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CUT OUT & KEEP

BETHANY SKIRT

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ESSENTIALS

Fabric, 1.5m (140cm)
Lightweight fusible interfacing
Buttons, six

SUGGESTED FABRICS

Medium to heavyweight
wovens, such as denim

SIZES

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CUTTING GUIDE

Right-hand front skirt: cut one from fabric, and fusible interfacing as indicated

Left-hand front skirt: cut one from fabric, and fusible interfacing as indicated

Back skirt: cut one on the fold

Right hand front waistline facing: cut one from fabric and one in fusible interfacing

Left-hand waistline facing: cut one from fabric and one in fusible interfacing

Back waistline facing: cut one on the fold and one on the fold in fusible interfacing

1.5cm seam allowance throughout, unless otherwise stated.

It's the hero piece we've all been waiting for, meet the Bethany Skirt

It's no secret we're bananas for buttons, and this asymmetric treat by **Amanda Walker** offers up six to get your teeth into! But before you break out into a sweat at the thought of tricky machine manoeuvres ahead, you can read on to discover our top tricks to make buttonholes a breeze. We've also made it easy to master creating darts and inserting facings. You're welcome!

1 Download the templates from sewmag.co.uk, then print and follow the cutting guide. Fuse the interfacing to the waistline facing pieces and the front opening edges. Stitch the darts into the back skirt, from the notches at the waist edge to the dots within the waistline, then the points of the darts. Press

towards the centre back of the piece. Repeat the process on the right-hand side front skirt and press the dart towards the centre front.

2 Neaten the back and front side seams, and down the edges, of both front openings. Match the front and back skirt pieces together, then pin, stitch and press the seam allowances open. Neaten around the hem of the skirt. Fold and press in along the fold lines on the edges of the interfacing indicated on the front pattern pieces. Fold and press up a 3.5cm hem.

3 Fold the interfaced part onto the right side and stitch along the pressed line of the hem. Repeat this process on the remaining side opening. Trim the bulk from the corners, then fold the interfaced facing back to the wrong side. Tease out the corners and press flat. Match, pin and stitch the front and back waistline facings together, then press the seams open.

4 Match the notches on the straight front edges of the facing to the neaten edges of the front opening facing, right sides facing. Fold the two front facings over to the right side of the skirt, then match the top edge of the waistline facing to the top edge of the skirt, matching the side seams of the skirt to the side seams of the waistline

facings. Pin and stitch across from the fold line of the front facing to the opposite edge.

5 Trim the bulk from the corners, then turn the front facing and the waistline facing back to the inside of the skirt. Under-stitch across the waistline facing to ensure it rolls inside the skirt. Tack the lower edge of the waistline facing to the darts and to the side seams, to prevent the facing from rolling out. Mark the buttonholes onto the right-hand side of the front opening as indicated on the pattern piece, then make buttonholes in these positions. Stitch buttons to the corresponding places on the left side of the front opening.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL

If you're making this skirt with a heavier weight denim, you'll need to switch over your machine needle before you start

AMANDA SAYS...

"Always back tack at the beginning and end of a seam to secure it. Simply make a couple of forward stitches, then reverse back over them to stop the seam from unravelling"



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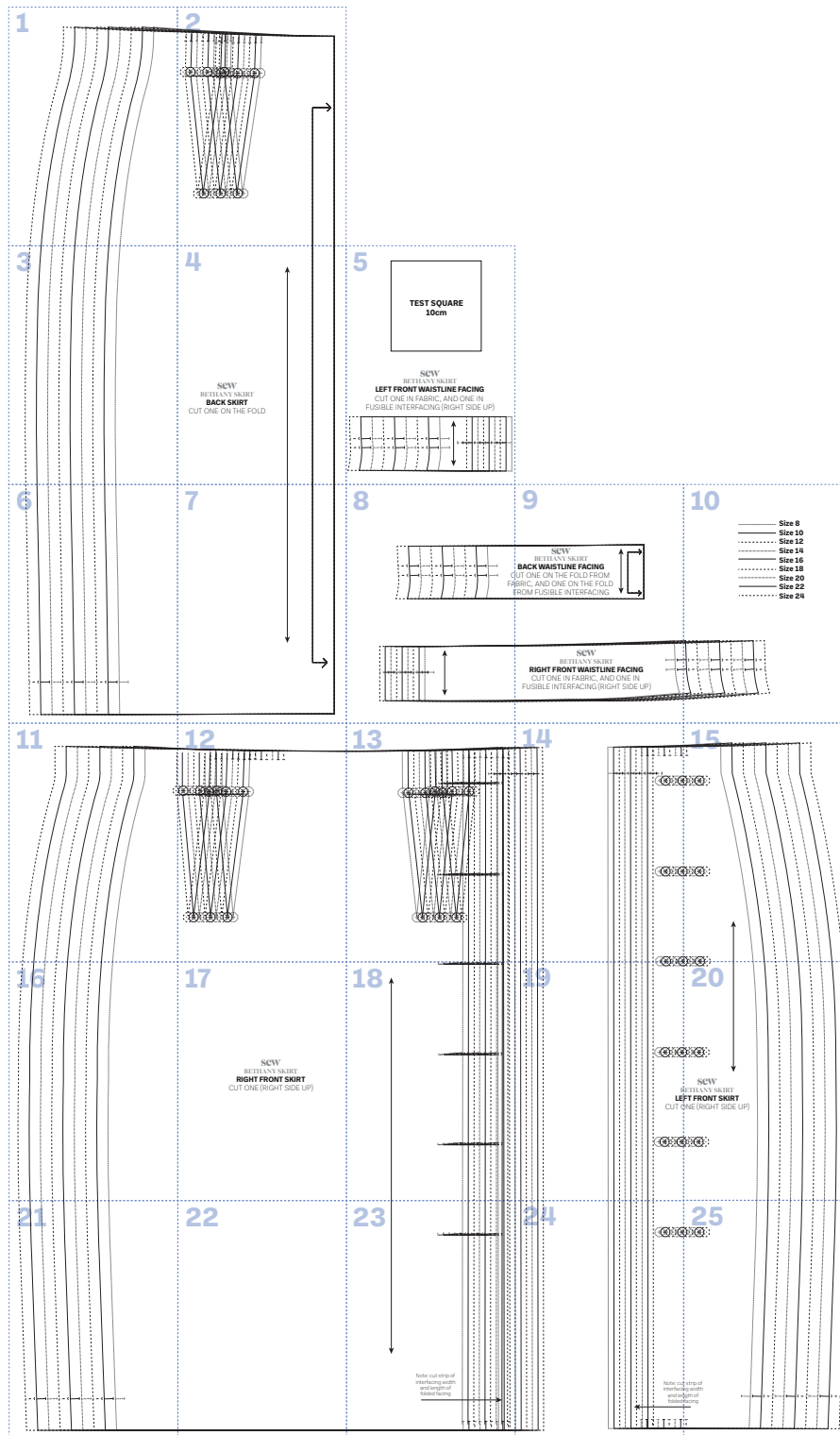
FUSIBLE INTERFACING

Lay your fabric out wrong side facing up on an ironing board, then place the interfacing on top with the fusible (bumpy) side down. Lay a damp pressing cloth or old dish towel on top of the interfacing, ensuring that all of it is covered.

Press the iron down for 10-15 seconds. If you need to apply heat to another area, lift the iron and set it down; if you glide it, the fabric and interfacing may shift and stick to the ironing board cover. Leave to cool completely before moving so that the glue has time to set and stick to the fabric.

*We made our skirt
in 9oz coloured
stretch denim in
shade Sky Blue,
£12.99 per metre,
higgsandhiggs.com*

PATTERN LAYOUT

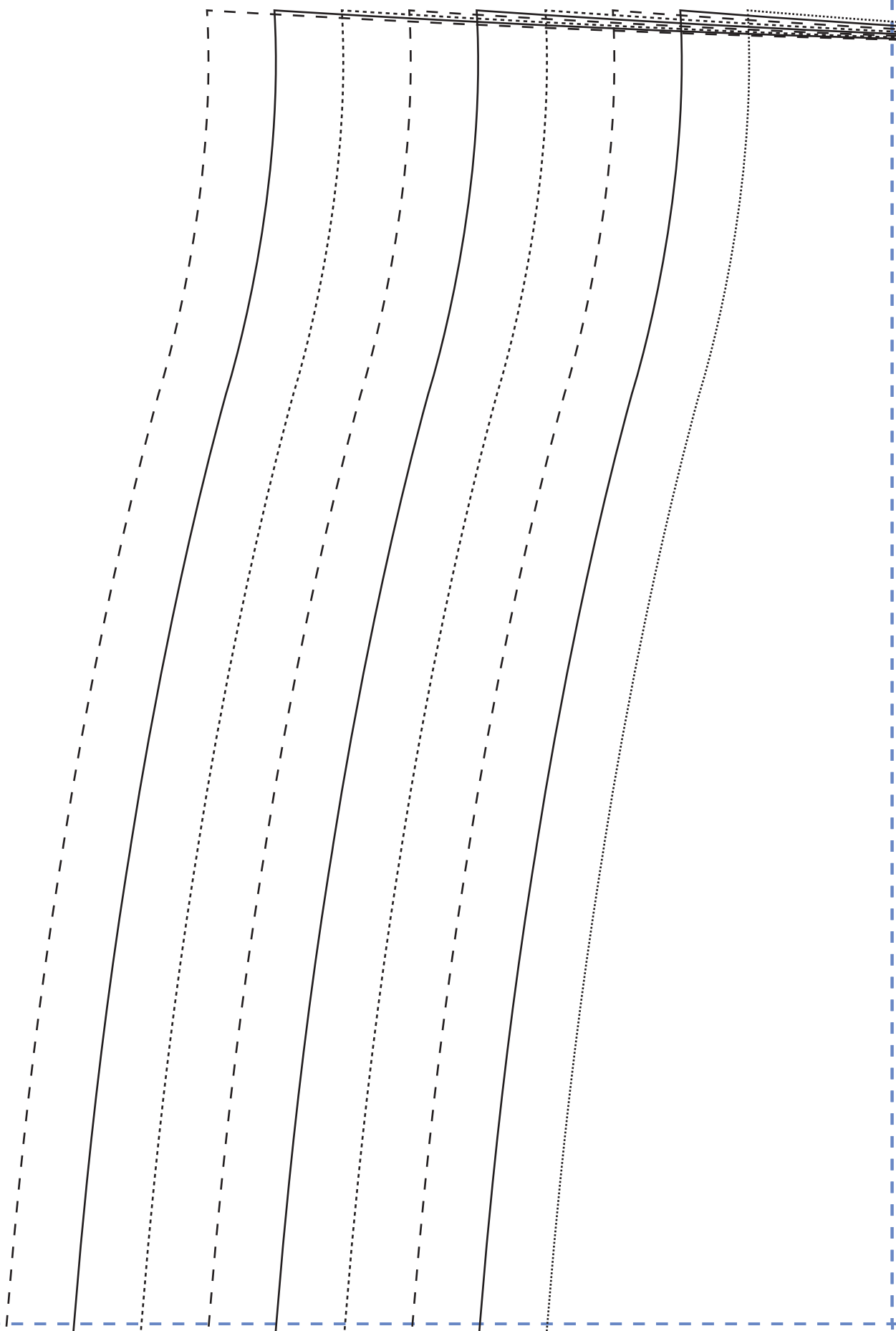


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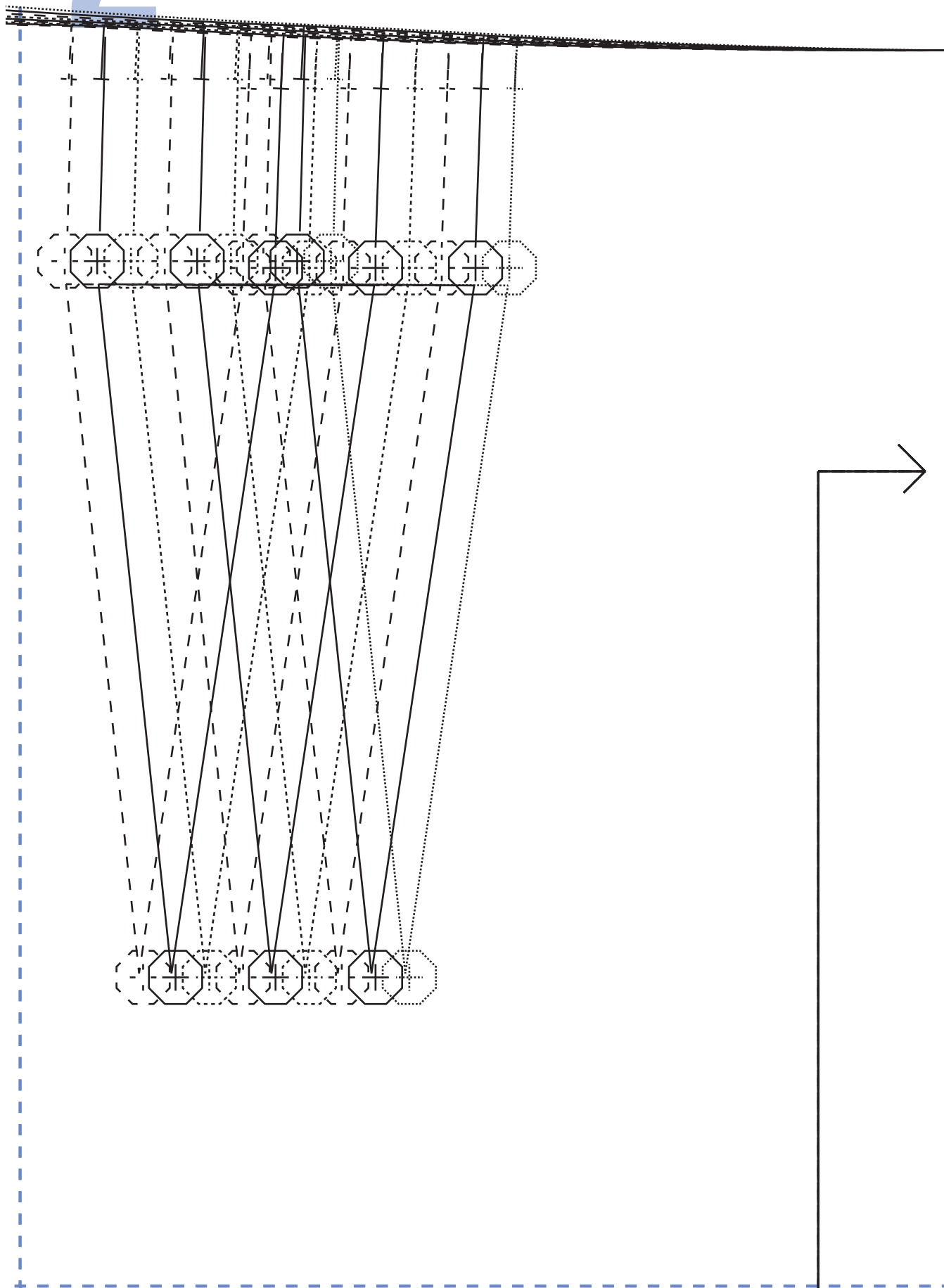
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Bust cm	78	83	88	93	98	103	108	113	118
Waist cm	59	64	69	74	79	84	89	94	99
Hip cm	85	88	93	98	103	108	113	118	123
Back neck to waist	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47

Once you have your body measurements, choose the closest size from the chart below. Remember, there will be variations depending on which fabric and pattern you choose, so always make a toile first.

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BACK SKIRT
CUT ONE ON THE FOLD

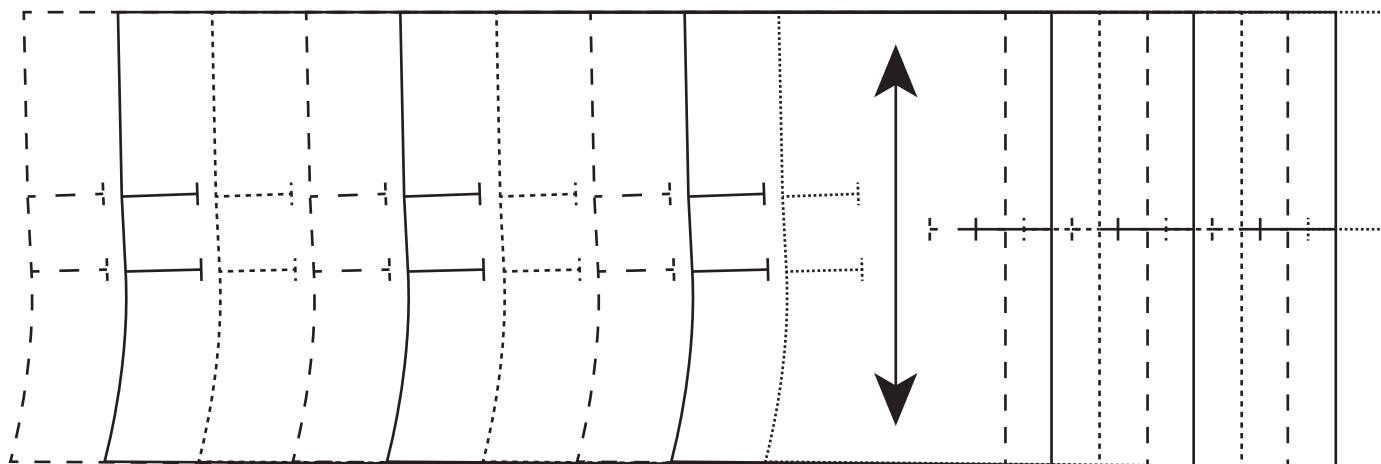
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TEST SQUARE
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LEFT FRONT WAISTLINE FACING

CUT ONE IN FABRIC, AND ONE IN
FUSIBLE INTERFACING (RIGHT SIDE UP)

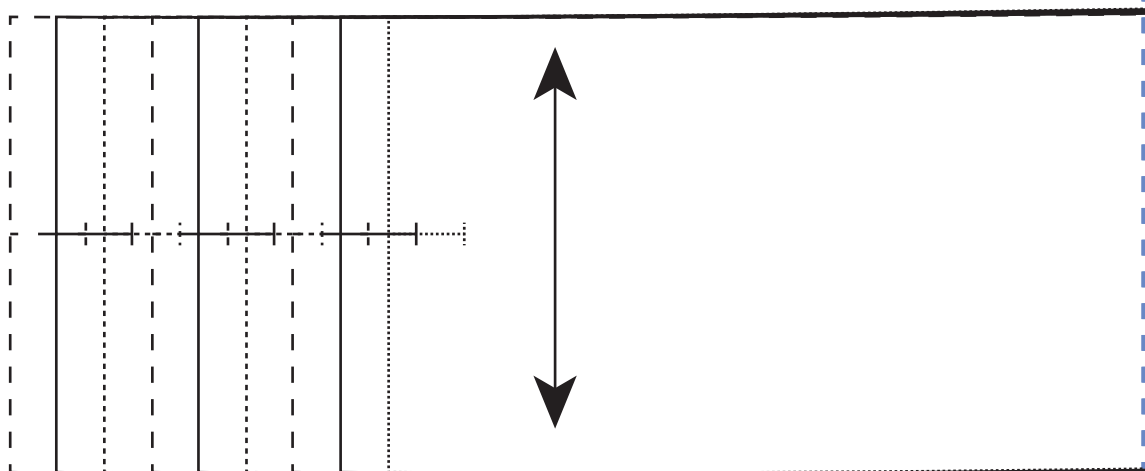
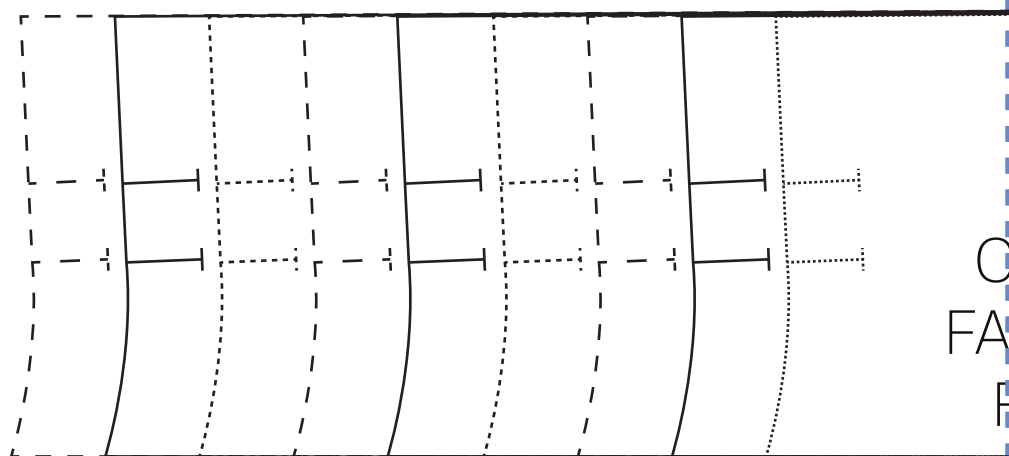


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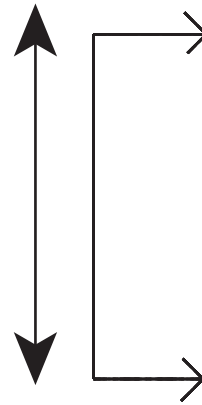


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BACK WAISTLINE FACING

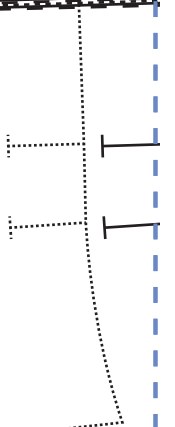
CUT ONE ON THE FOLD FROM
FABRIC, AND ONE ON THE FOLD
FROM FUSIBLE INTERFACING



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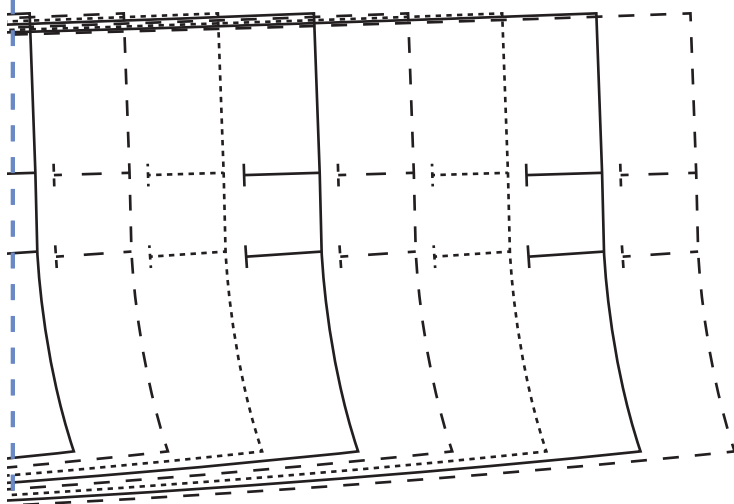
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CUT ONE IN FABRIC, AND ONE IN
FUSIBLE INTERFACING (RIGHT SIDE UP)

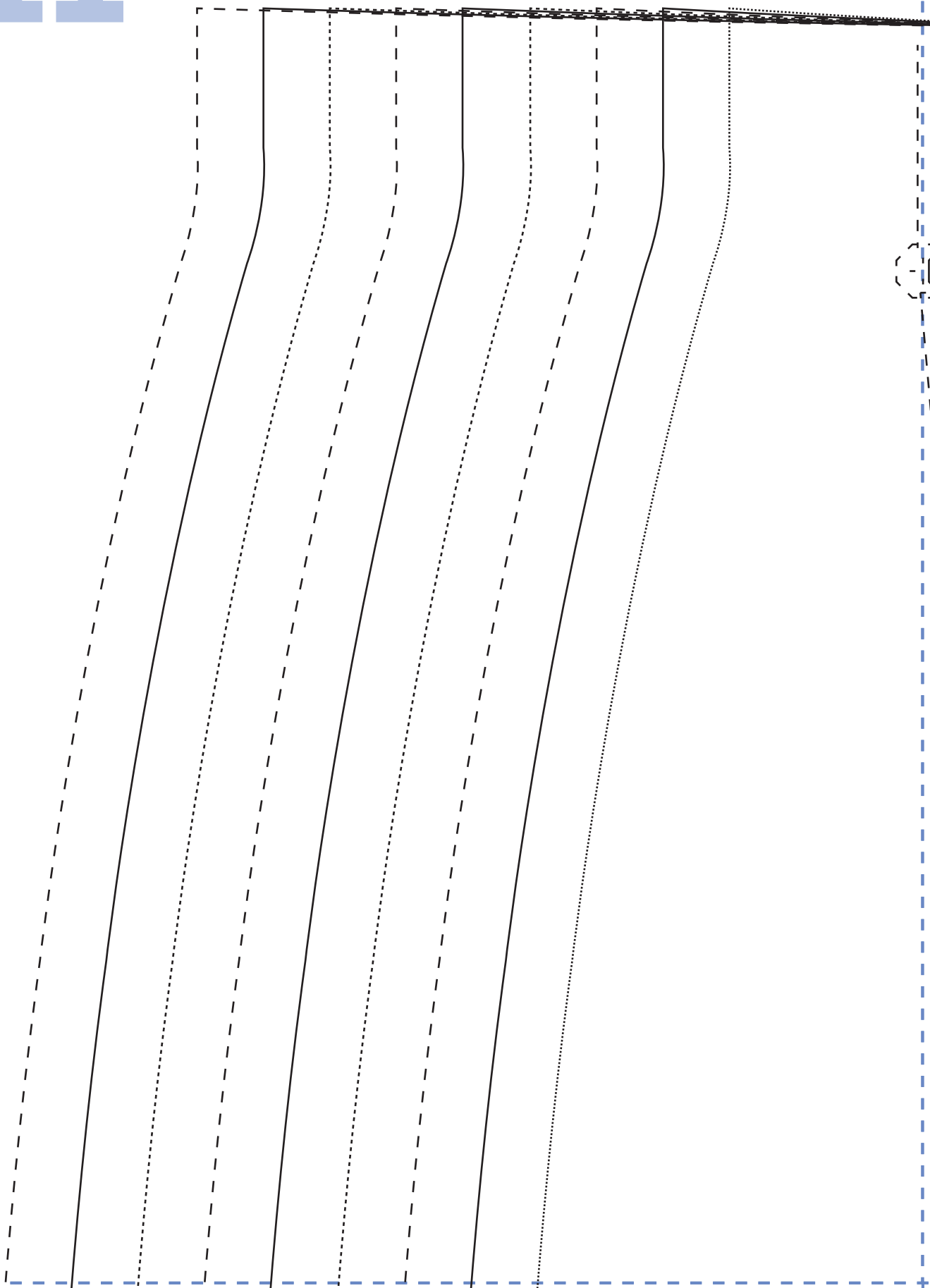


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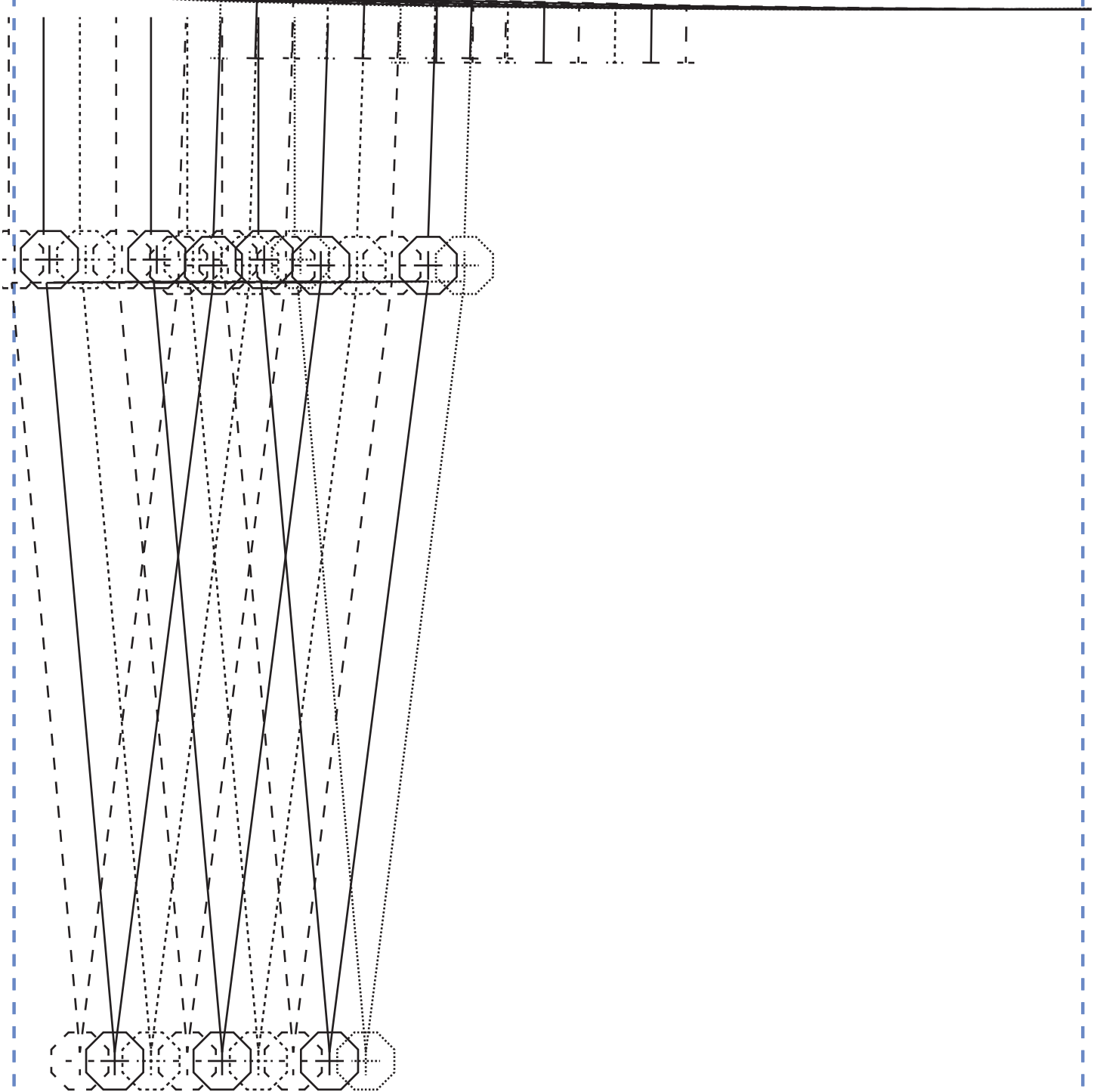
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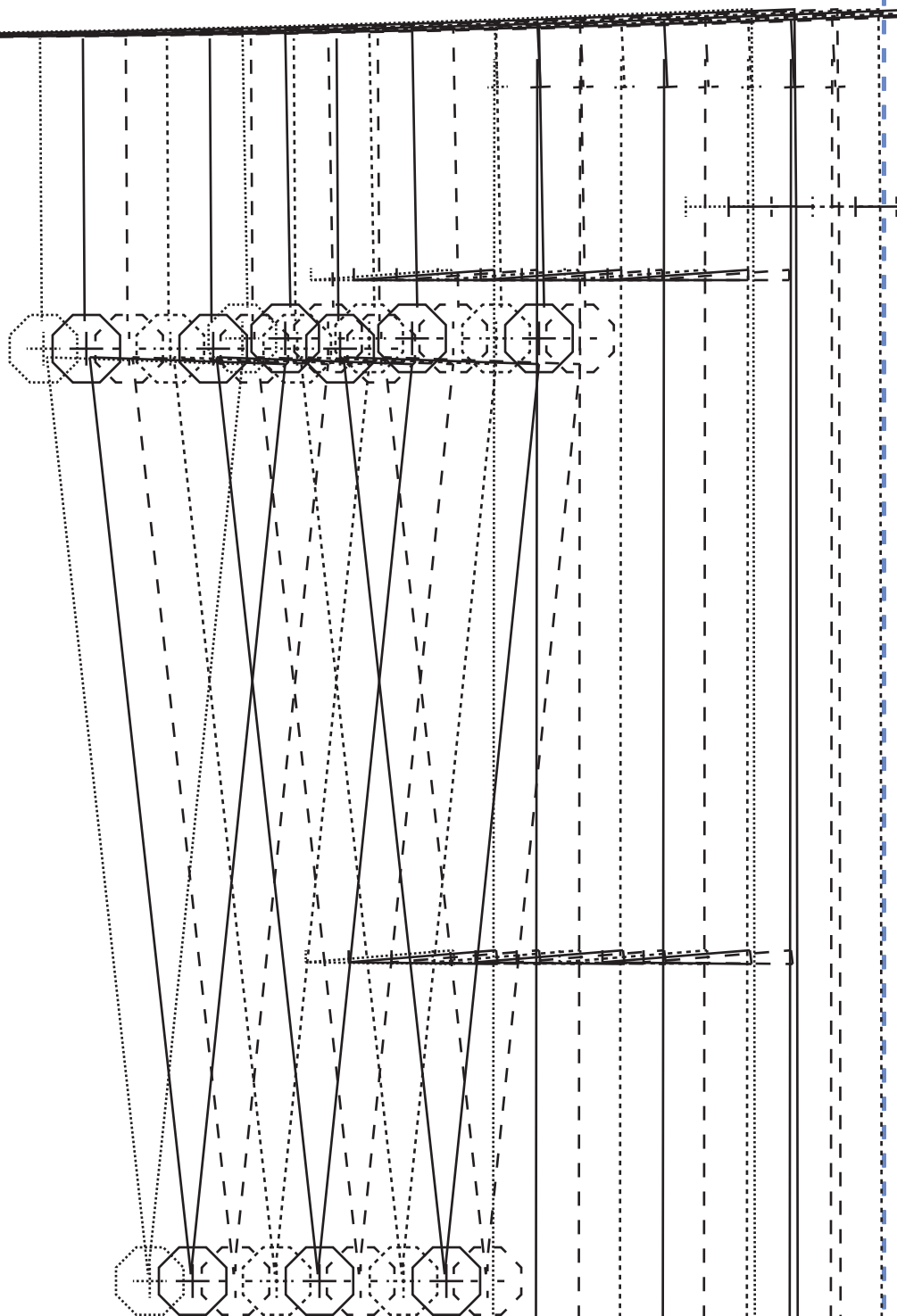
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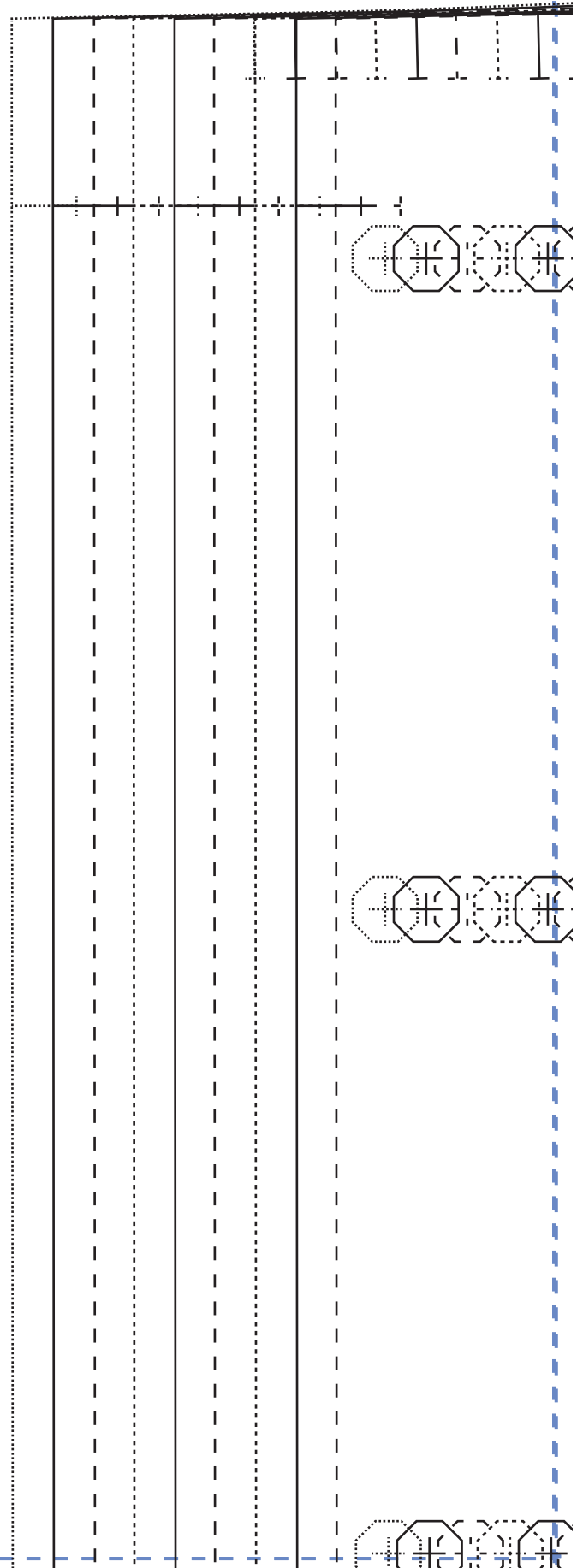
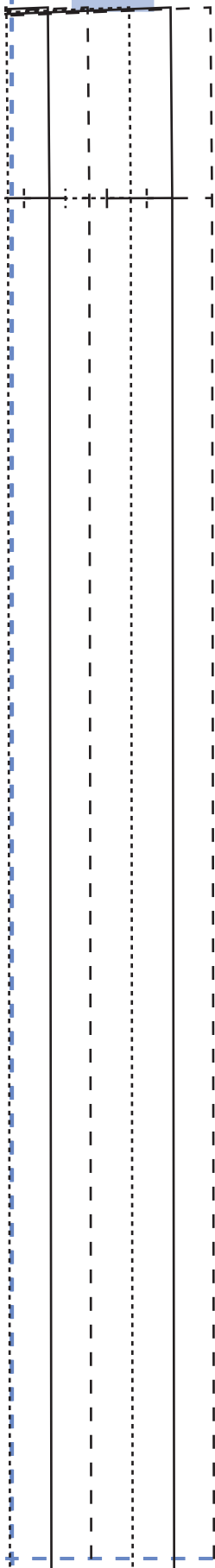
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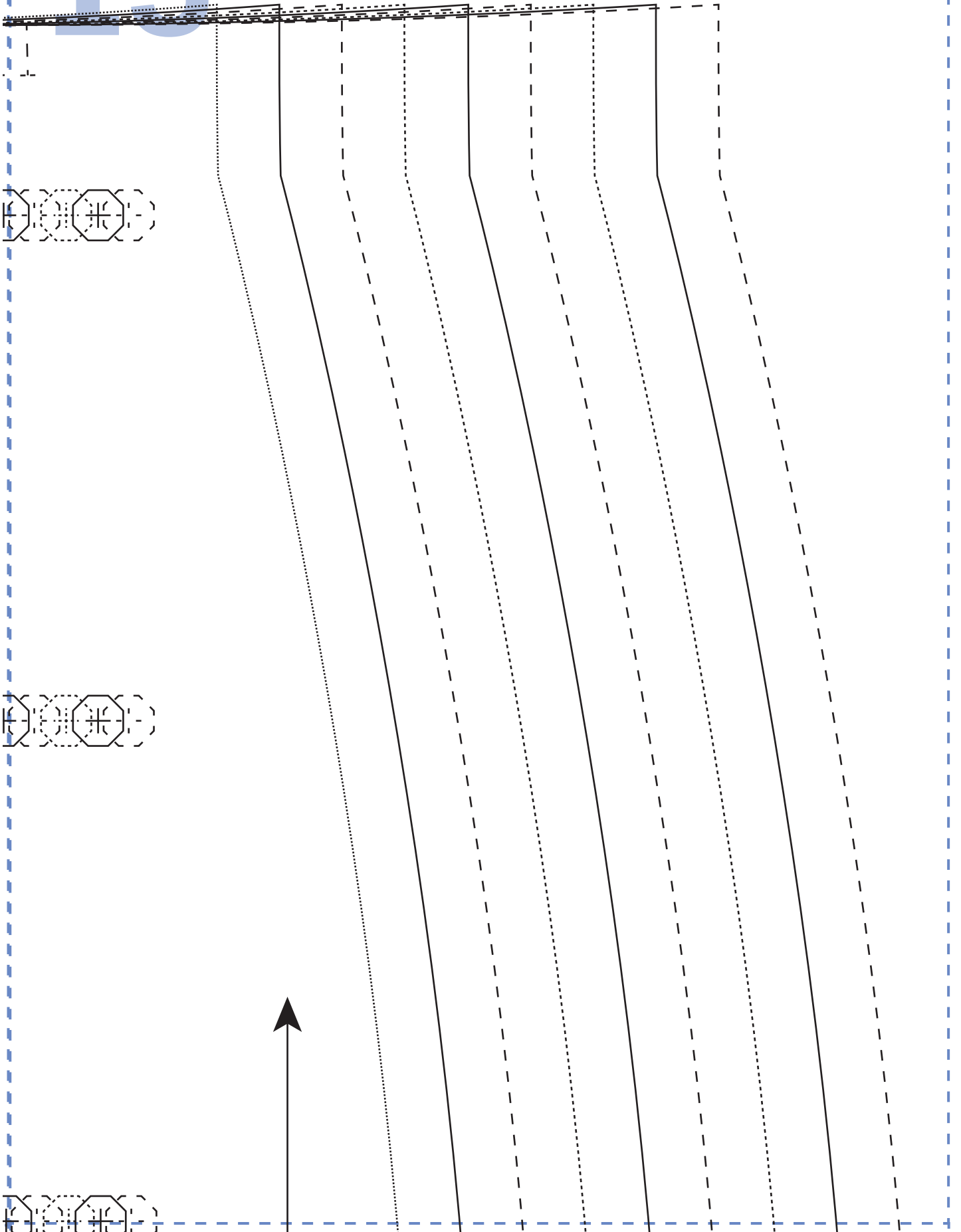
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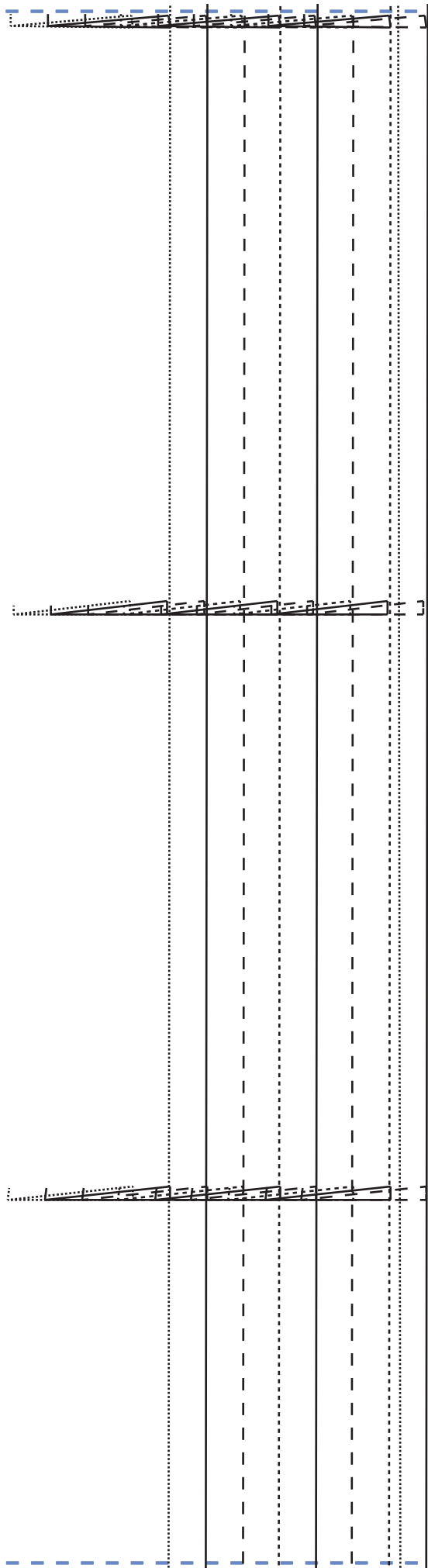


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RIGHT FRONT SKIRT
CUT ONE (RIGHT SIDE UP)

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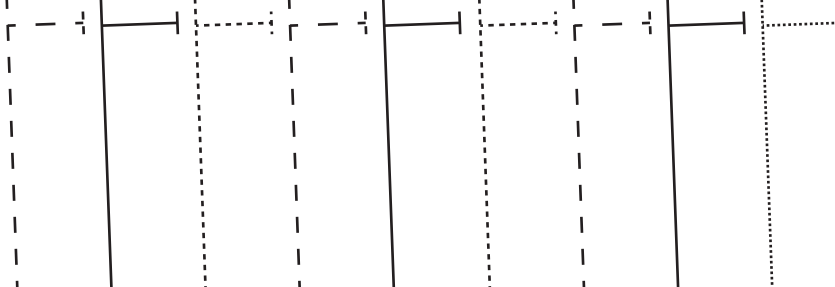
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LEFT FRONT SKIRT
ONE (RIGHT SIDE UP)



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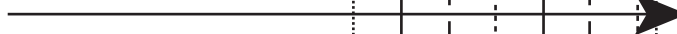


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Note: cut strip of
interfacing width
and length of
folded facing



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Note: cut
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and len
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Cut strip of
fabric width
length of
facing

