

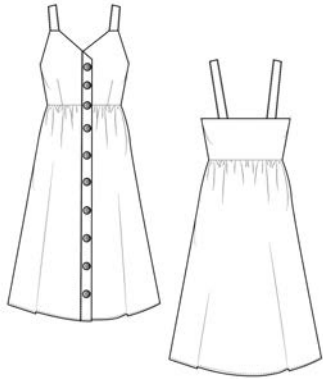
# Button Down Dress



**INSTRUCTION  
BOOKLET**

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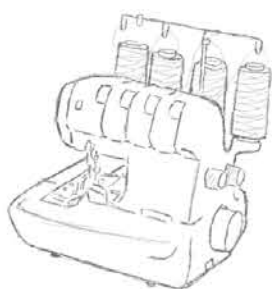
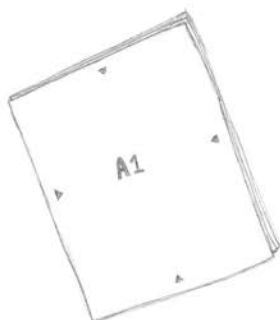
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# What do I need to start sewing?



Sewing machine  
Overlock/Serger  
Pattern printout  
Sewing thread  
Measuring tape  
Water erasable pen/Chalks  
Scissors  
Ruler  
Pins

30L (3/4" or 19mm) 4-hole buttons 10 pieces  
Buttonhole sewing foot  
Fusible interfacing



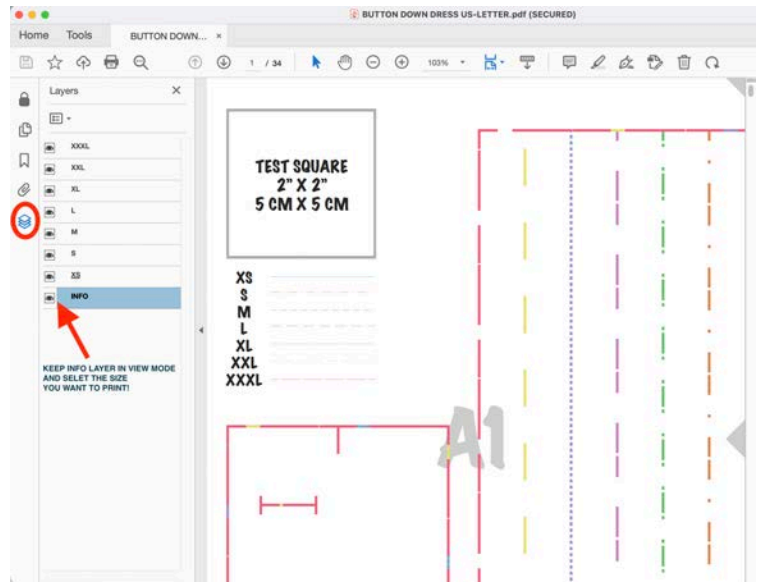
3 yard linen crepe

**Fabric Recommendations:** linen, cotton, poly cotton, ramie, hemp, rayon, cotton twill, seersucker, viscose, chambray.

# Printing Instructions

Let's print out the pattern!

The sewing pattern comes with 3 different printing options! The US Letter and A4 print is a tile version PDF that you can print out at home. The A0 version is used by a printshop to print on a single sheet of paper and saves time taping the separate pages together.



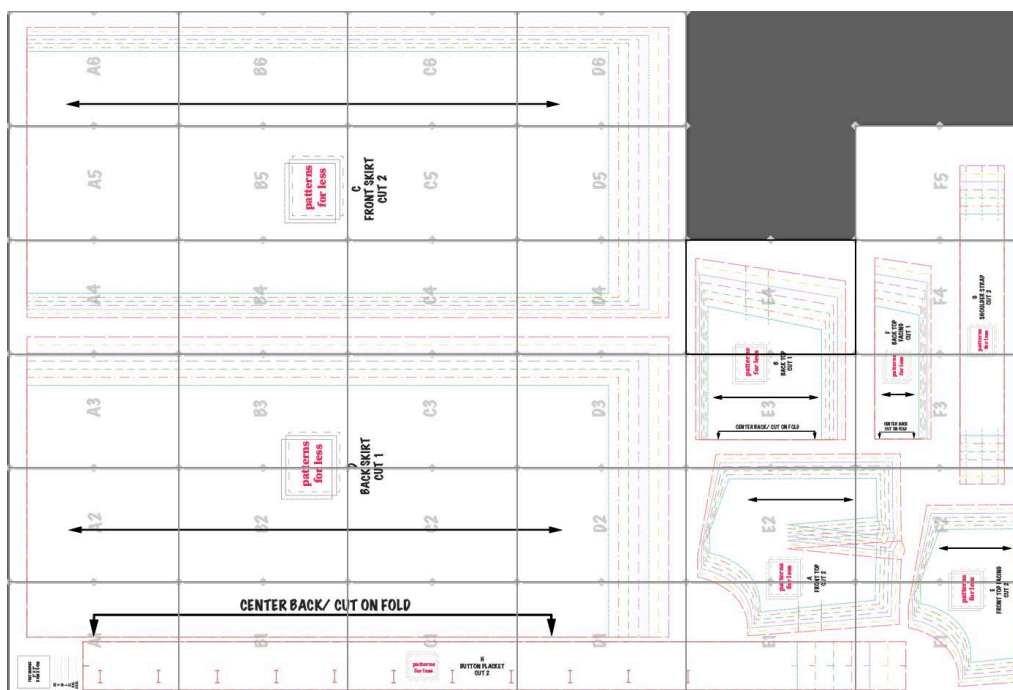
Additionally, you can use view mode to only select/print the size you are working on. Each pattern file is designed with layers of different sizes. There is an option to print only your size or all sizes based on your preference. Open the file in Adobe Acrobat and keep in legend layer.

If you print at home, then you need to trim each sheet by cutting off the top and excess margin. Tape each page together by row, and then attach the rows together. Use the diamond marks to align everything!

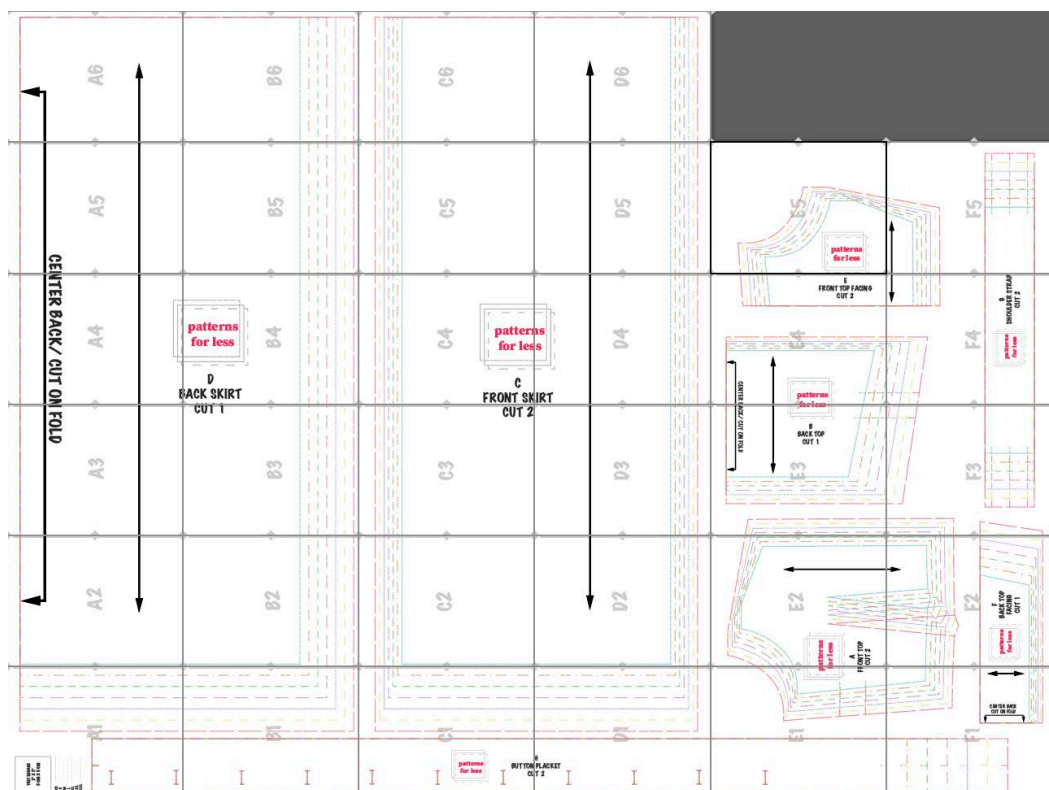
Always make sure to print on 100% scale.  
(Do not 'fit to page' or reduce the size!)

There is a test square on the first page of the pattern.  
Use as a scale to check if the dimensions are 5x5cm and/or 2x2".

A4



US Letter





# Size Chart

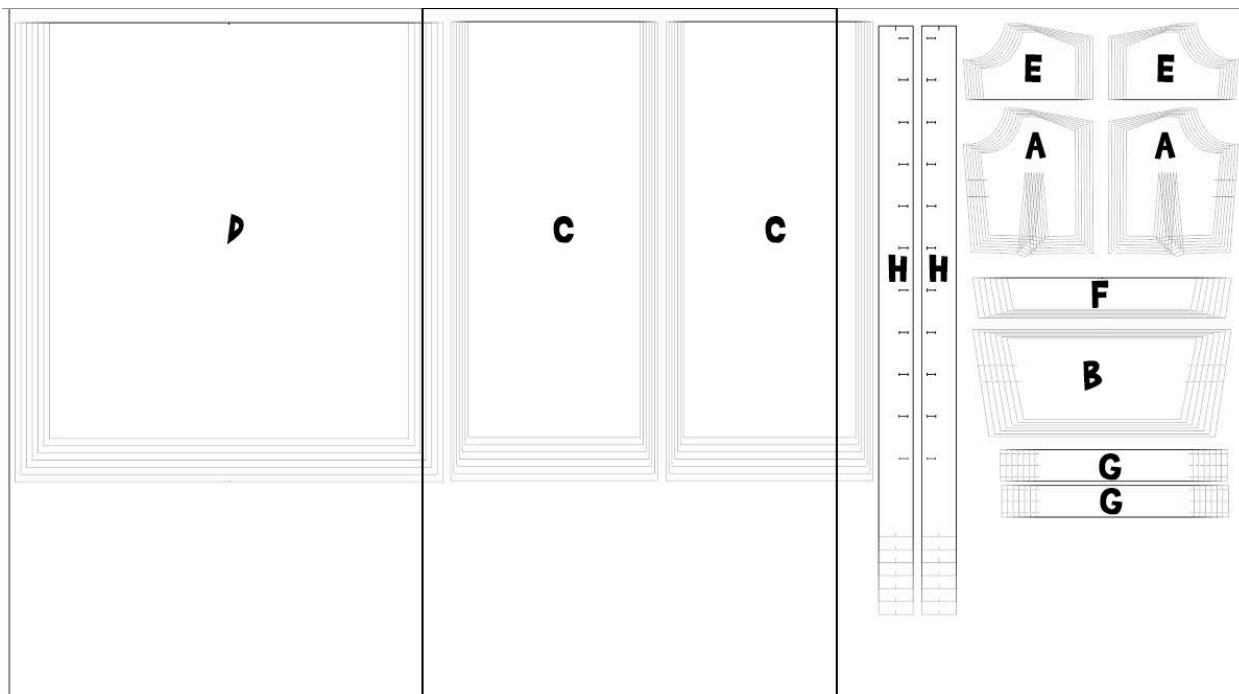
*inches*

SIZE	BUST	WAIST	HIP
XS	30	25	36
S	33	27	38
M	36	29	40
L	39	31	42
XL	41	33	44
XXL	44	35	46
XXXL	47	37	48

*centimeters*

SIZE	BUST	WAIST	HIP
XS	76	63	91
S	84	68	96
M	91	74	102
L	99	79	107
XL	104	84	112
XXL	112	89	117
XXXL	119	94	122

# Patterns

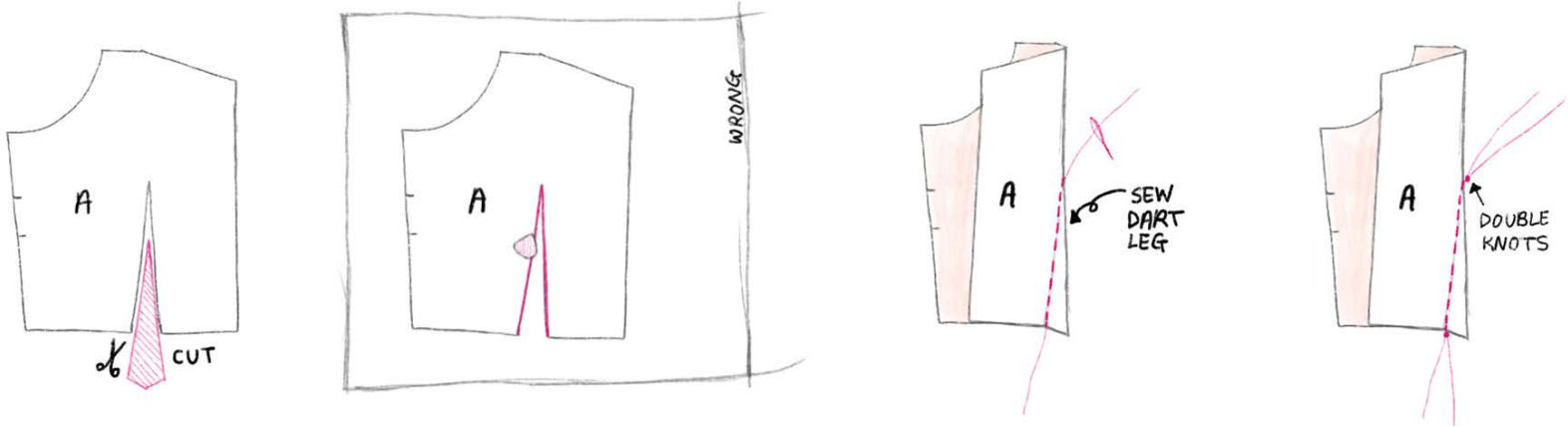


Button down dress pattern pieces include:

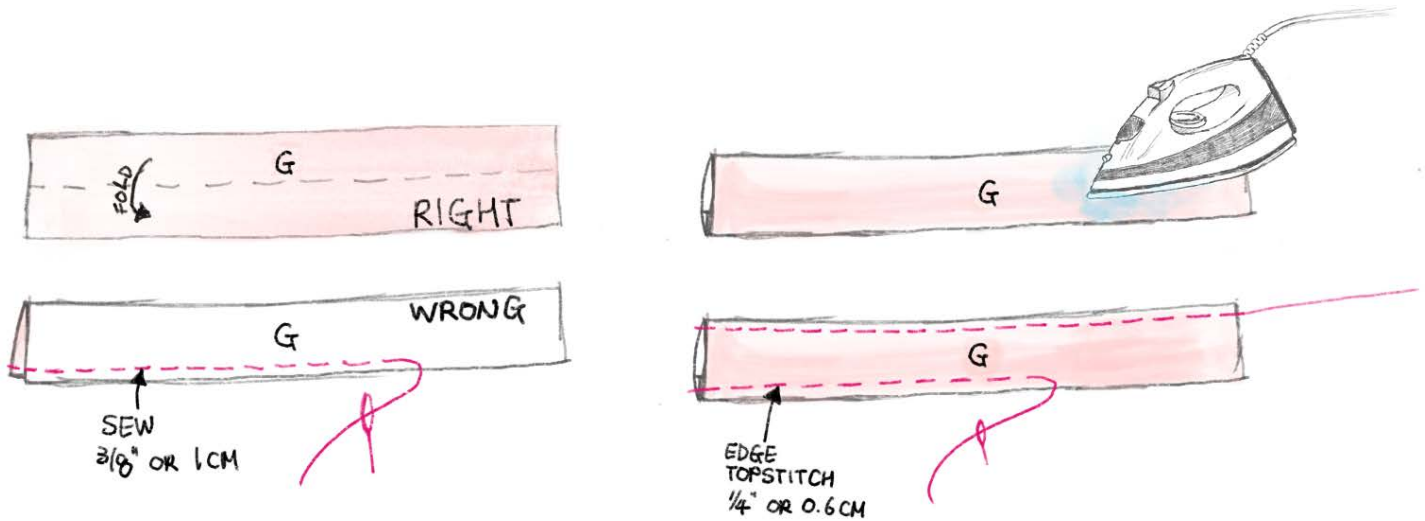
- A- Front Top, cut 2
- B- Back Top, cut 1 on folded fabric
- C- Front Skirt, cut 2
- D- Back Skirt, cut 1 on folded fabric
- E- Front Top Facing, cut 2
- F- Back Top Facing, cut 1 on folded fabric
- G- Shoulder Strap, cut 2
- H- Button Placket, cut 2

$\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm seam allowance is already included unless indicated on the pattern or instruction book.

# Sewing Instructions

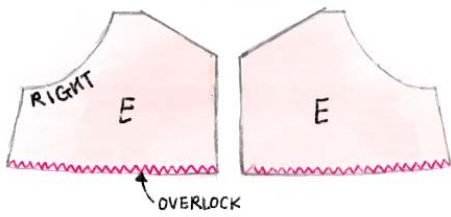


**Step 1-** Cut out the dart shape on Front Top (A) from paper pattern. Copy and transfer the dart leg and dart point from paper pattern to the wrong side of fabric. Sew the dart along the dart leg and double knot the ends for finishing.

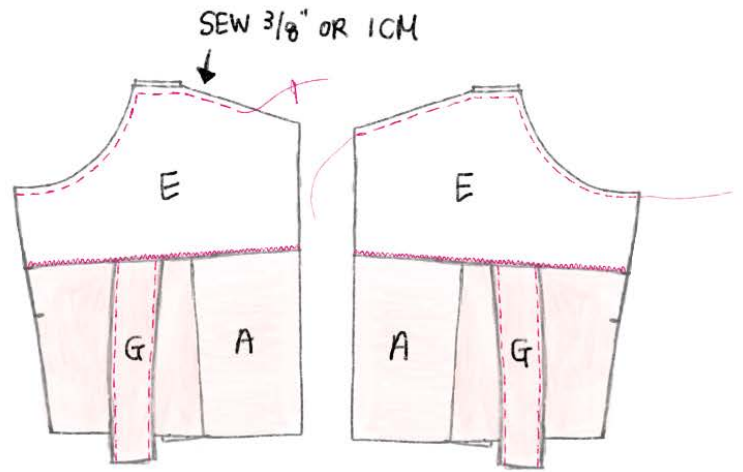
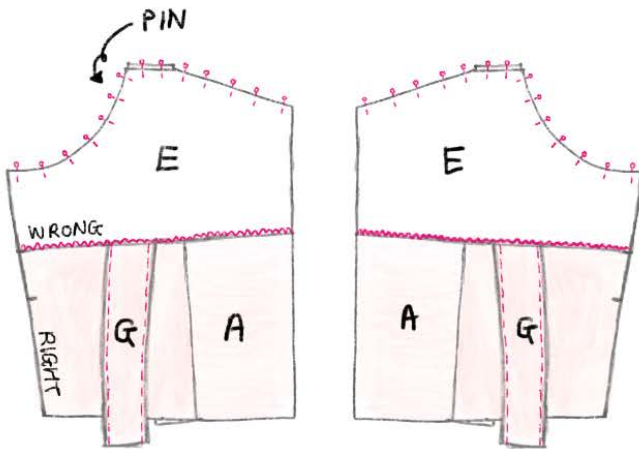
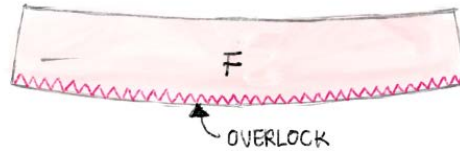


**Step 2-** Fold the Shoulder Strap (G) lengthwise right sides facing each other and sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width straight stitch along the cut edge. Flip the Shoulder Strap (G) inside out and press. Edge topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm away from the seam and folded edge.



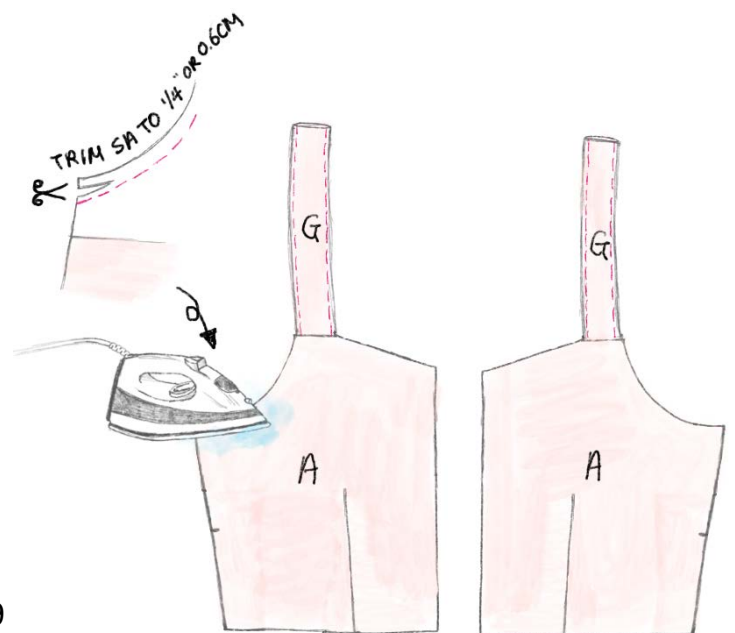


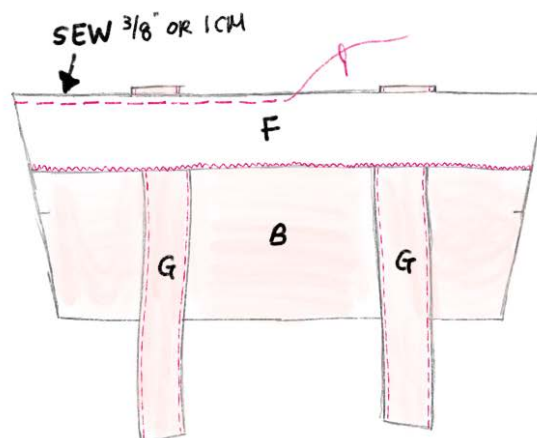
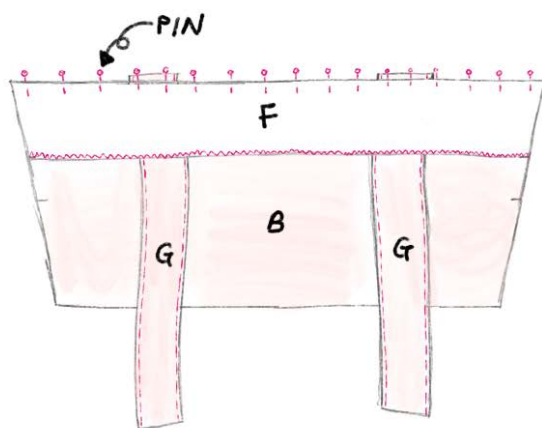
**Step 3-** Overlock stitch along the hemline of Front Neck Facing (E) and Back Neck Facing (F).



**Step 4-** Lay Front Top (A), Shoulder Strap (G), and Front Neck Facing (E) right sides facing on top of each other. Pin along the armhole and neckline to sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width around.

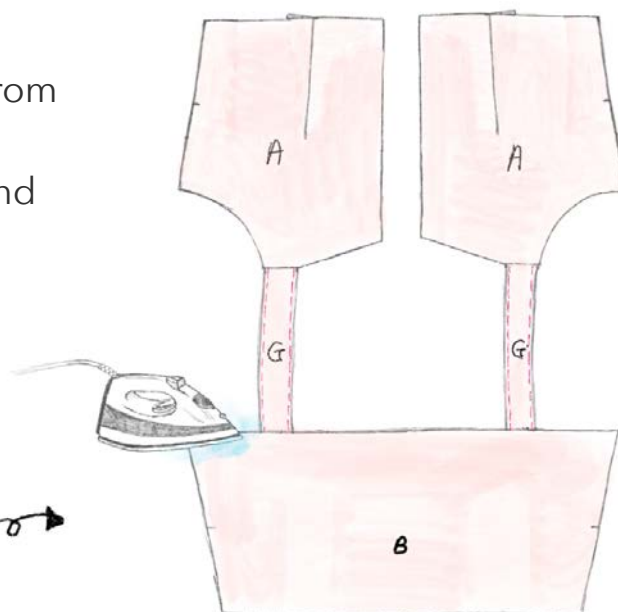
**Step 5-** Trim the seam allowance from  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm. Flip the Front Top (A) piece right side out and Front Neck Facing (E) piece facing inside. Press the armhole and neckline.

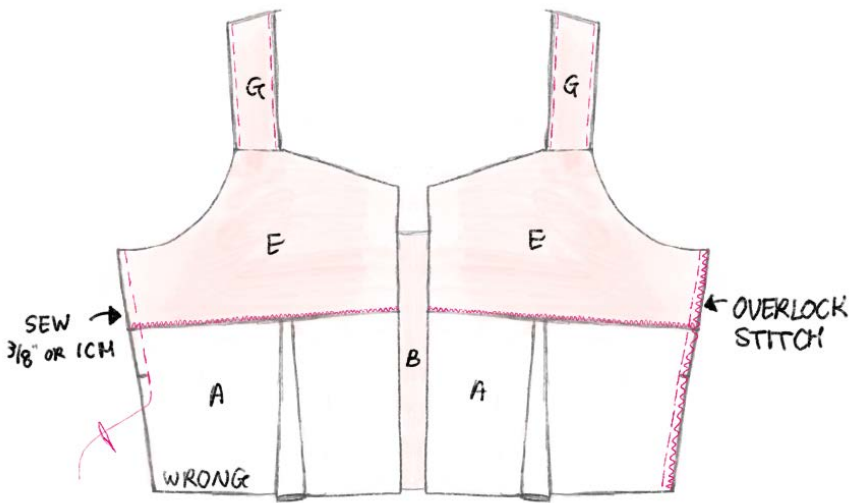




**Step 6-** Match the other end of Shoulder Strap (G) to the right sides of the Back Top (B) along the notches. Cover the assembled pieces with Back Neck Facing (F) and pin along the armhole and neckline. Sew  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm from one side seam to the other side seam.

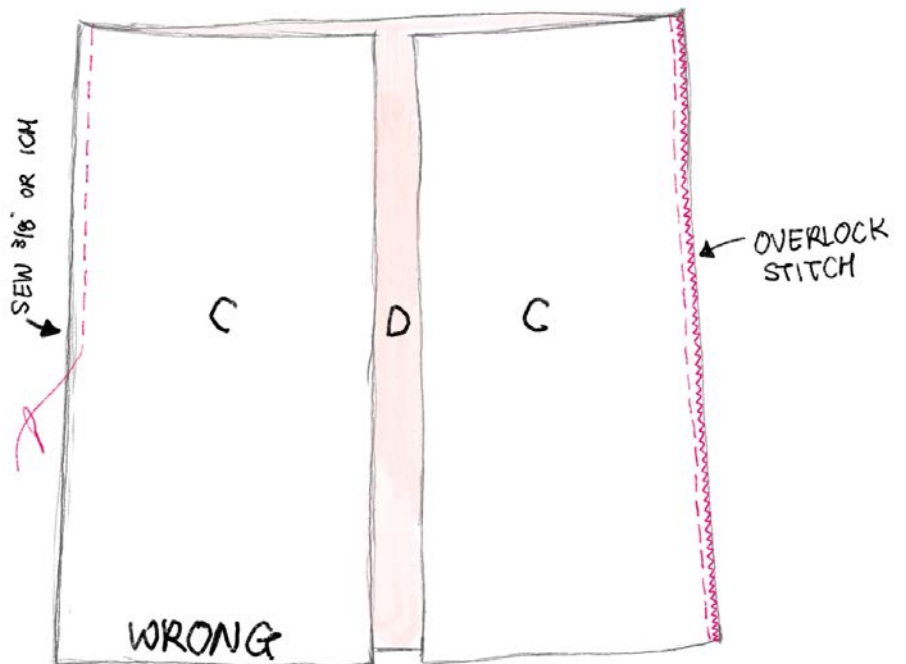
**Step 7-** Trim the seam allowance from  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm to  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm. Flip the Back Top (B) piece right side out and Back Neck Facing (F) piece facing inside. Press the armhole and neckline.

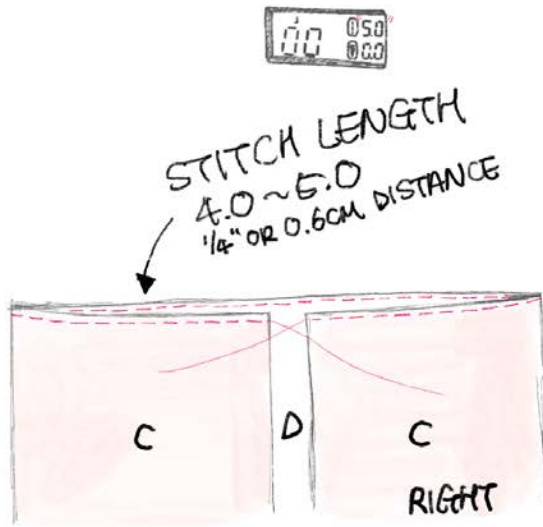




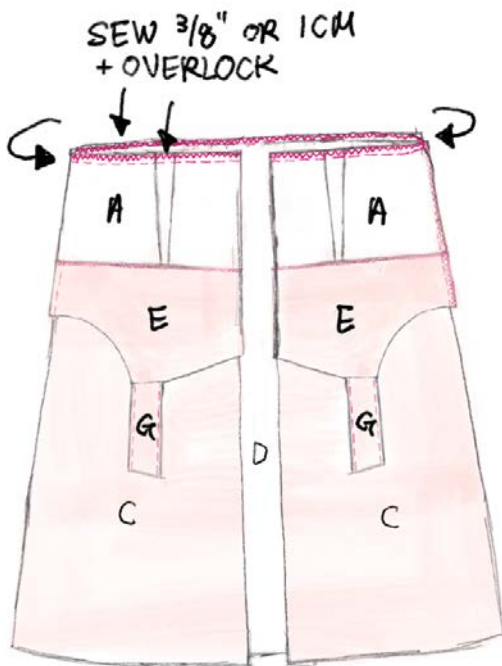
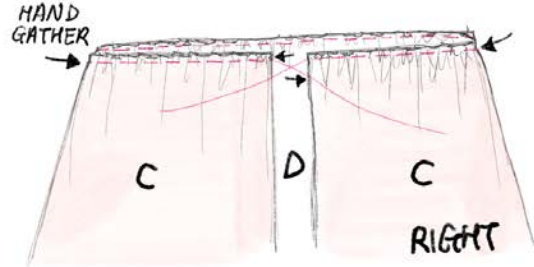
**Step 8-** Place the Front Top (A) and Back Top (B) right sides facing each other. Close both side seams  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width and overlock to finish. Press the side seams facing towards the Back Top (B).

**Step 9-** Place the Front Skirt (C) and Back Skirt (D) right sides facing each other. Close both side seams  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width and overlock to finish.



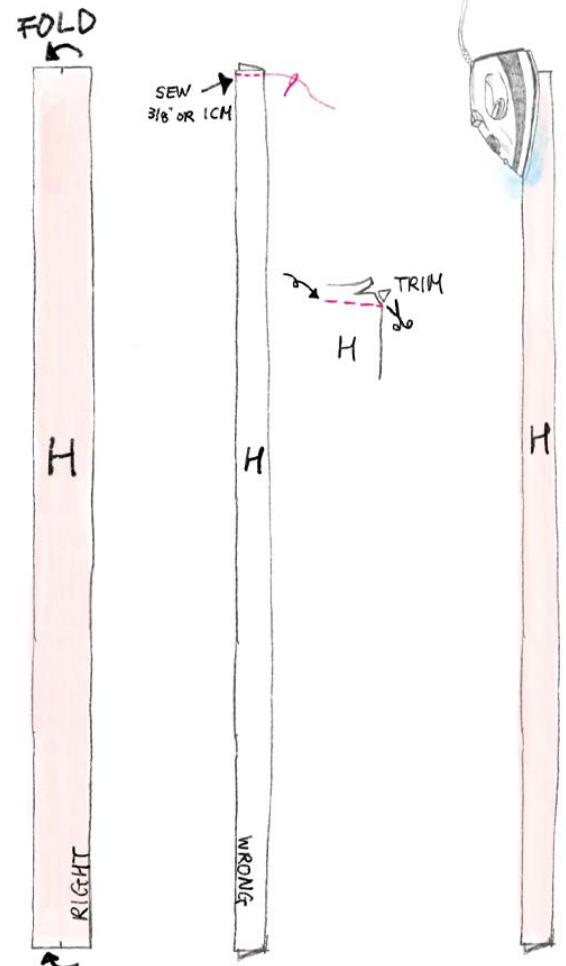


**Step 10-** Increase the stitch length to 4.0 or 5.0 on your machine and single stitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm along the top of the Front and Back Skirt (C & D) pieces. Manually hand gather and set aside.

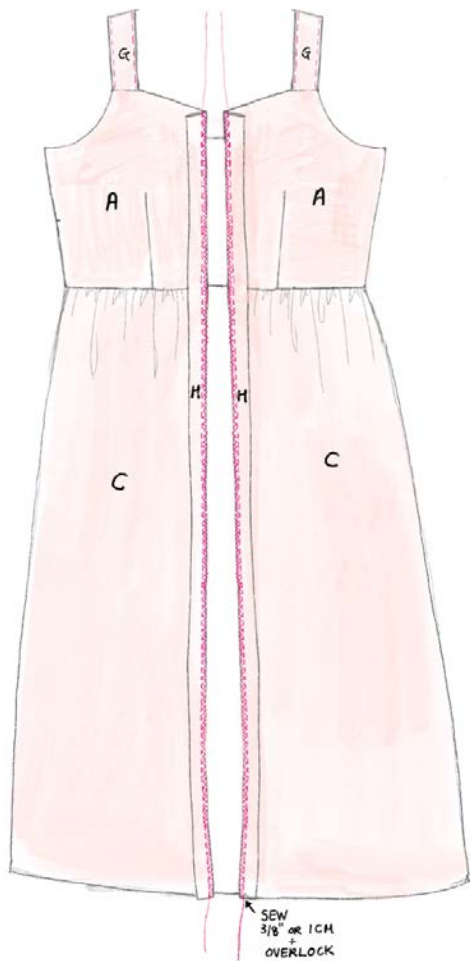


**Step 11-** Place the Front and Back Top (A & B) on top of right side of Front and Back Skirt (C & D). Sew along the waistline  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width and overlock the seam allowances. Ensure the gathering is evenly distributed.

**Step 12-** Fold the Button Placket (H) in half lengthwise with right side facing each other. Sew the short edge on top  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width straight stitch. Trim the corner and flip inside out to press.

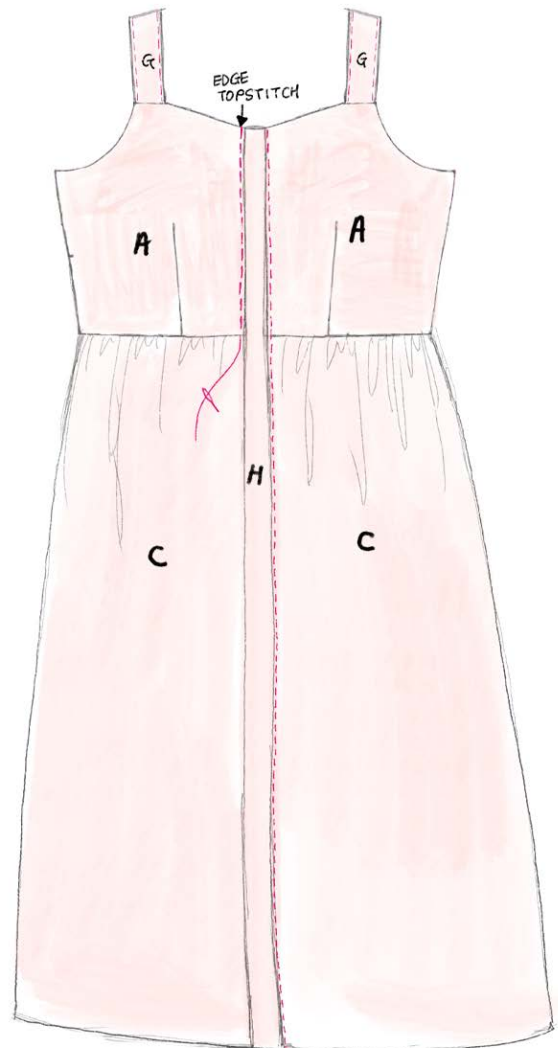


# BUTTON DOWN DRESS

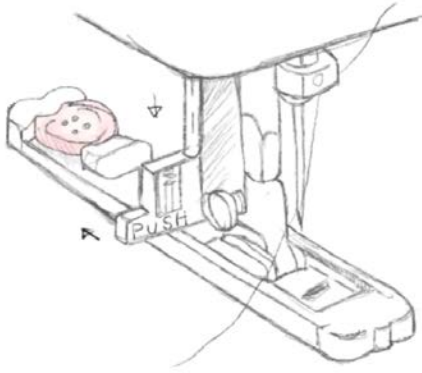


**Step 13-** Place the Button Placket (H) on top of Front Top and Front Skirt (A & C) and sew from top to bottom  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width and overlock stitch.

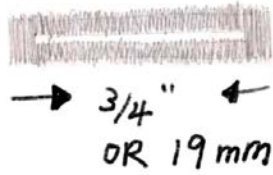
**Step 14-** Press the Button Placket (H) seam allowance facing toward side, then edge topstitch top to the hem on the Button Placket (H).



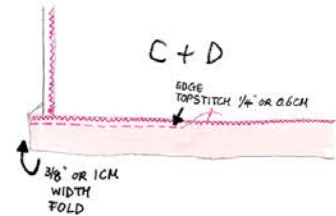
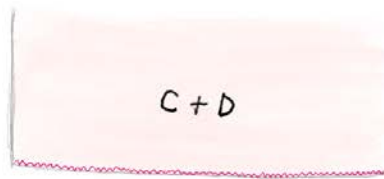




BUTTON HOLE x10 PCS.



**Step 15-** Transfer the buttonhole and button position from the paper sewing pattern to the right side of the Button Placket (H). Use buttonhole foot to sew button and buttonhole.



**Step 16-** Overlock stitch the hem and fold the hemline  $\frac{3}{8}$ " or 1cm width. Edge topstitch around the hemline of dress opening  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm width. Give a nice press all around and enjoy your button down dress!



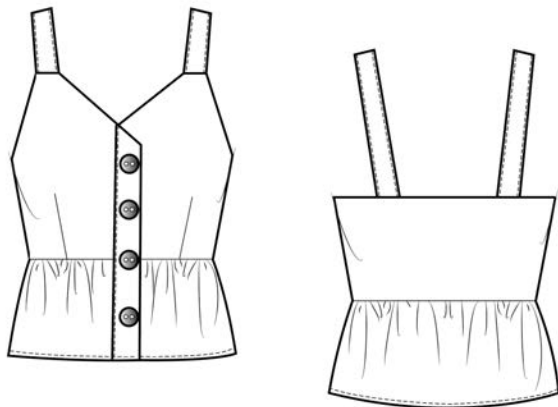
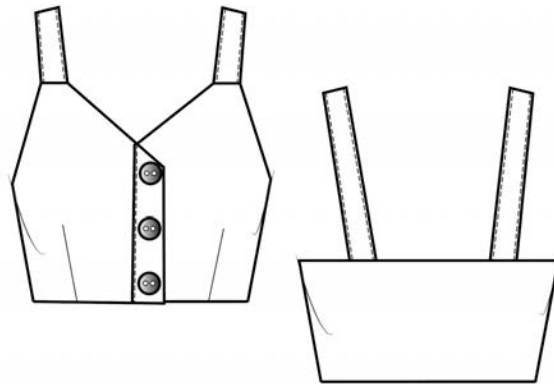


# Pattern Modifications



Shorten the dress length to 34" or 86.4cm long to transform into a button down mini dress!

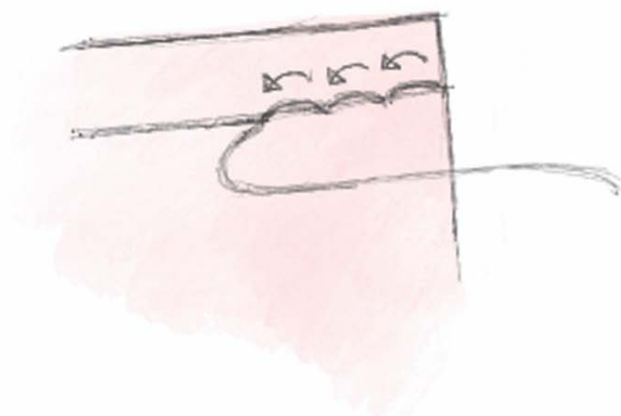
Remove the dress completely to make into a button down crop top!



Cut the dress length to 5" or 12.7cm to convert into a button down peplum top!

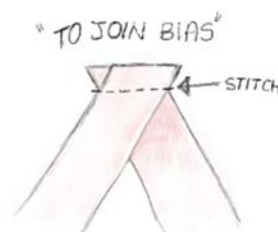
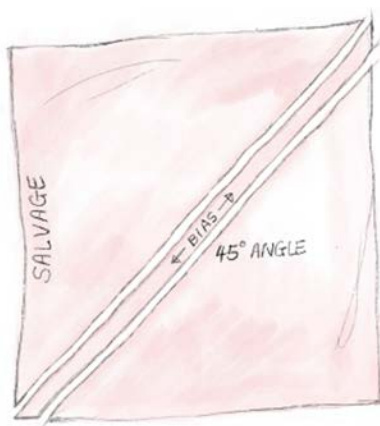
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# Back Stitch



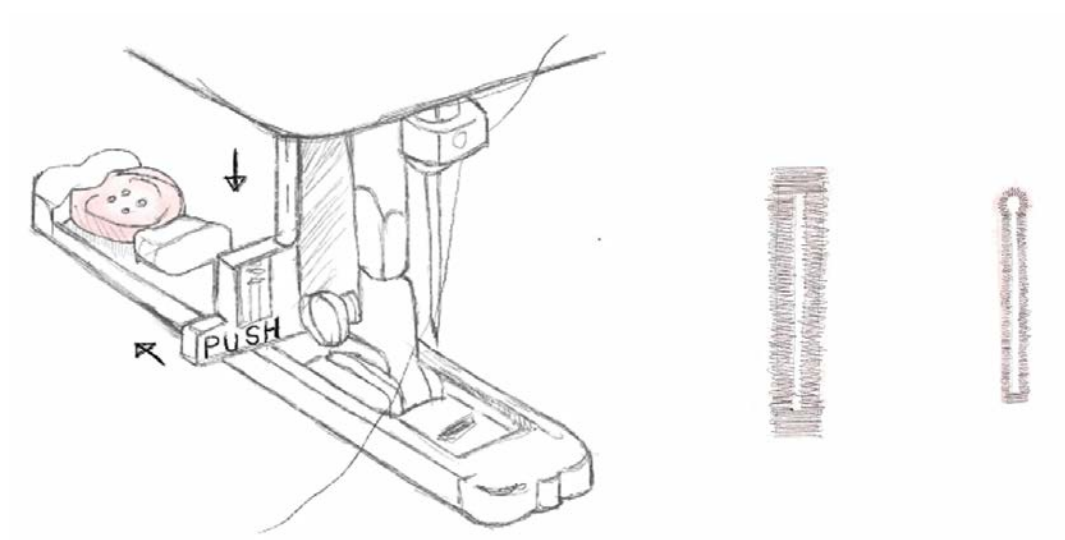
When you start a new seam or finish the seam, always backstitch by hitting the reverse button on your sewing machine. Back stitching consists of 3-4 stitches to lock the stitching and prevent unraveling.

# Bias Tape



Bias tape is widely used in neckline, spaghetti strap, and other garment finishings. Prepare the bias strap by cutting in half diagonally to give a nice stretch. When needing to make a long continuous bias tape, sew the diagonal pieces together as long as you need.

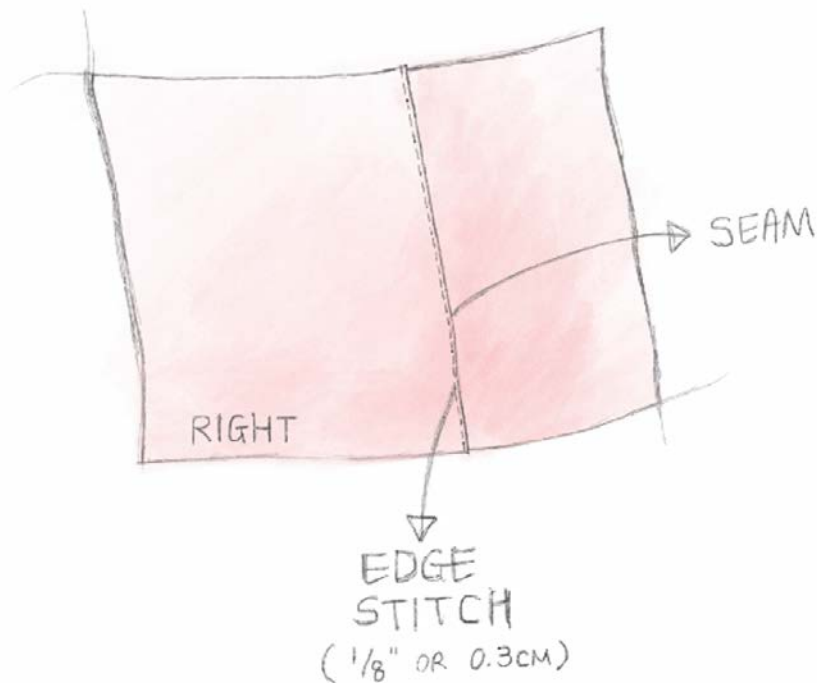
# Buttonholes



There are various styles of buttonholes you can create with your sewing machine. For cleaner look, add interfacing and sew over the buttonhole more than once to create nice tight holes.

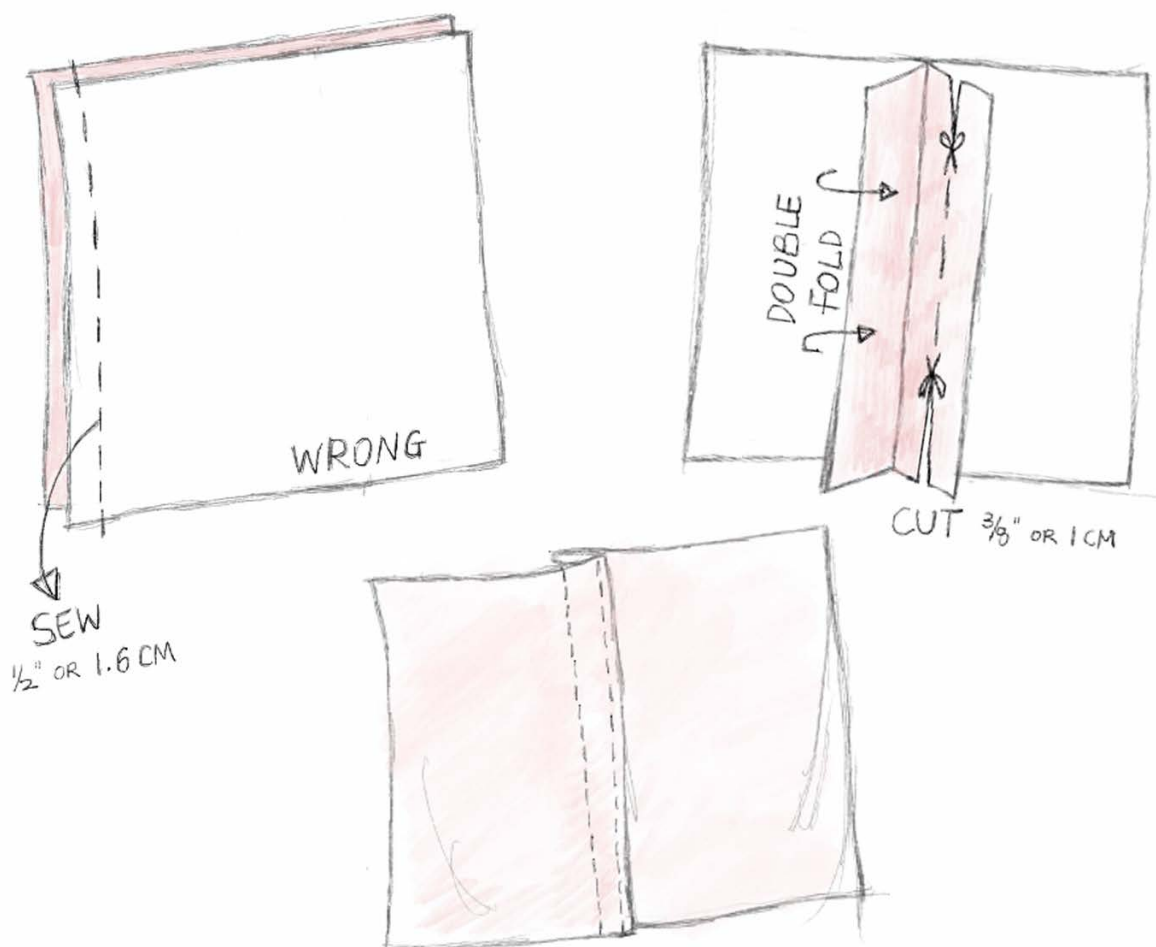
Use a buttonhole foot by inserting the button in the back of the foot, and snap the foot into place. Pull the button hole lever down, and select the buttonhole stitch on your machine. Press the pedal and stitch away, your machine will automatically go through the steps to make an accurate buttonhole.

# Edge Stitch



Edge stitches are typically used to decorate or emphasize the original seam line. To achieve clean edge stitch, use a special footer to sew close to the edges without gliding off. Sew slowly to control the fabric.

# Flat Felled Seam

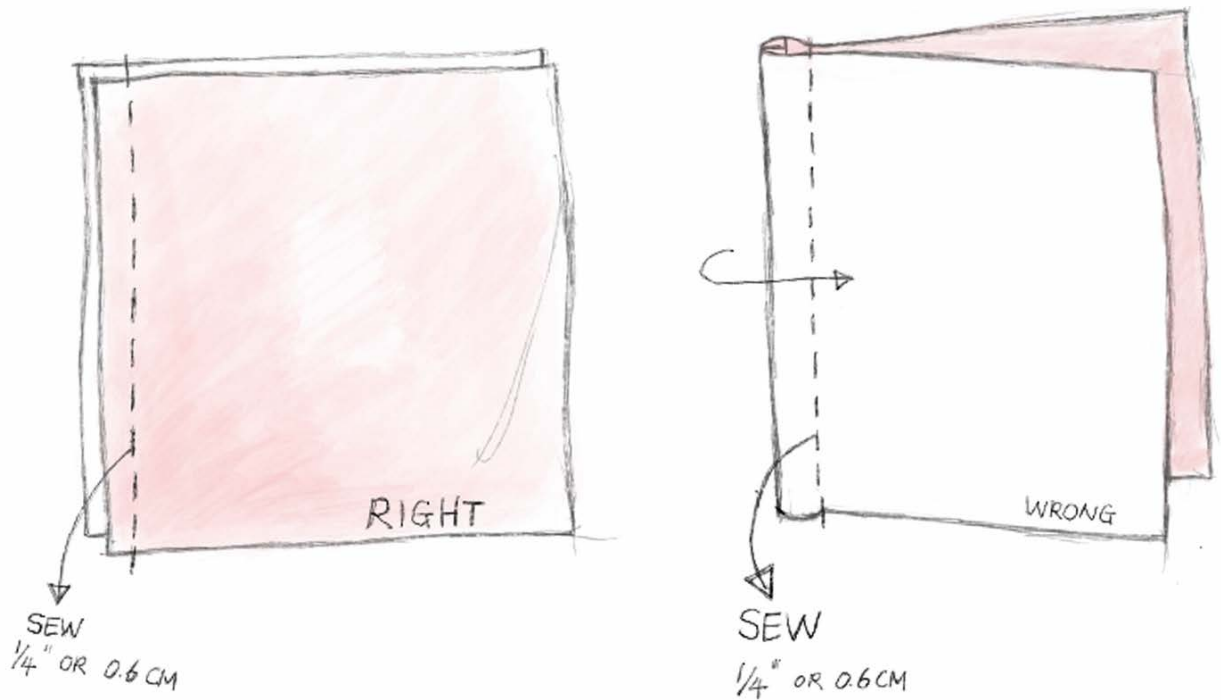


Flat felled seam or jeans seams is a great way to sew heavy duty fabric or bottoms to strengthen the garment.

Sew the fabric right sides facing each other. Trim one of the seam allowances in half. Turn the raw edge under and fold over to hide the half cut edge. Topstitch down the enclosed seam allowance.



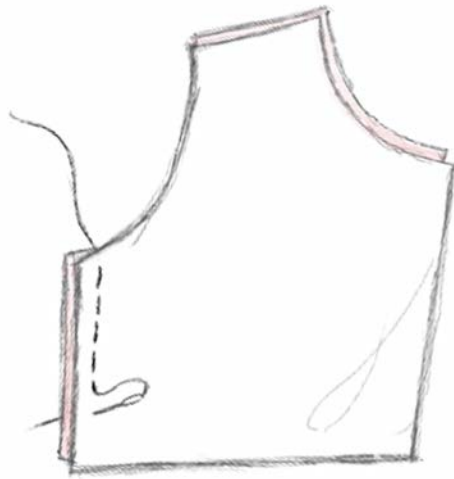
# French Seam



When sewing silk or chiffon with delicate fabrication, French seams are a great way to achieve an excellent quality finish.

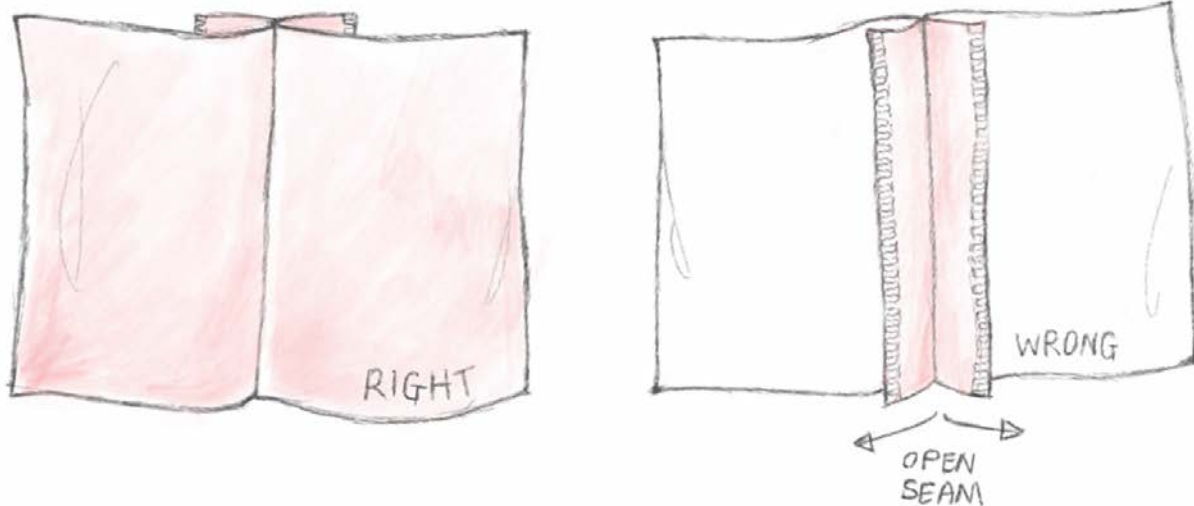
Place wrong sides of fabric facing each other and sew  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm. Press the seam and fold the fabric along the seam line. Enclose the seam by stitching  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm from the folded edge.

# Hand Basting



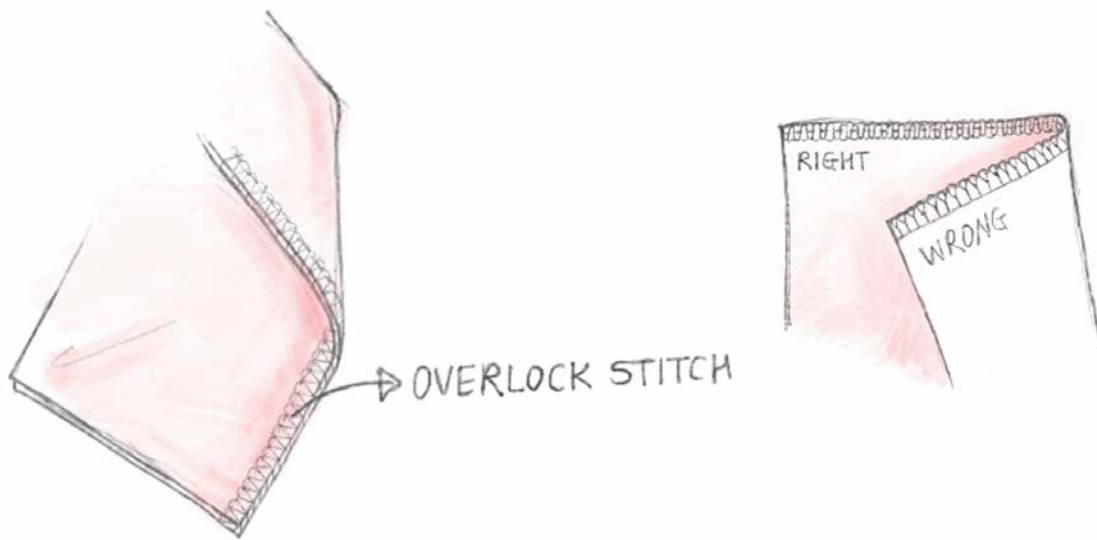
Basting or running stitches are simple hand stitches to use instead of pinning or gathering. Alternatively, you can increase the stitch length and loosen tension on your sewing machine to create a basting look.

# Open Seam



Open seams are a technique used to make the seams clean and flat. It can be used for CF, CB, or side seams. Overlock both raw edges first, and then stitch the 2 pieces together to iron the seam open.

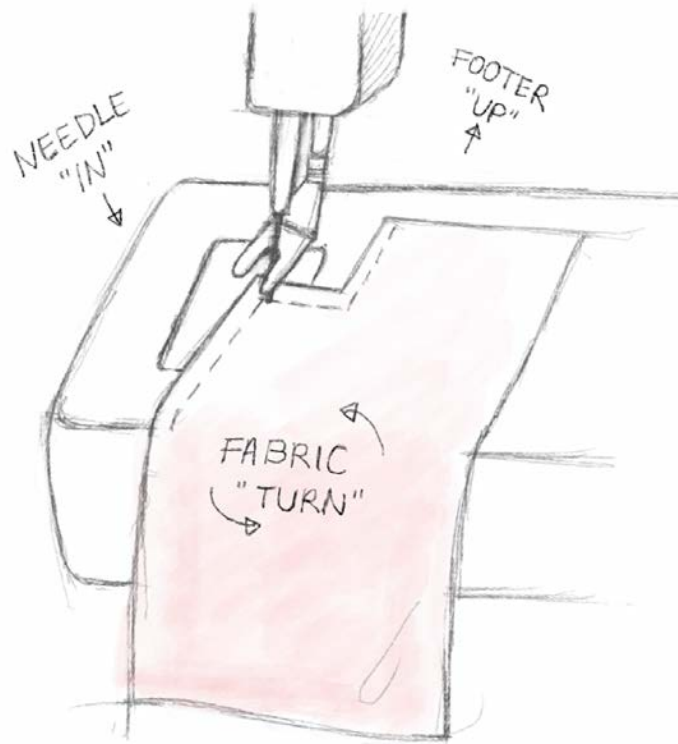
# Overlock



Overlock stitches help to bind raw cut edges to prevent from fraying. This technique is mostly accomplished by overlock machine, serger, or your home sewing machine with overlock stitch setting.

Overlock machines have 2 to 3 needles and 2 top threads and lower threads to braid and stitch, which results in a variation of blanket stitch. The knife blade cuts the fabric edge to give a clean overlock stitch.

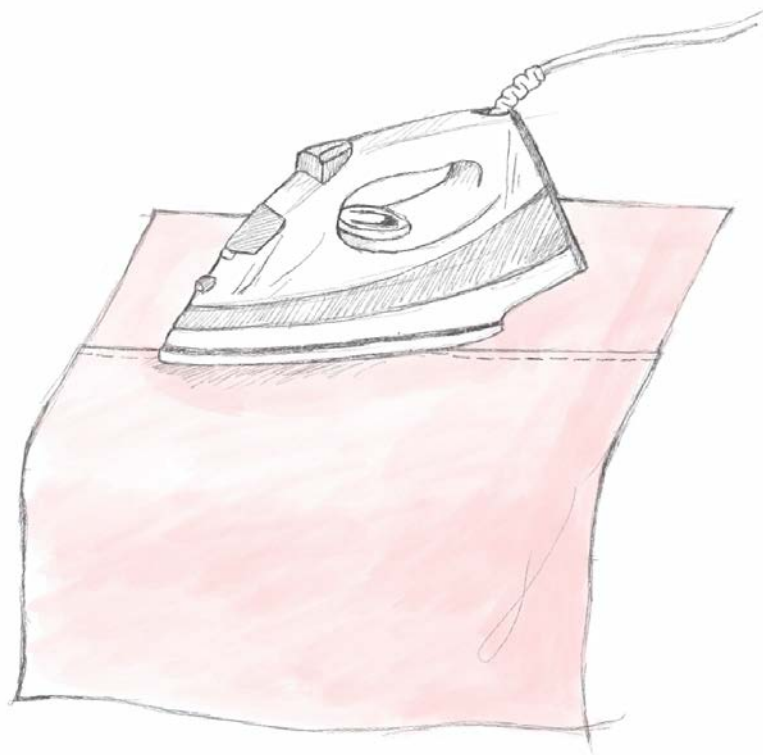
# Pivoting



Use the pivoting method when sewing corners or at an angle such as pocket corners, tip of collars, v-neckline, etc.

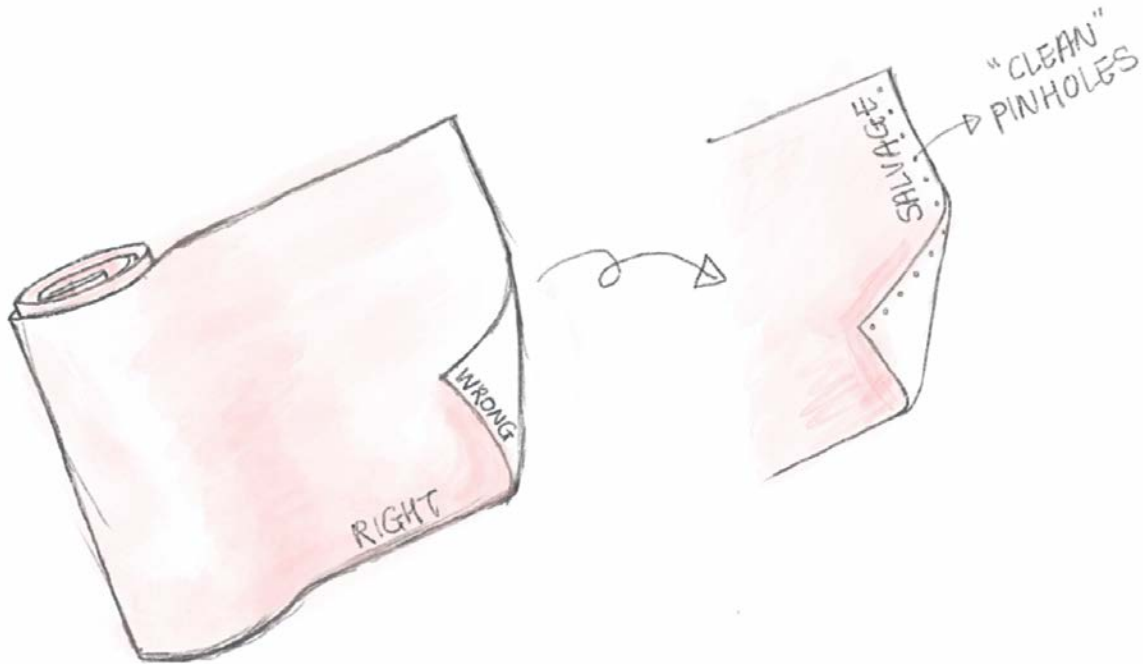
Execute the technique by leaving the needle in the fabric, lift the footer, and then turn the fabric as much as you need. Continue to sew by lowering the footer again, then stitch in the new direction.

# Pressing



Steam and iron with pressure after every stitch you make in the garment. Pressing helps to relax the threads and finish the seams cleanly. Be aware to avoid extreme steam on natural fabrics such as cotton and linen due to the risk in shrinkage.

## *Right side - Wrong side*

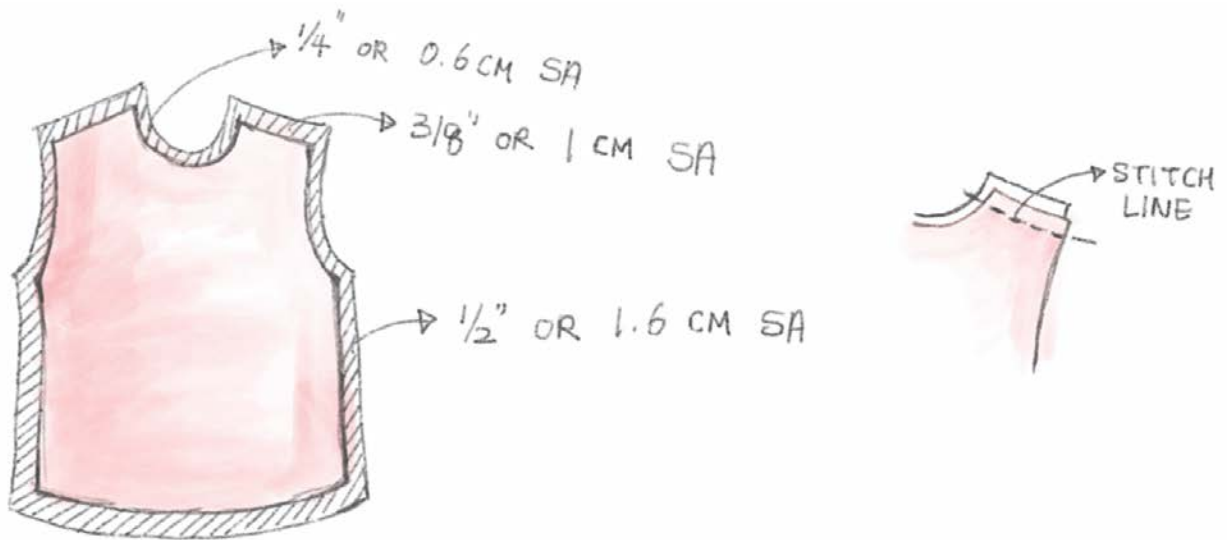


All fabrics have a right side and wrong side. The right side is mostly worn visibly to the outside whereas the wrong side should be on the inside of the garment. Some fabrics are easy to identify the right or wrong side by sheen or texture, but some might look identical both right and wrong side.

To find out the right and wrong side of the fabric, look for little pinholes along the selvage. The clean side of the holes is the right side.



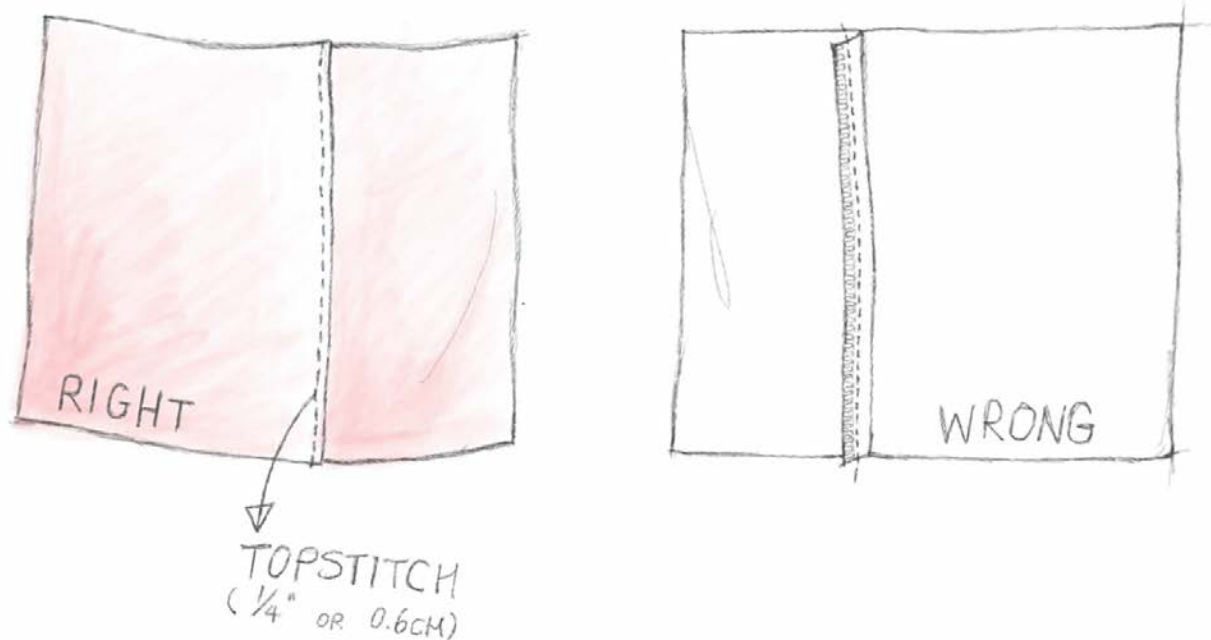
# Seam Allowance



The seam allowance or SA is the extra fabric next to the stitch line all around each pattern piece. The additional space allows us to sew everything together.

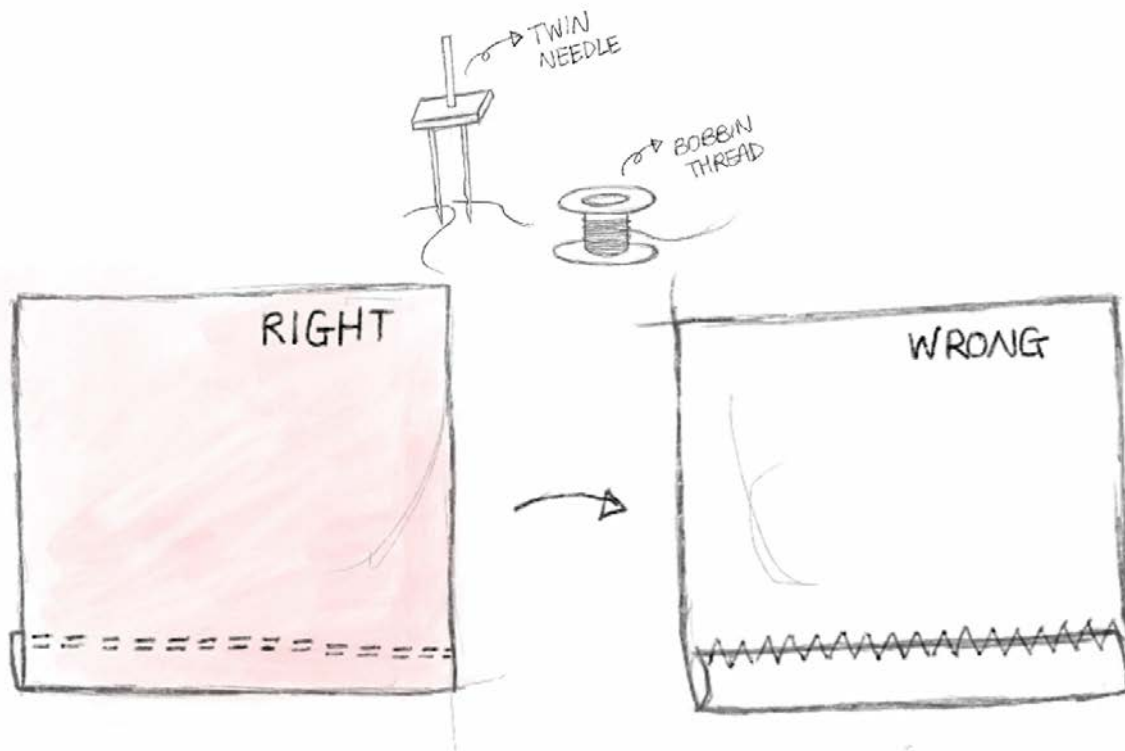
Depending on the seams and styles, the seam allowance is usually ( $\frac{1}{4}"$ ,  $\frac{3}{8}"$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}"$ ) or (.6cm, 1cm or 1.2cm) width. Always refer to the pattern and instruction booklet for accurate seam allowance amount.

# Topstitch



The purpose of top stitches are to add strength to the garment. Iron the seam allowance to the side. Straight stitch  $\frac{1}{8}$ " or 0.3cm, or  $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.6cm away from the original seam to sew the right side and seam allowance together.

# Twin Needle



Twin needles are used in knit casual or sportswear for clean finishing without needing a double fold hemming method. The 2 top threads and 1 bobbin thread create parallel topstitch on the right side of the fabric and zigzag stitch on the wrong side of the fabric.