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VALLETTA
SKIRT HACK
drafting flat front
waistband

TUTORIAL



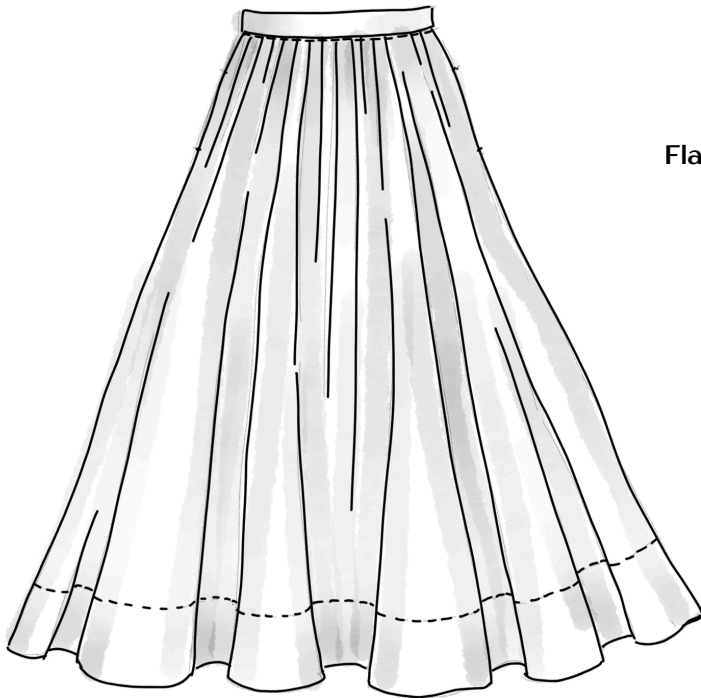
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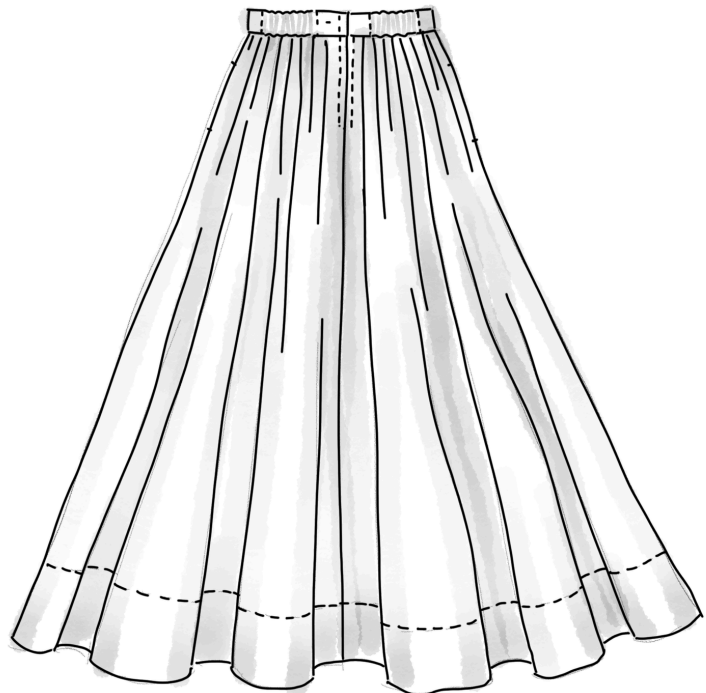
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1.OVERVIEW

In this tutorial I'll guide you through drafting Valletta skirt with flat front waistband and back fastening with zipper in the center back seam, elasticated panels and hook and bar or buttonhole and button fastening. It's perfect for both beginners and experienced sewists.

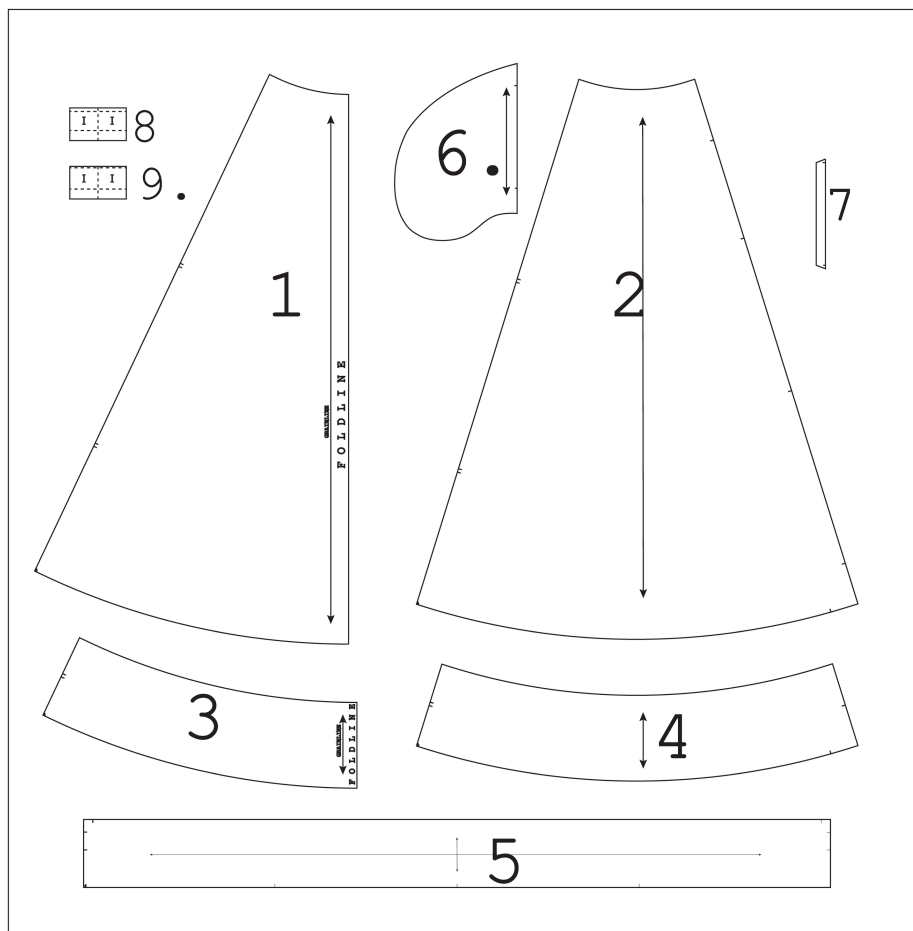


Flat front waistband



Center back seam with zipper and Back waistband with elasticated panels, hook and bar or with buttonhole and button fastening

PATTERN PIECES



- 1. Center Front and Center back skirt**, cut 2 on fold.
- 2. Side Front and Side Back skirt**, cut 4 (two pairs).
- 3. Center Front and Center Back Hem Facing**, cut 2 on fold.
(Only for View B).
- 4. Side Front and Side Back Hem facing**, cut 4 (two pairs).
(Only for View B).
- 5. Waistband**, cut 1.
- 6. Inseam Pocket**, cut 4 (two pairs).
- 7. Template Inseam pocket**, cut only from paper.
- 8. Template Place of buttonholes**, for elastic up to 2.6cm wide.
Cut only from paper.
- 9. Template Place of buttonholes**, for elastic 2.7 to 3cm wide.
Cut only from paper.

YOU WILL NEED:

- Pattern pieces #1 and #3
- Paper
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Tape
- Measuring tape
- Paper scissors
- Paper weights

2. HOW TO DRAFT THE VALLETTA FLAT FRONT WAISTBAND

1. Find your size on the size chart:

Find your size, according your natural waist circumference.

Example:

My natural waist circumference is 68cm. I will work with size 4.

METRIC												
Size	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
	US 0	US 2	US 4	US 6	US 8	US 10	US 12	US 14	US 16	US 18	US 20	US 22
	UK 4	UK 6	UK 8	UK 10	UK 12	UK 14	UK 16	UK 18	UK 20	UK 22	UK 24	UK 26
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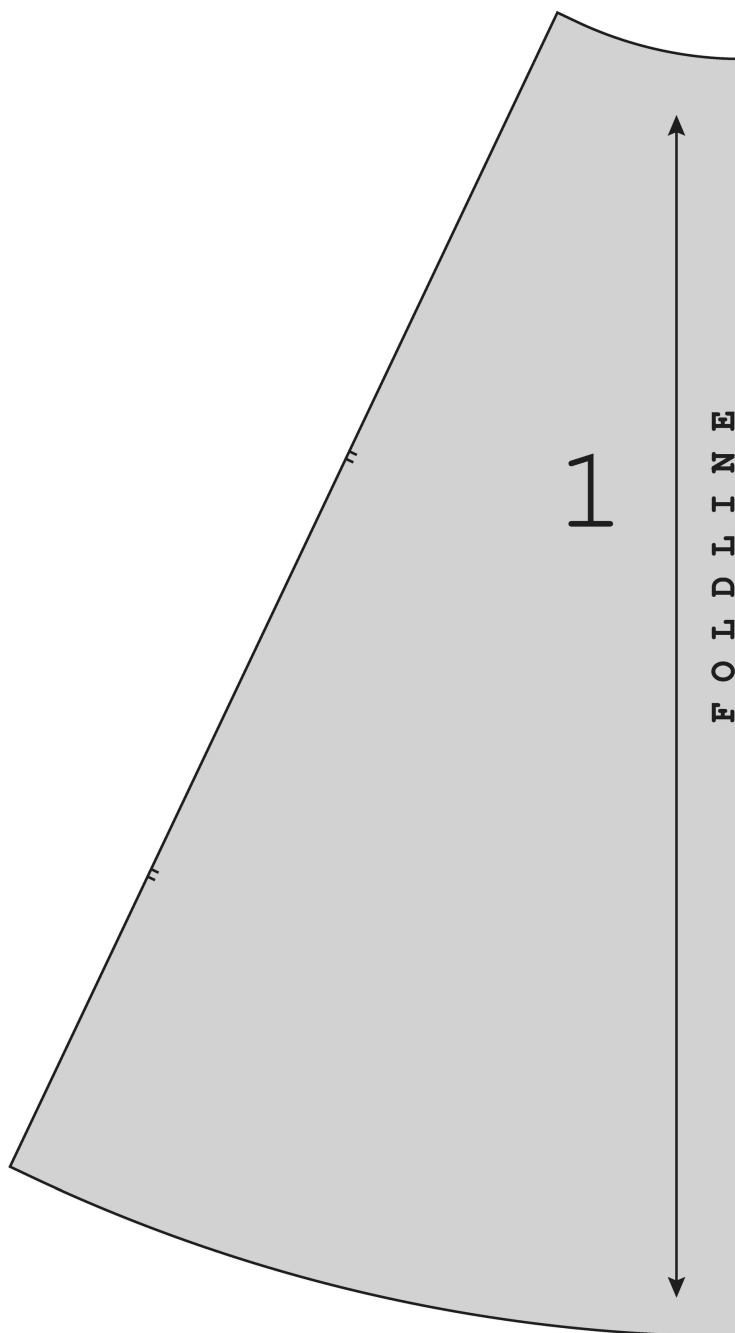
BODY MEASUREMENTS (cm)												
Bust	78	82	86	90	94	98	102	106	110	114	118	122
Waist	60	64	68	72	76	80	84	88	92	96	100	104
Hip	88	92	96	100	104	108	112	116	120	124	128	132

FINISHED GARMENT MEASUREMENTS (cm)												
Waist	61	65	69	73	77	81	85	89	93	97	101	105
Length View A	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74	74
Length View B	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75

REQUIRED FABRIC (M)													
Size		0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
View A	140cm	2.61M				2.87M				3.13M			
	110cm	3.30M				3.70M				4.32M			
View B	140cm	(2.61M + 0.65M)				(2.87M + 0.65M)				(3.13M + 0.65M)			
	140cm	3.26M				3.52M				3.78M			
	110cm	(3.30M + 0.92M)				(3.70M + 0.92M)				(4.32M + 0.94M)			
	110cm	4.22M				4.62M				5.26M			
Elastic		0.70M	0.74M	0.78M	0.82M	0.86M	0.90M	0.94M	0.98M	1.02M	1.06M	1.10M	1.14M
Tie		1.42M	1.46M	1.50M	1.54M	1.58M	1.62M	1.66M	1.70M	1.74M	1.78M	1.82M	1.86M
Bias tape		1.25M	1.25M	1.25M	1.25M	1.50M	1.50M	1.50M	1.50M	2.00M	2.00M	2.00M	2.00M

2. Work with Piece #1:

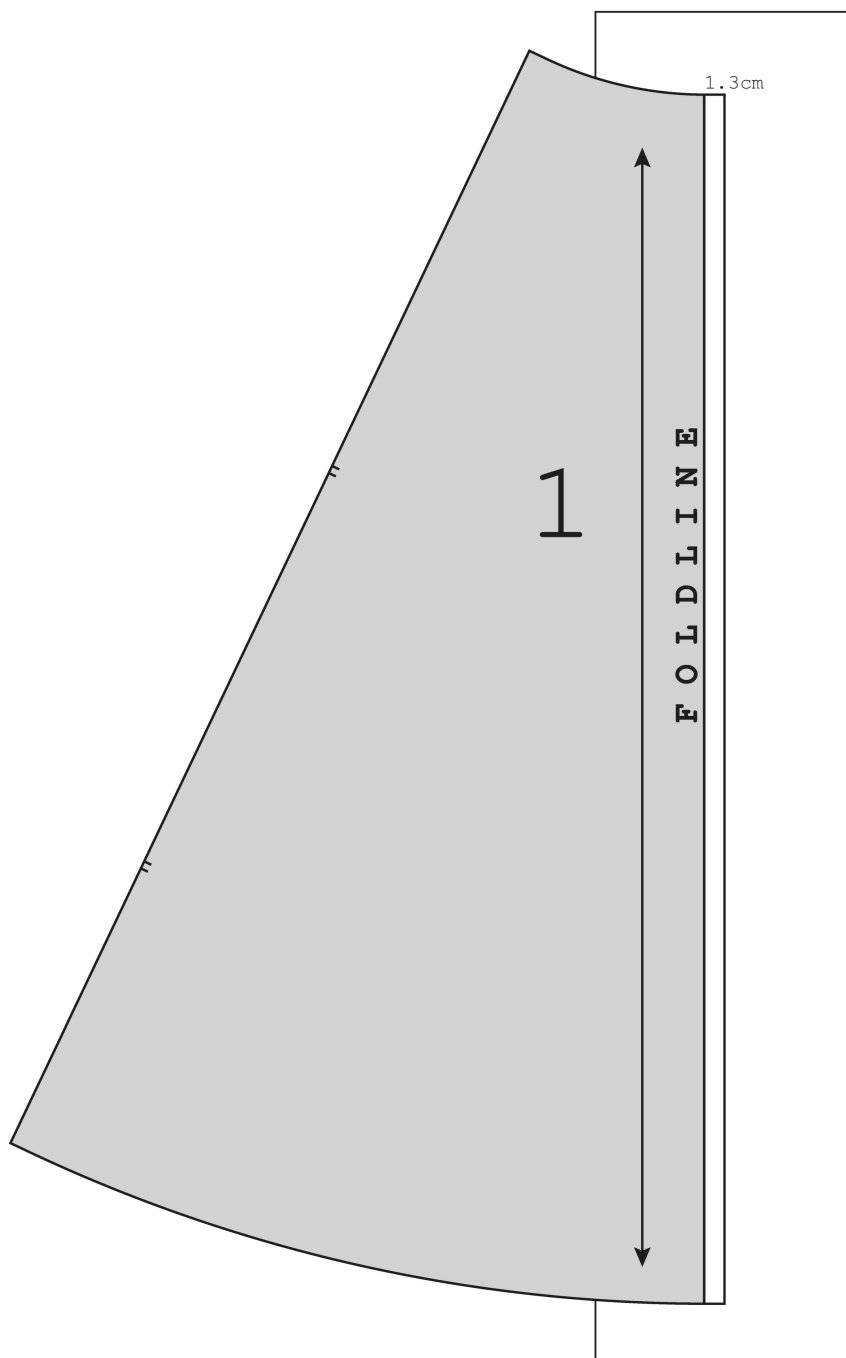
Let's begin with Center Front and Center Back piece #1. For the original pattern lay plan you will add one piece #1 as a Center Front and one piece #1 as a Center Back. They both have center fold line. Now you will transform the Center back piece #1 with fold line into Center back piece with center back seam.



3. Add seam allowance on Center back piece:

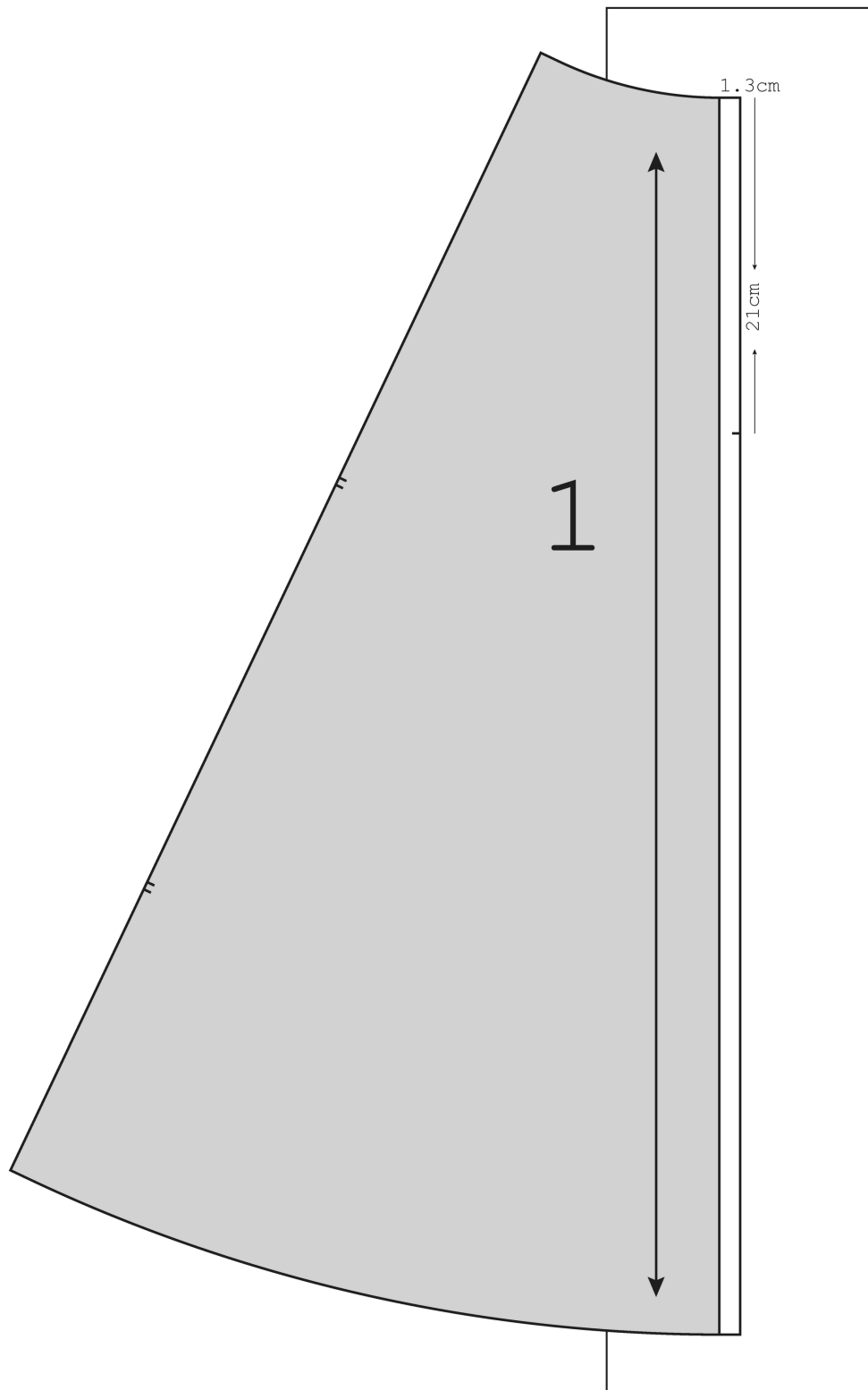
Lay the pattern piece #1 with its right half, lengthwise, on a large piece of paper. Put some paper weights to fix the pattern piece and paper.

Using a ruler, measure and trace 1.3cm, outward from the fold line, parallel to it. From the end of this new line, trace the new seam allowance line - parallel to the fold line.



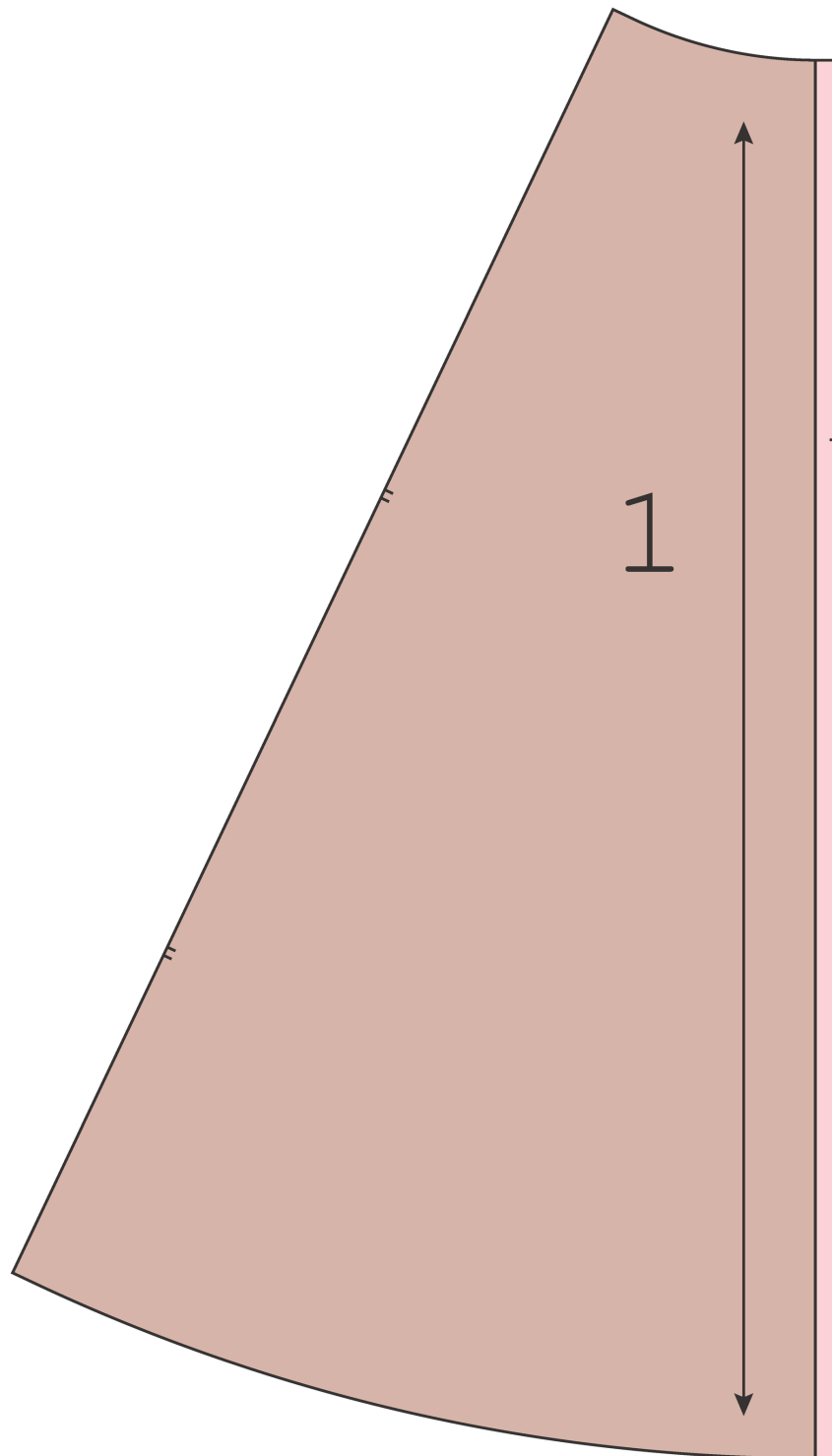
4. Mark the end of the zipper:

Measure and mark 21cm from the top point of new center seam allowance line, downwards.



5. Cut the adjusted pattern piece #1:

Cut the pattern piece #1 with the new seam allowance on the center back line.



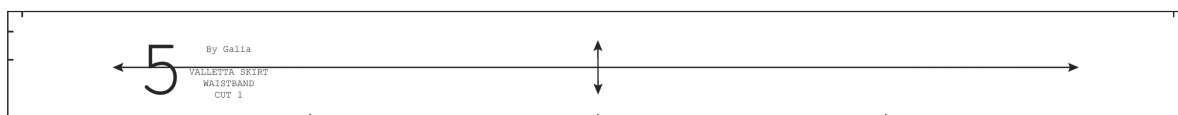
YOU CAN USE THE THE READY PATTERN PIECES (WAISTBAND AND FUSIBLE INTERFACING) FOR THIS HACK IN MY WEBSITE [HERE](#).

if you use the ready pattern pieces, continue with the Booklet Valletta skirt hack sewing flat front waistband.

6. Work with Waistband - pattern piece #5

Trace the waistband #5 on a piece of paper, mark all notches and grainlines.

The waistband is with wrong side facing up.



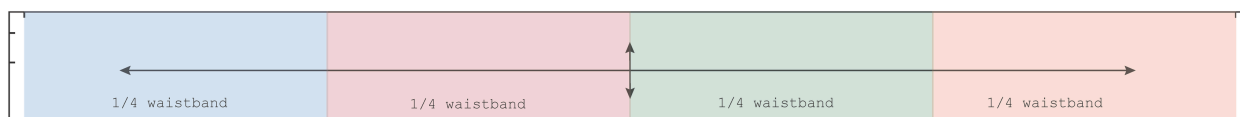
7. Understanding the waistband pattern piece:

The waistband is drafted as it's divided into 4 equal pieces.

Each piece is **One quarter of (waist+1cm)**. Then to each quarter piece is added equal ease for the gathering of the skirt in the waist (the ease for gathering makes the waistband large enough, so that the skirt can be worn without fastening). There are notches, marking the beginning/end of each quarter.

Measure how long is one quarter of this original waistband. You will need this measurement in step 9.

Finally, there were added seam allowances on both short edges on the waistband.



8. Calculate the new front quarter waist length:

We will work with your natural waist circumference plus 1cm.

Divide this result by 4. The result is **Quarter flat waistband**

(without overlap for fastening and seam allowances. They will be added later).

(Your waist + 1cm) : 4 = Quarter flat waistband

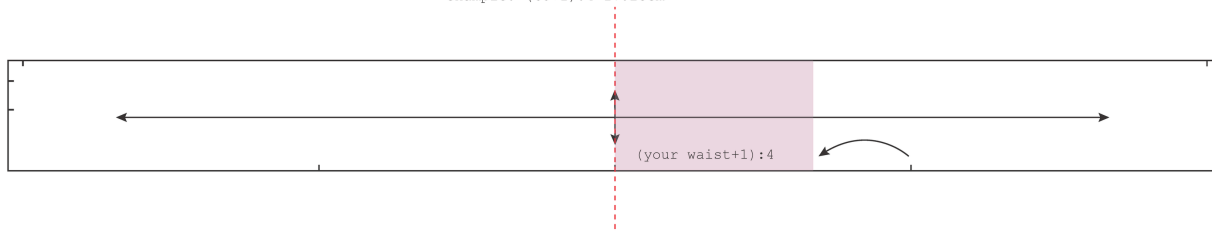
Example: 68cm + 1cm = 69cm

69cm : 4 = 17.25cm

Quarter flat waistband is 17.25cm.

Mark the middle of the waistband, widthwise. Measure and mark **Quarter flat waistband** from the center line, towards the right edge. Replace the side notch - it has to mark the end of quarter flat waistband. This is the notch, showing the place of side seam of the skirt.

(your waist circumference+1cm):4 = new half front waist
example: (68+1):4=17.25cm

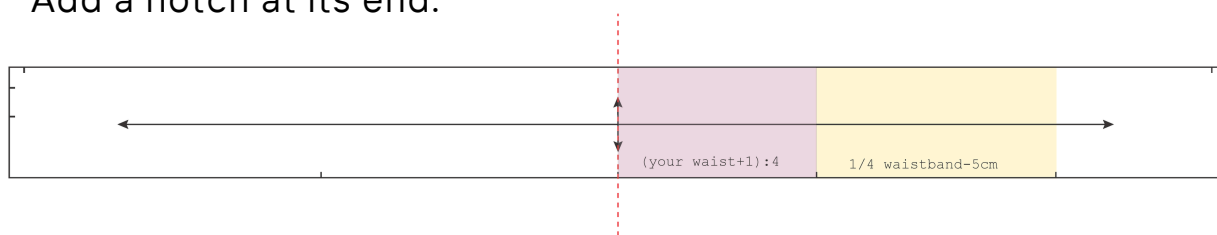


9. Calculate the back length of waistband:

Add the one quarter (measured on the original waistband in step 7). Subtract 5cm.

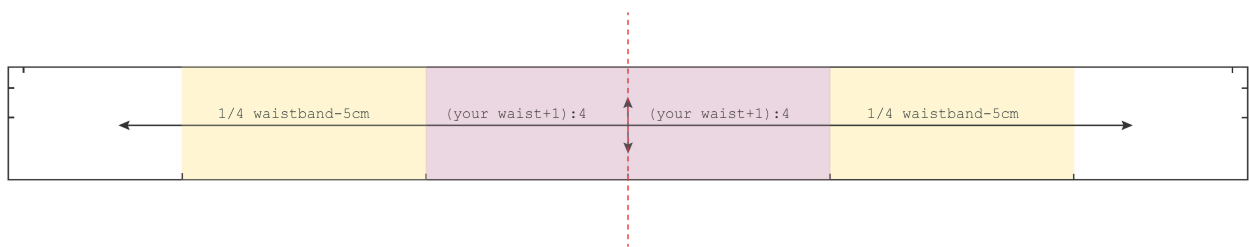
1/4 original waistband - 5cm = Quarter back gathered waistband.

Add a notch at its end.



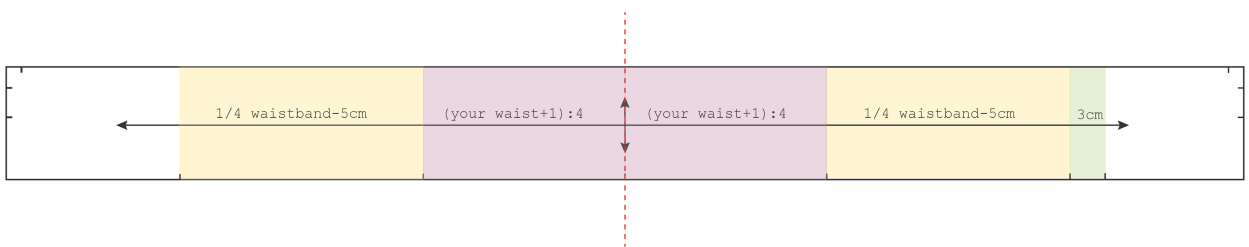
10. Draft the left side:

Do the same steps 8 and 9, from center line towards the left edge of waistband.



11. Add overlap:

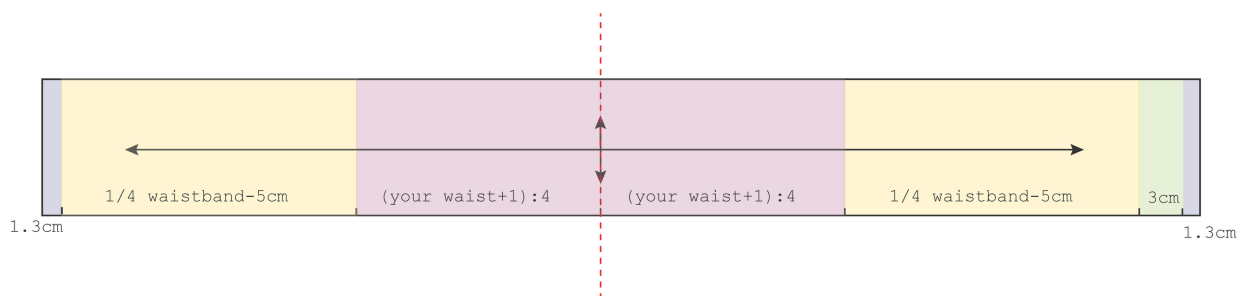
On the right side add 3cm overlap. (On the finished skirt Right side overlaps the Left side). If you would like Left side to overlap the Right side, add this 3cm on the left side.



12. Add seam allowance:

At both sides of waistband add 1.3cm seam allowances.

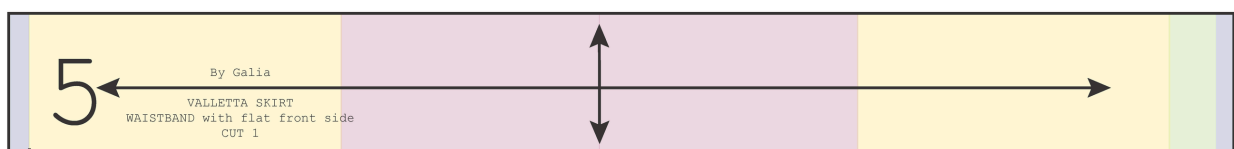
Now the waistband with flat front side is ready. Cut the drafted waistband.



13. Label the waistband:

Label your new waistband - make sure that you have added all notches, marking the middle of waistband, side seams, and overlap.

The grainline stays in the same direction as the original waistband.



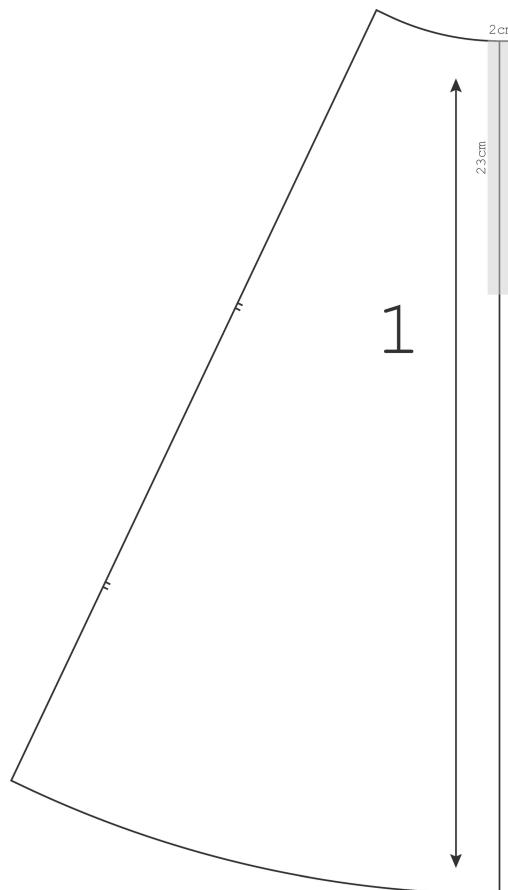
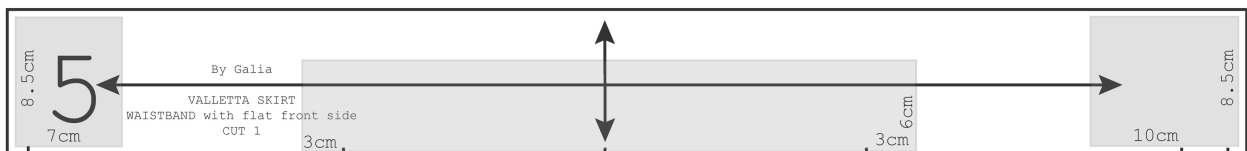
14. Draft the fusible interfacing pattern pieces:

This kind of waistband needs to be stabilized and reinforced at its front side and its edges, where the fastening is.

The front flat fusible interfacing pattern is beginning at 3cm left from left side notch and ending 3cm right from right side notch. Its height is 6cm. You will need 1 piece.

The fusible interfacing patterns at left edge of waistband is 7cm wide and 8.5cm high. At right edge of waistband it's 10cm wide and 8.5cm high. You will need 1 piece of each one.

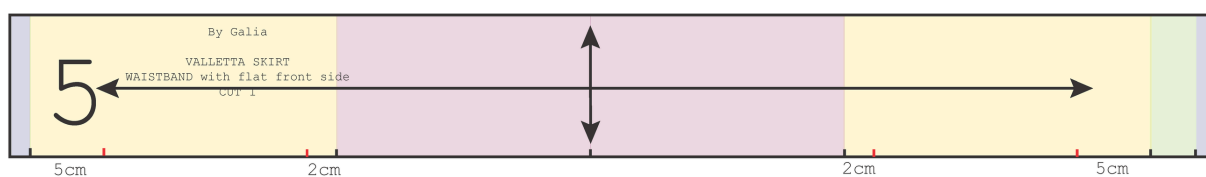
The zipper place also needs to be reinforced. Trace a rectangle 2cm wide and 23cm high. You will need two pieces of it.



15. Adding notches for the gathering the skirt:

On back quarters trace notches:

- 5cm inward from notch that marks the end of back quarter
- 2cm outward from side notches

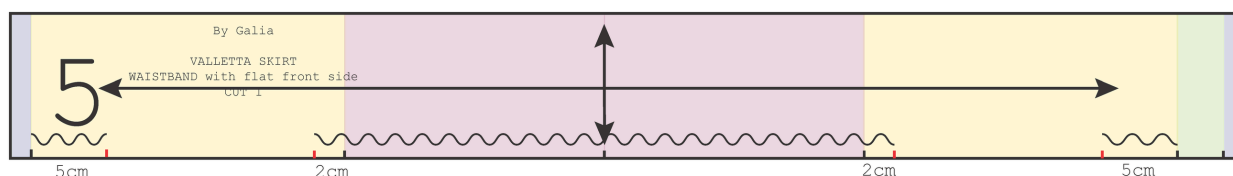


16. Marking areas of gathering the skirt:

The areas with wave lines are where the skirt will be gathered.

On back quarters these are the areas of gathering:

- 5cm inward from notch that marks the end of back quarter
- beginning 2cm outward from left side notch, going through the front side and ending 2cm outward from right side notch.



Valletta skirt hack

How to draft the flat front waistband

waistband

Now your Flat front waistband for Valletta skirt is ready to use. In the next tutorial I will show you how to sew this hacked version. Hope you enjoy learning how to make your perfect and unique garment! It was a true honor and pleasure for me to prepare this tutorial for you! And I would be delighted to see your creations.

Thank you!



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