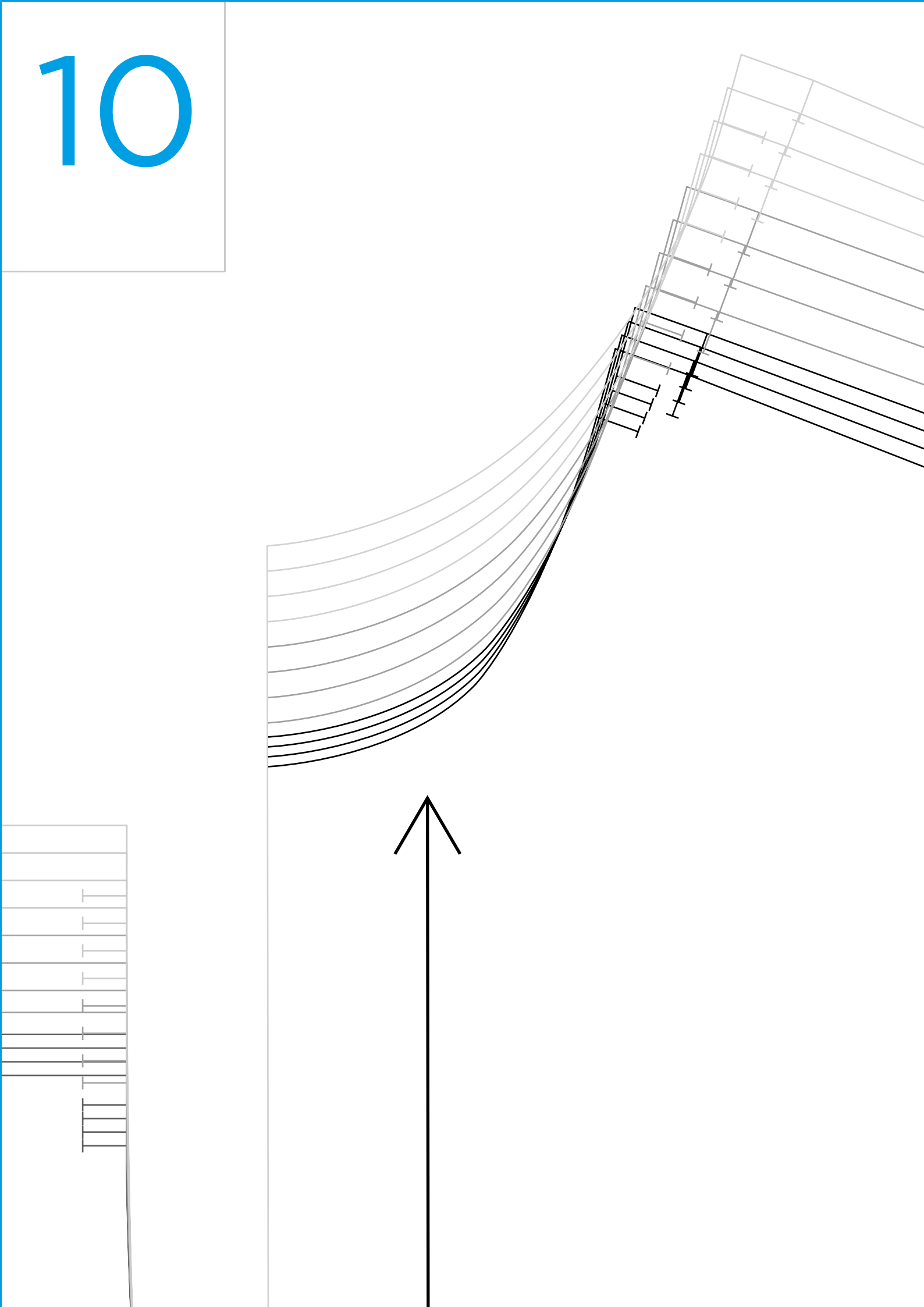
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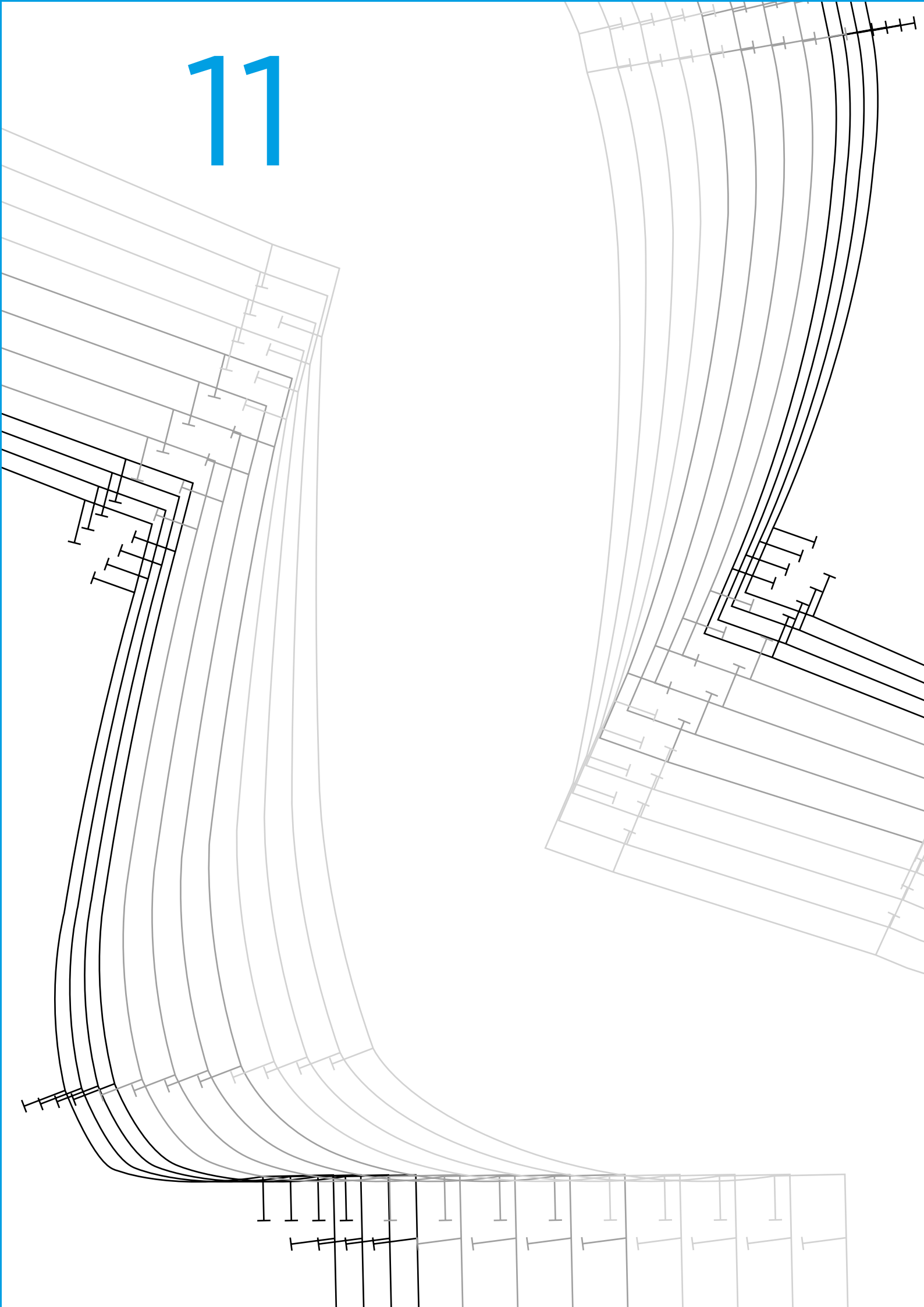
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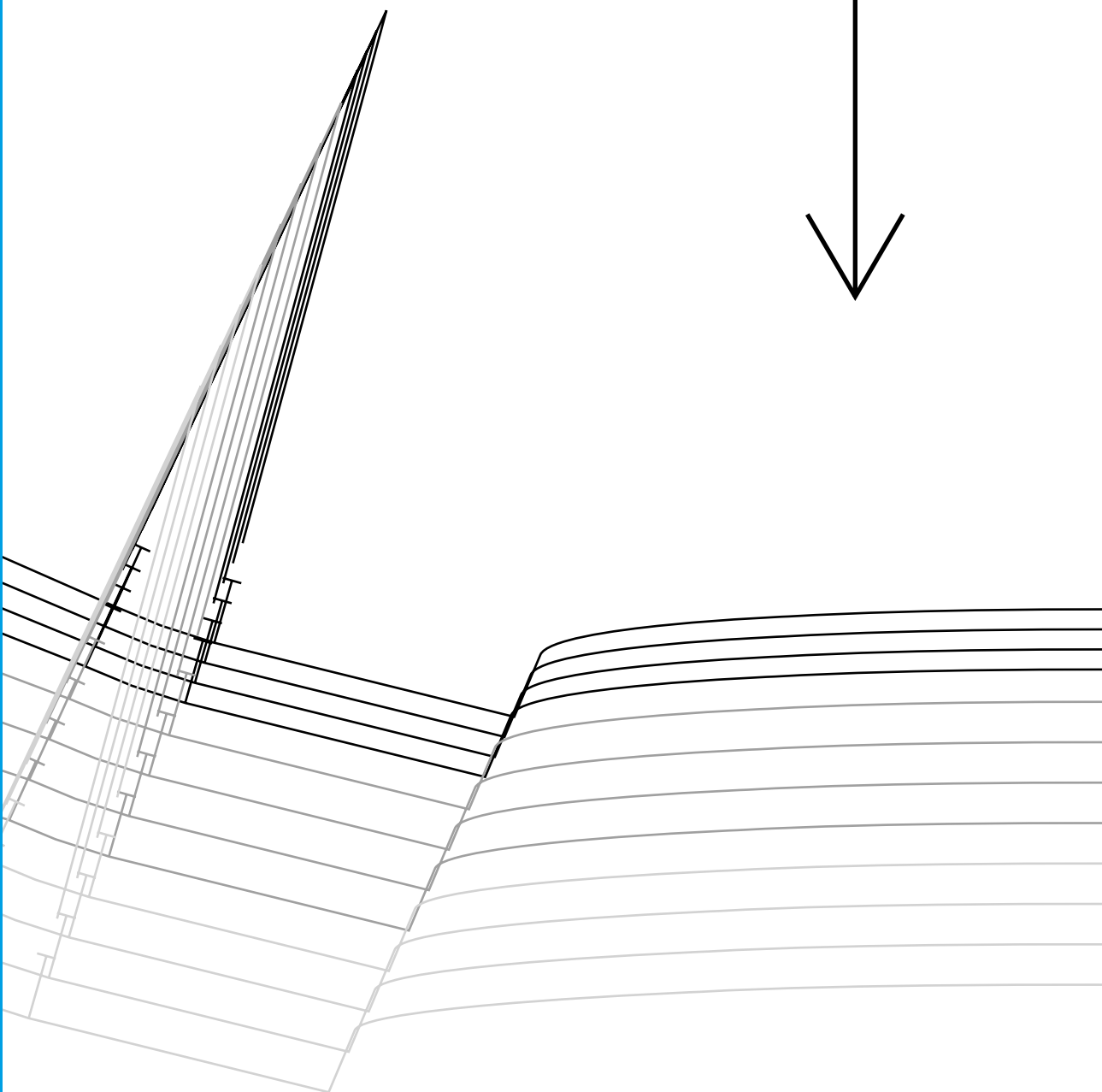
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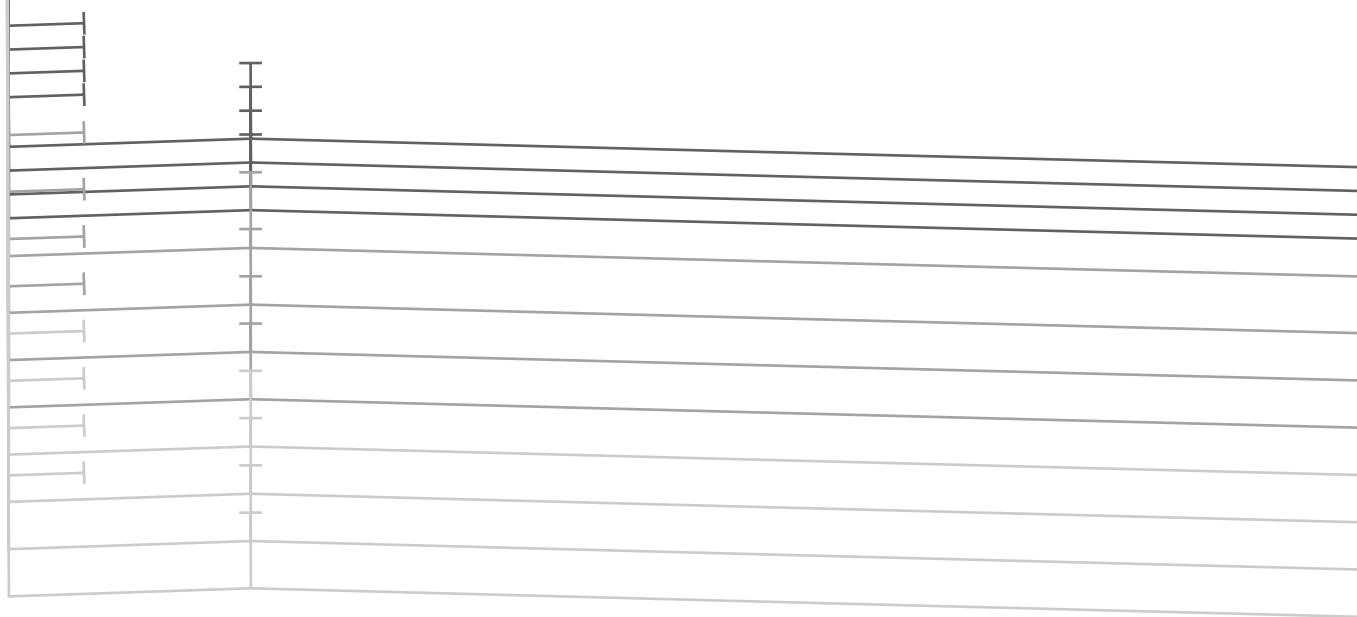
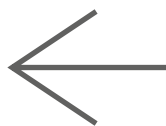




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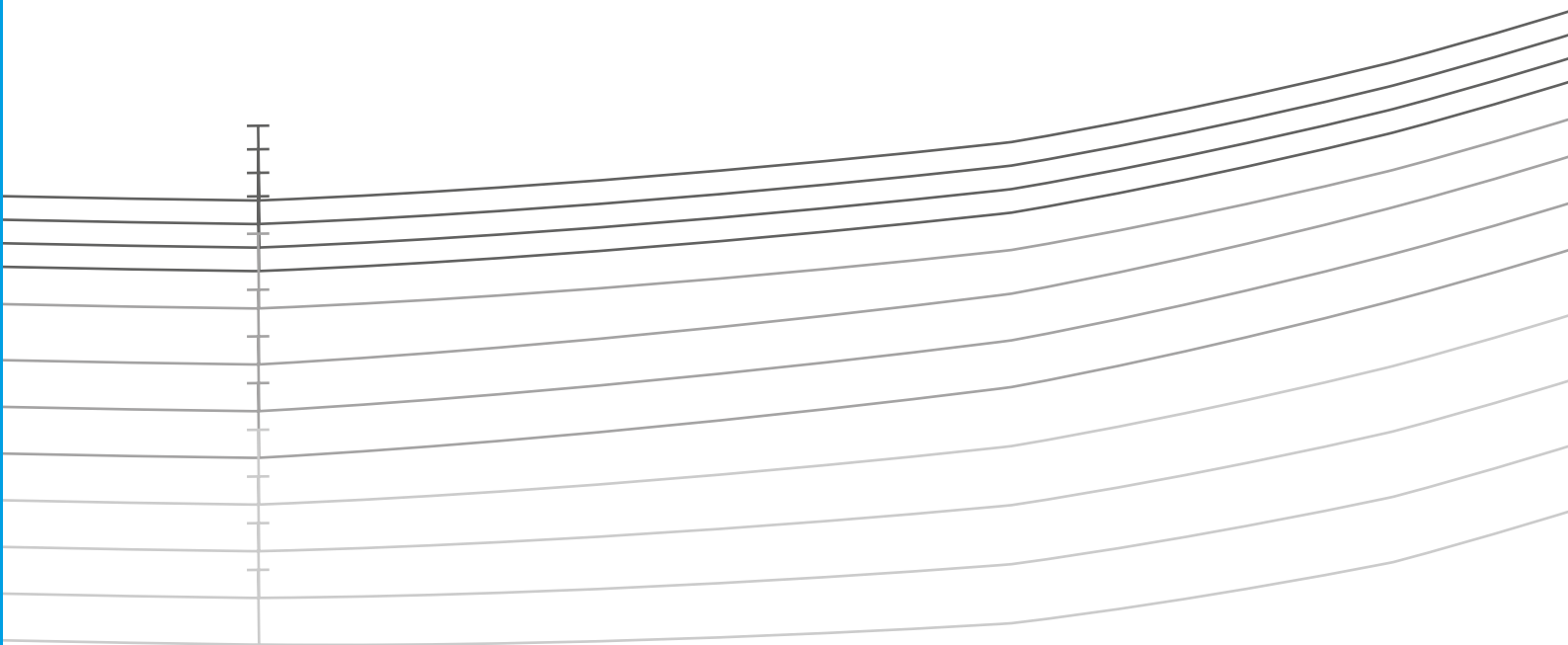
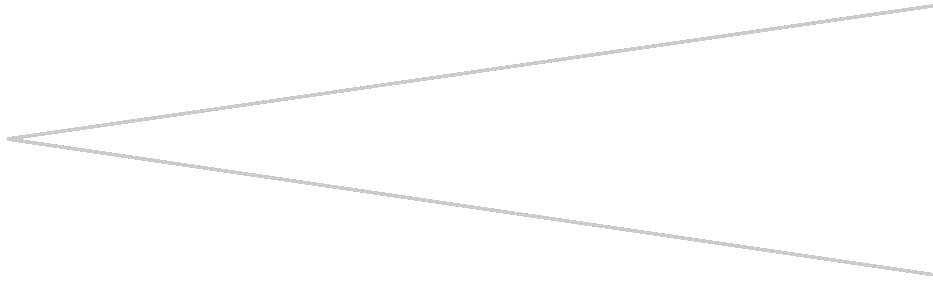
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SKIRT BACK

Cut two



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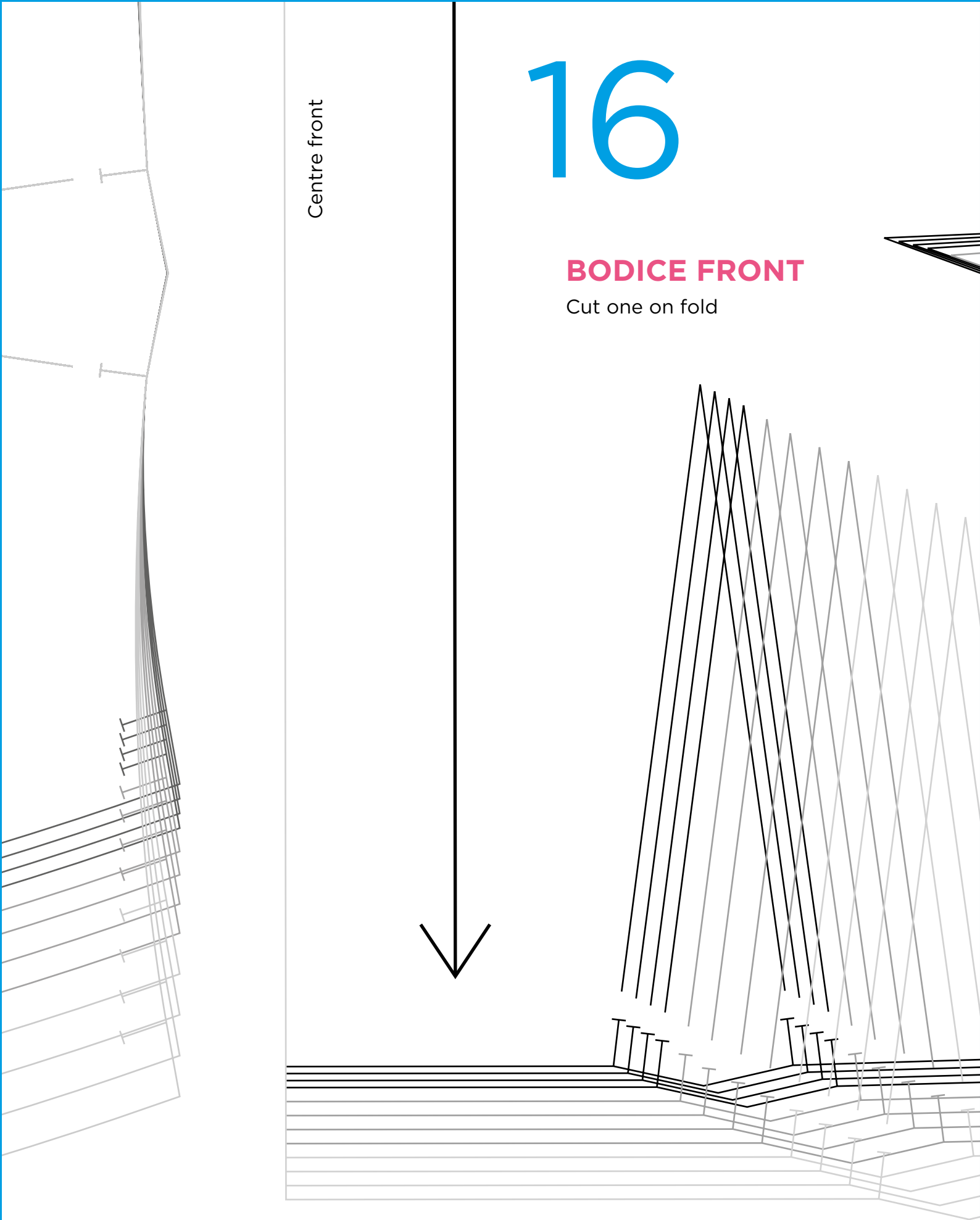


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Centre front

BODICE FRONT

Cut one on fold



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