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How to lengthen or shorten VALLETTA SKIRT

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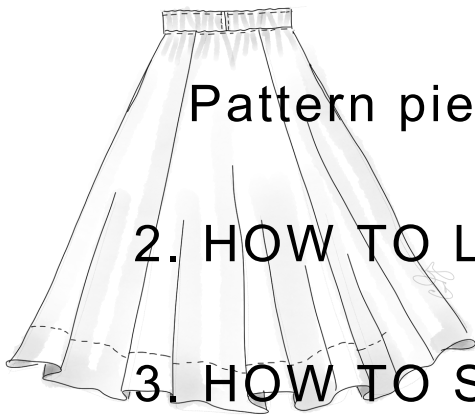
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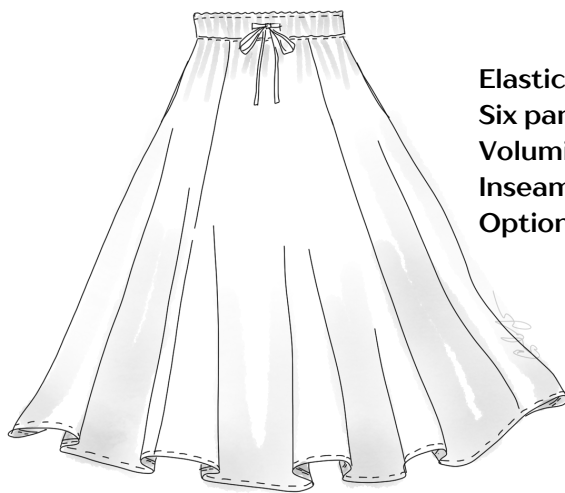
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1.OVERVIEW

In this tutorial I'll guide you through how to adjust the length of Valletta skirt - whether you're aiming for a longer or a shorter one. This method is suitable for most standard skirt patterns, drafted as some variation of a circle skirt. It's perfect for both beginners and experienced sewists.



VIEW A
Hem wit narrow
double folded hem

Elasticated waistband
Six panels cut
Voluminous skirt
Inseam side pockets
Optional drawstring

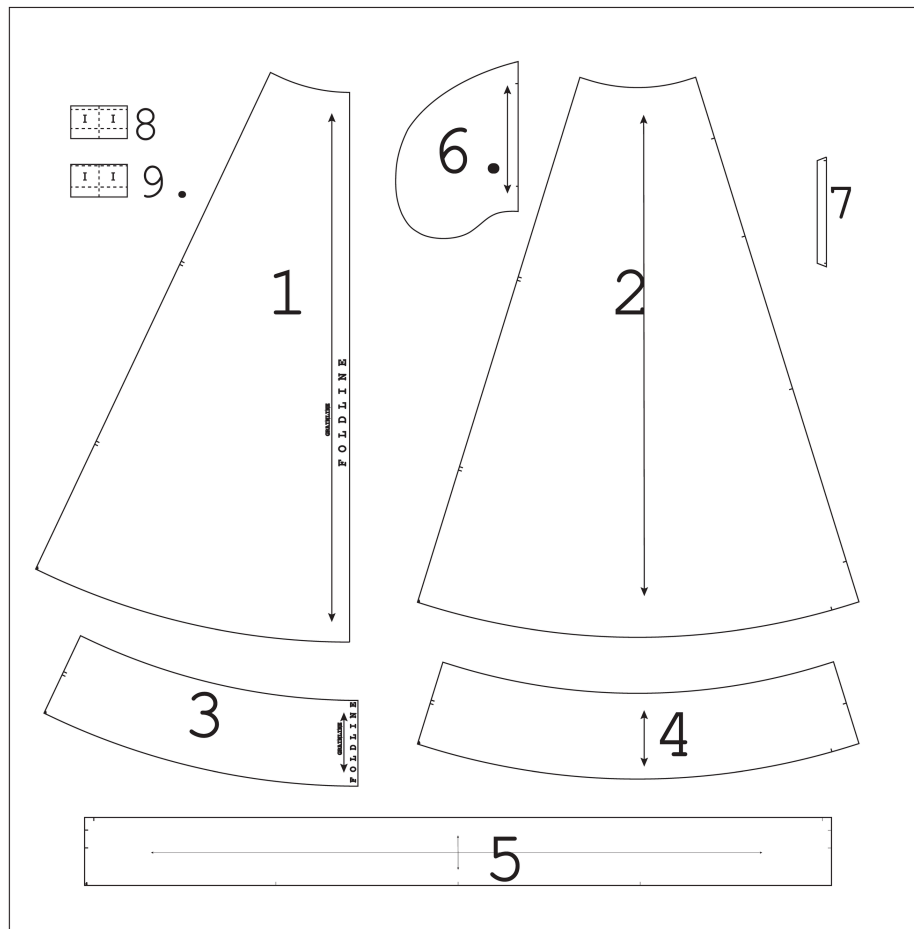


VIEW B
Hem wit wide facing



Back side

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, #2
- Paper
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Tape
- Measuring tape
- Paper scissors
- Paper weights

2. HOW TO LENGTHEN VALLETTA SKIRT

1. Decide how much length to add:

Let's start with **Center Front and Center back piece #1**.

Measure how much longer you'd like your skirt to be - from the original hem to the new desired length.

The length of the skirt in the size chart, is measured below the waistband.

The skirt View A (with narrow double folded hem) is 74cm long, 2cm seam allowance is included.

The skirt View B (with wide hem facing) is 75cm long, 1cm seam allowance is included.

Example:

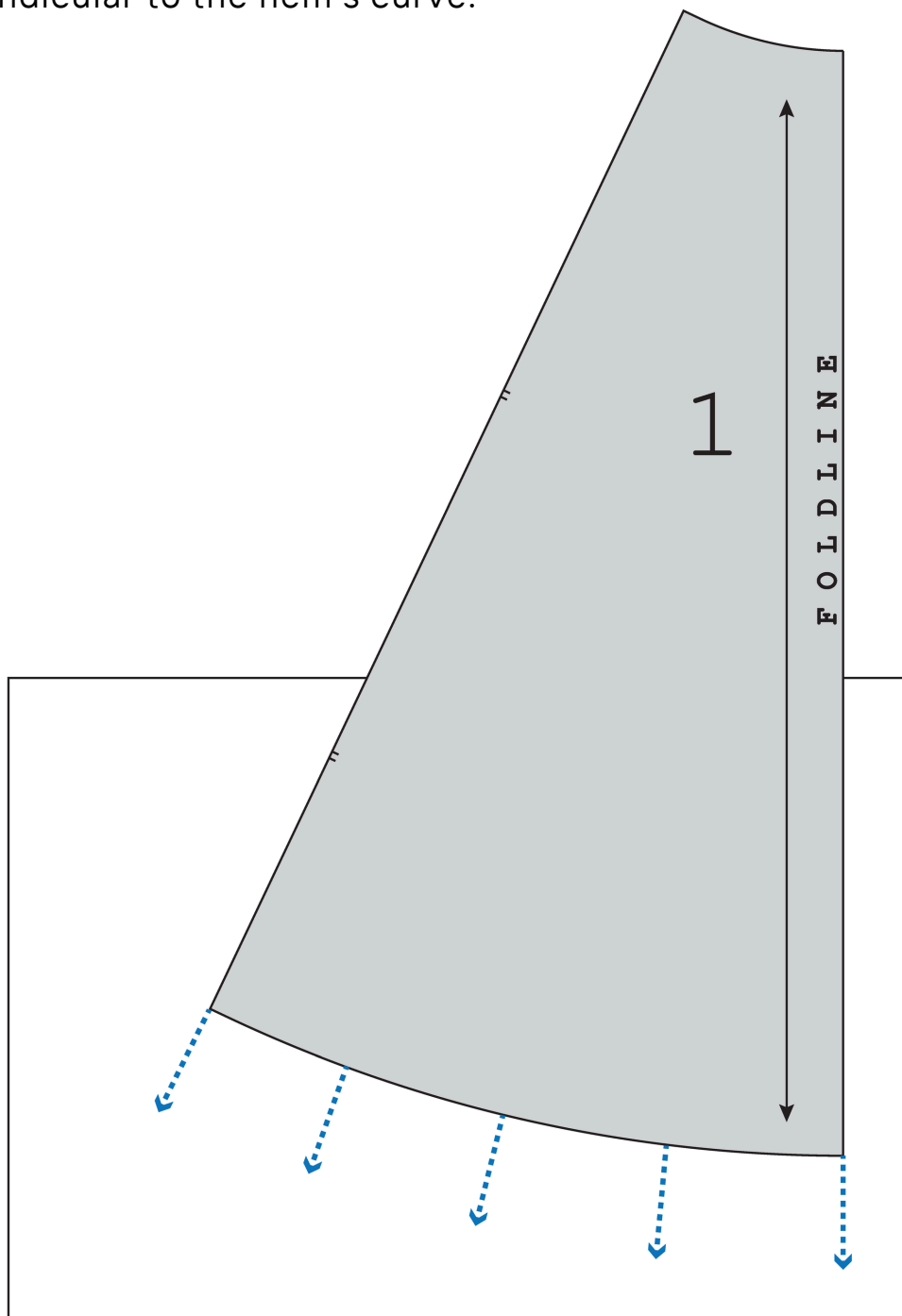
I would like to sew skirt View A with length 82cm.

$82\text{cm} - 74\text{cm} = 8\text{cm}$. I will lengthen the pattern pieces 8cm.

2. Add the desired length:

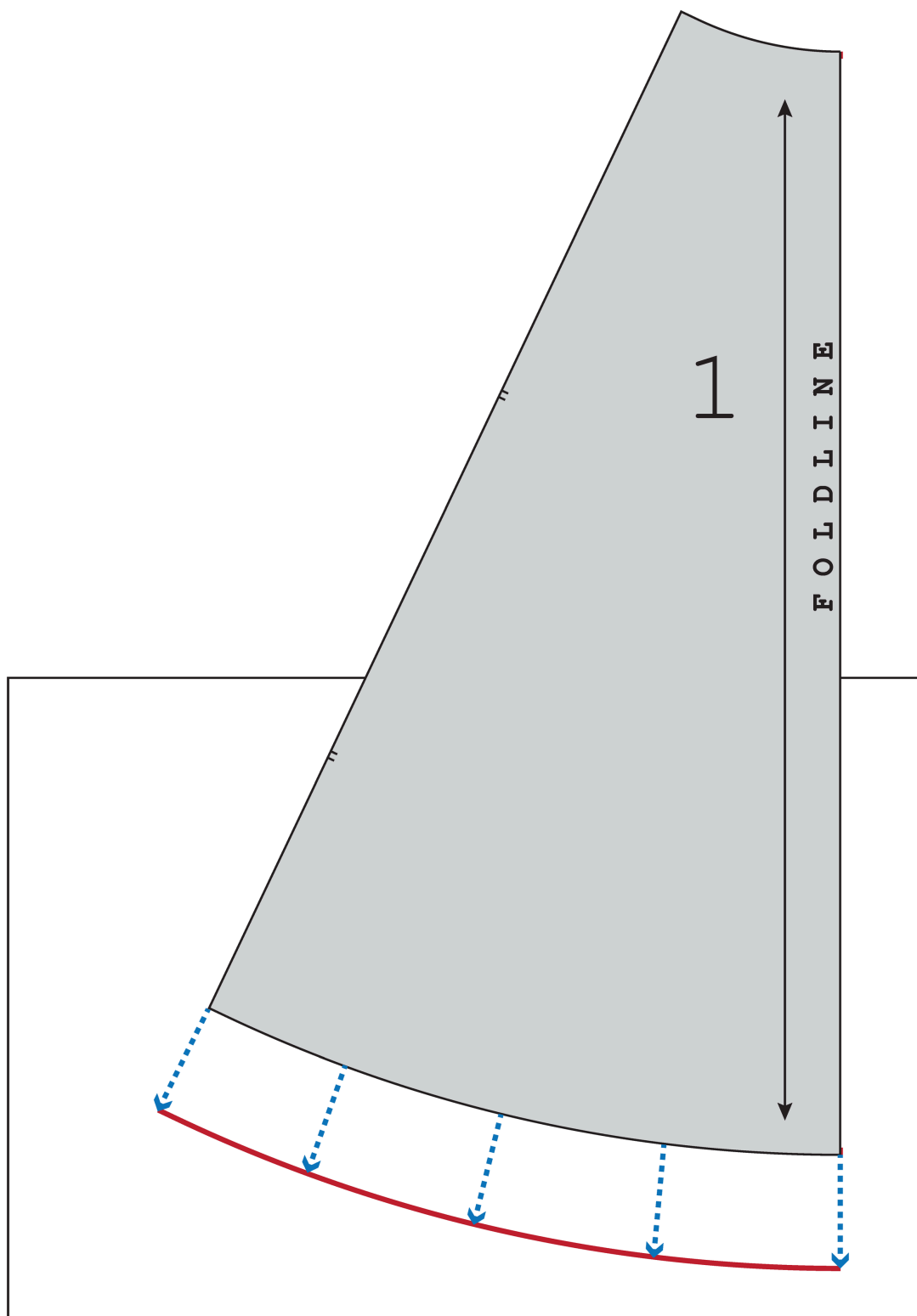
Lay the pattern piece with its lower half on a large piece of paper. Tape the pattern piece to the paper.

Using a ruler, measure and mark downwards from the original hemline, keeping the seam lines in the same direction. Also keep your ruler or measure tape perpendicular to the hem's curve.



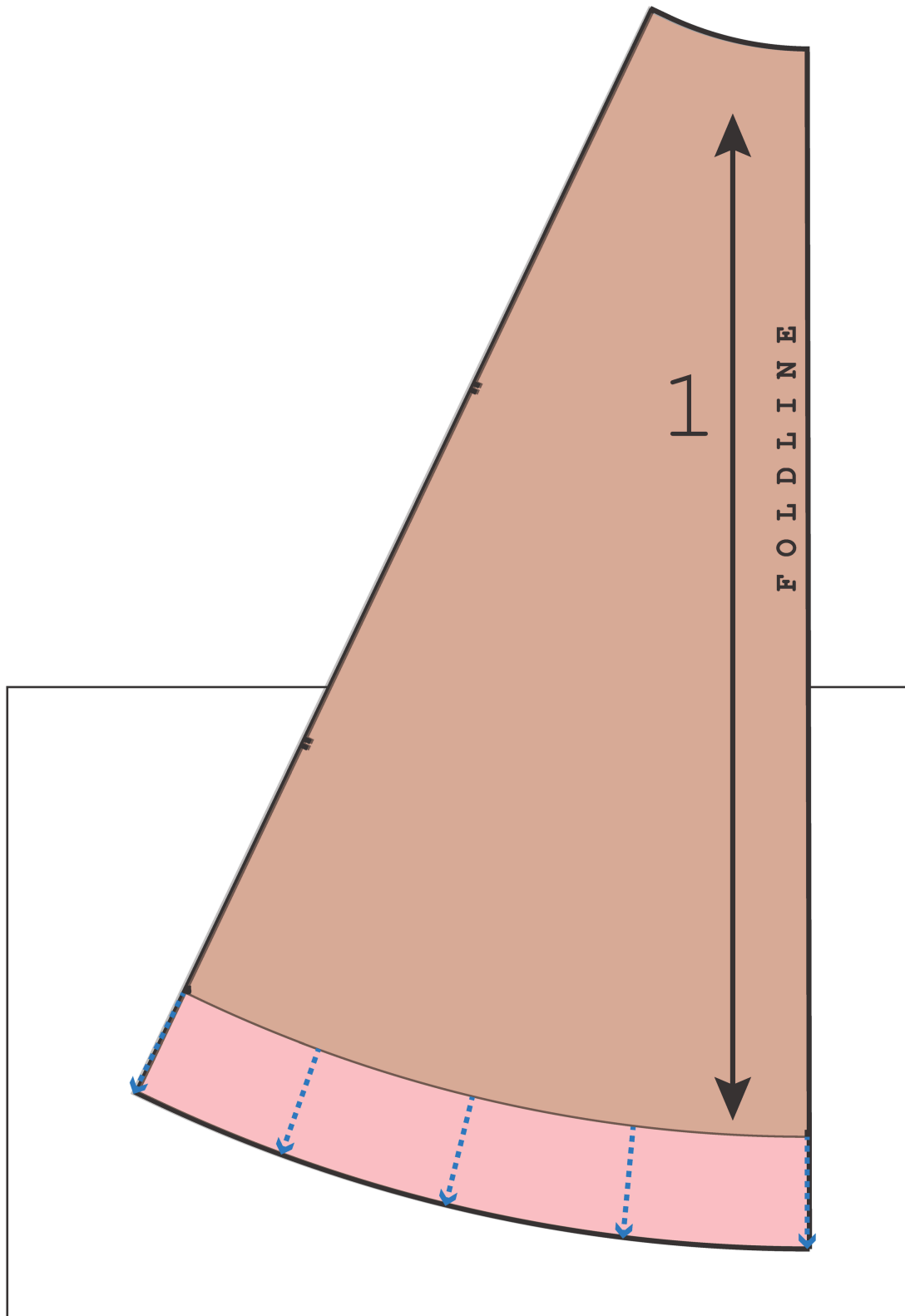
3. Extend the hemline:

Once you've marked several points at the new length, connect them with a smooth curved line, parallel to the original hemline's curve.

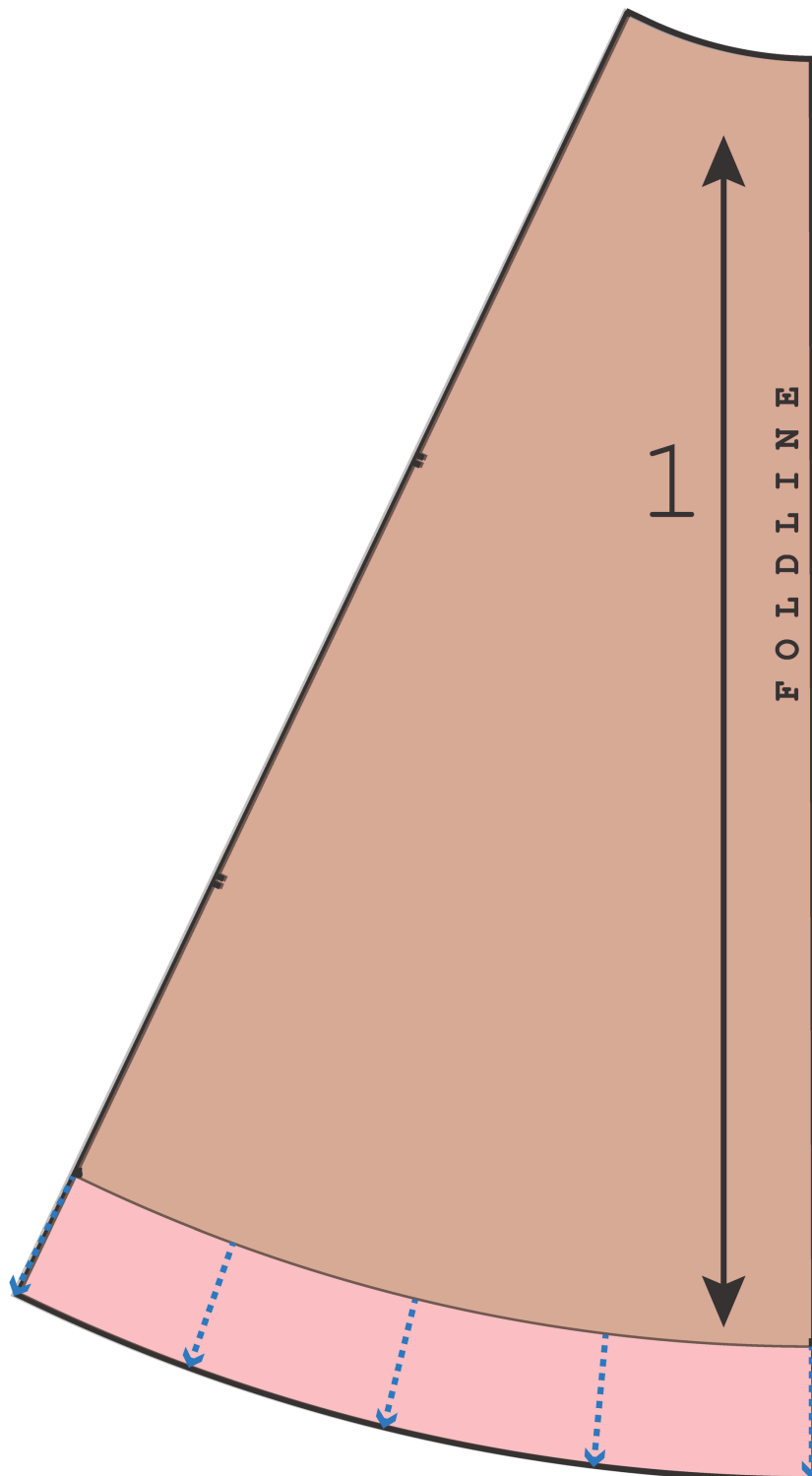


4. Draw the seam lines and hemline:

Draw the extended seam lines and join them with the new hem line.



5. Cut the adjusted pattern piece #1.

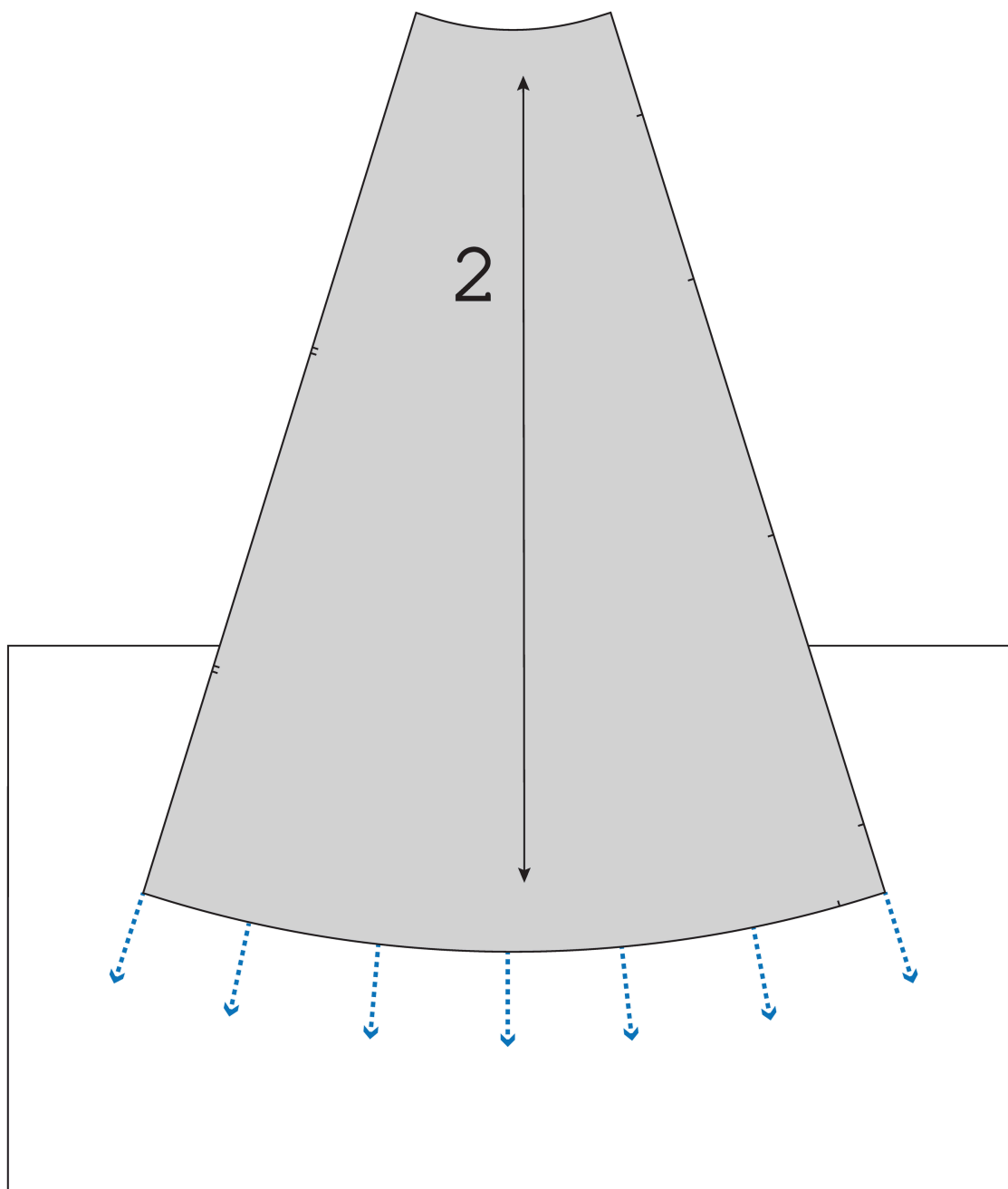


Continue with **Side front and Side back pattern piece #2**

6. Add the same desired length:

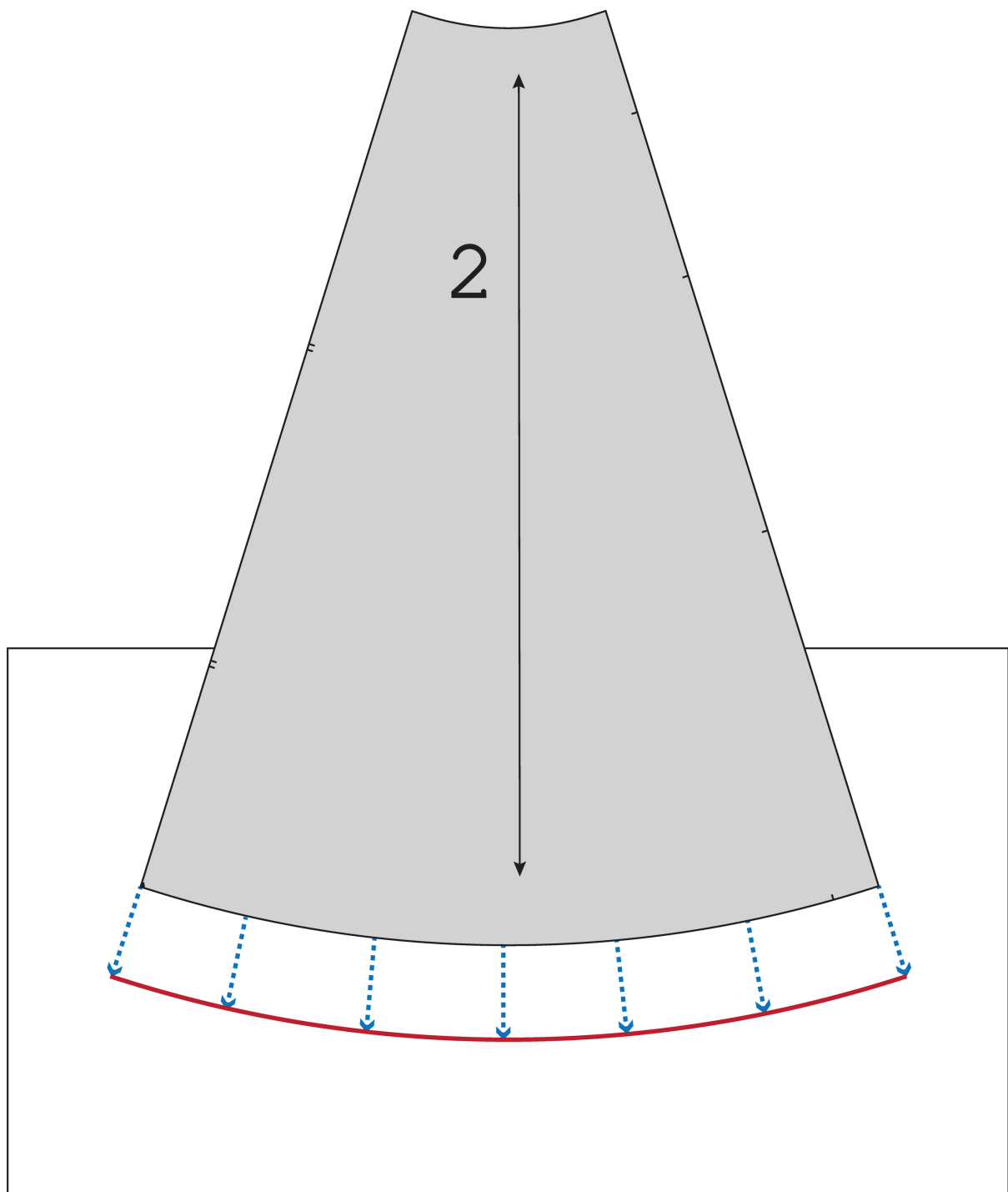
Lay the pattern piece with its lower half on a large piece of paper. Tape the pattern piece to the paper.

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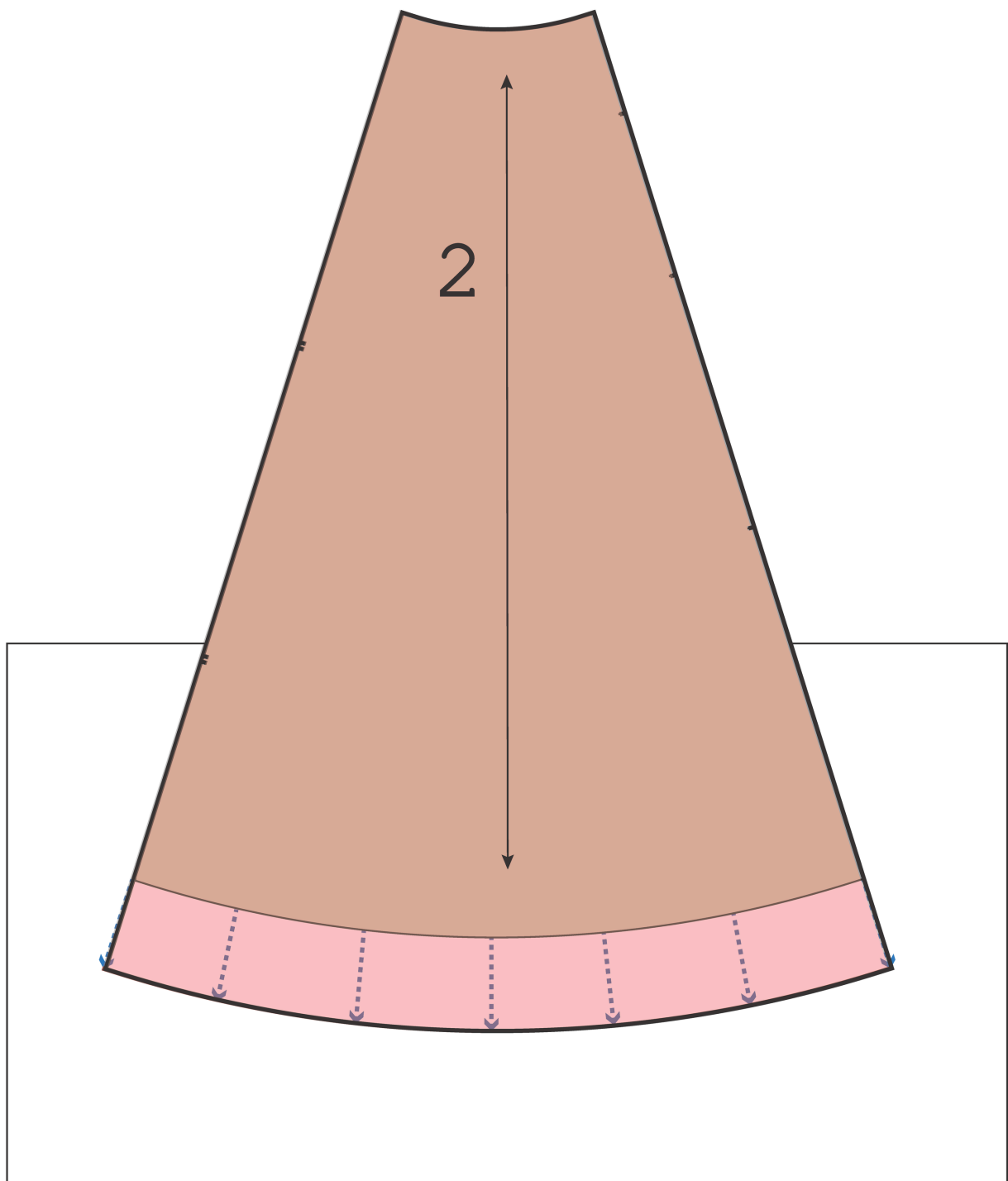
7. Extend the hemline:

Once you've marked several point at the new length, connect them with a smooth curved line, parallel to the original hemline's curve.

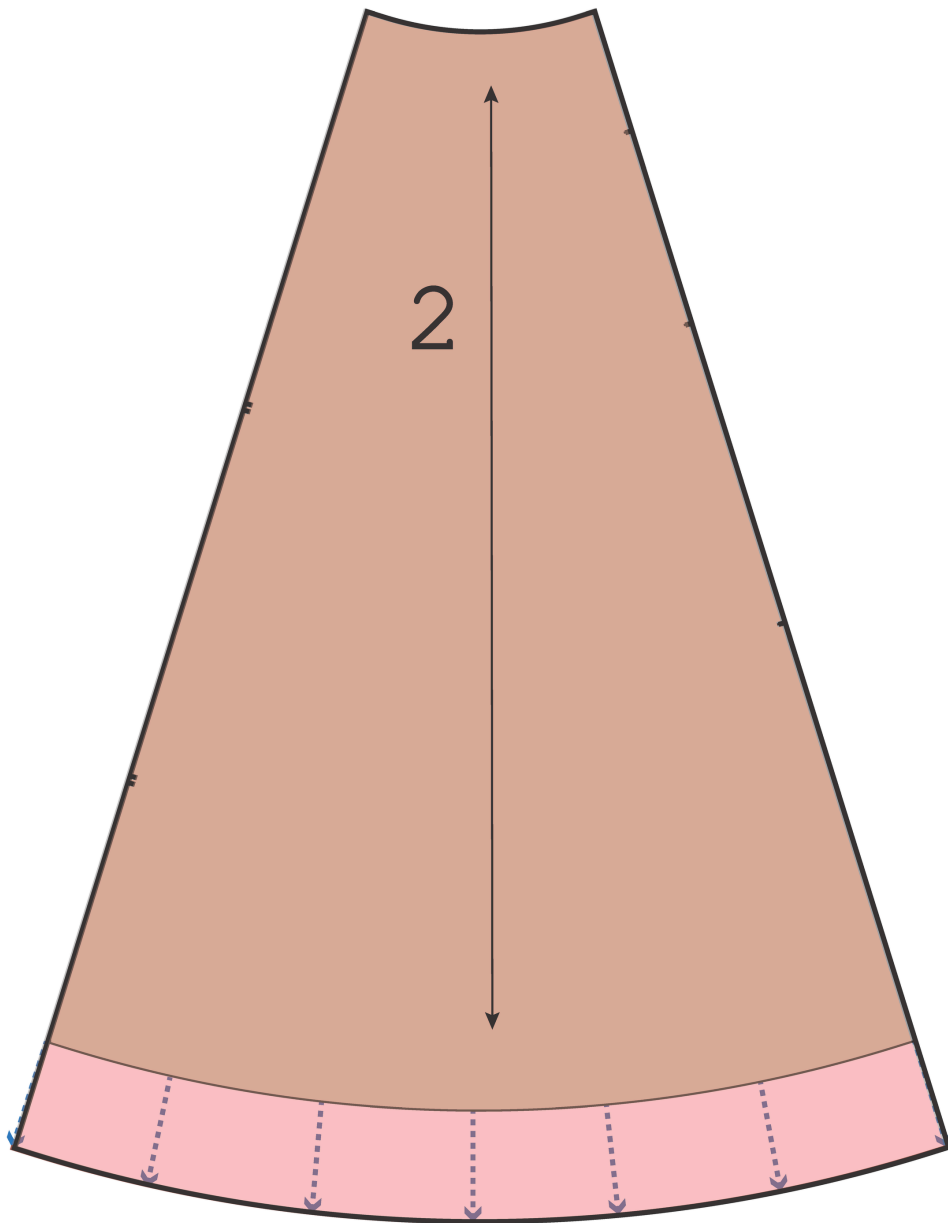


8. Draw the seam lines and hemline:

Draw the extended seam lines and join them with the new hem line.



9. Cut the adjusted pattern piece #2.



If you have chosen to sew Valletta skirt View A, now your pattern is ready to use. Cut your fabric, using the extended pattern, and sew as usual.

If you have chosen to sew View B, you can see the tutorial how to draft the new wide hem facing, that suits to the new length from page 23.

3. HOW TO SHORTEN VALLETTA SKIRT

1. Decide how much you would like to shorten it:

Let's start with **Center Front and Center Back piece #1**.

Measure how much shorter you'd like your skirt to be - from the original hem to the new desired length.

The length of the skirt in the size chart, is measured below the waistband.

The skirt View A (with narrow double folded hem) is 74cm long, 2cm seam allowance is included.

The skirt View B (with wide hem facing) is 75cm long, 1cm seam allowance is included.

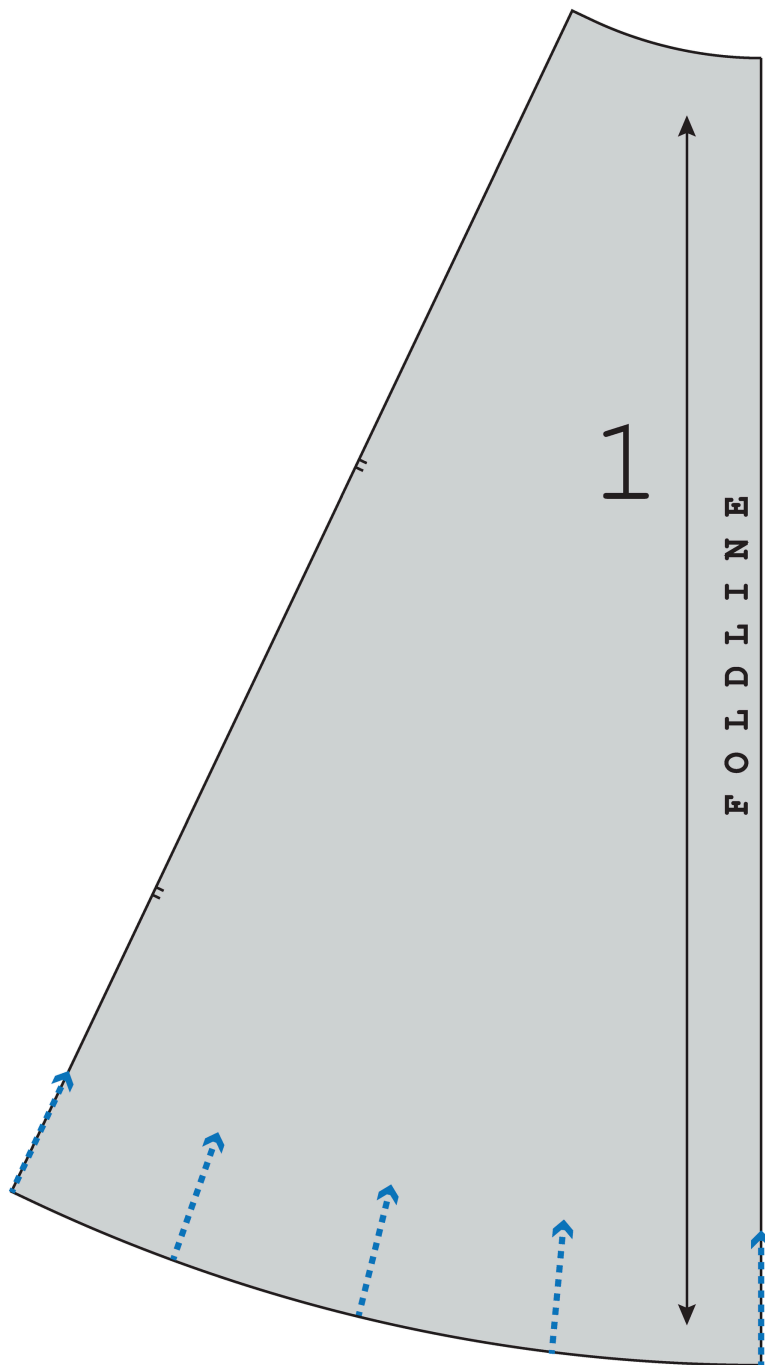
Example:

I would like to sew skirt View A with length 66cm.

$74\text{cm} - 66\text{cm} = 8\text{cm}$. I will shorten the pattern pieces 8cm.

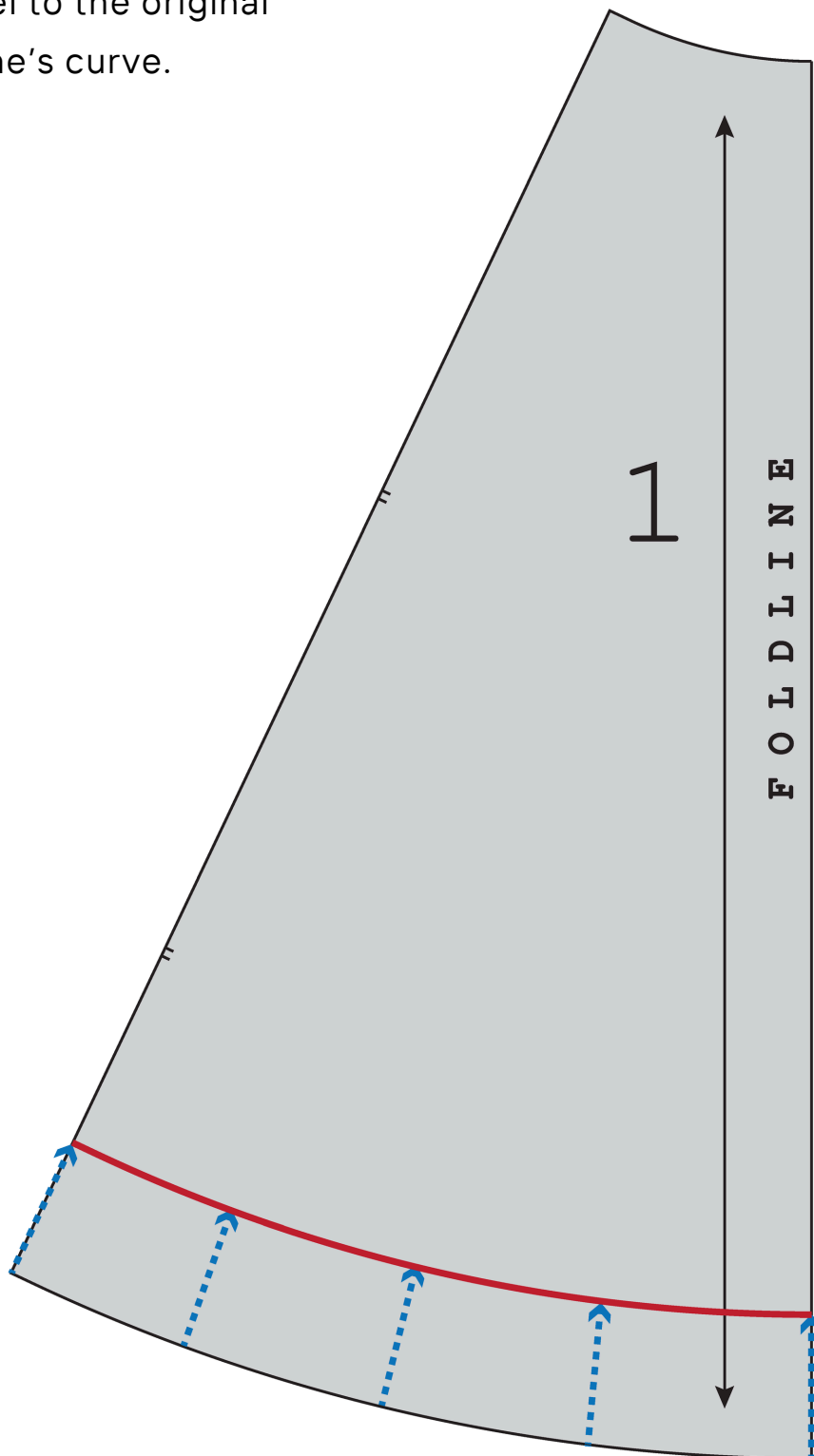
2. Mark the desired length:

Using a ruler, measure and mark upwards from the original hemline, keeping the seam lines in the same direction. Also keep your ruler or measure tape perpendicular to the hem's curve.



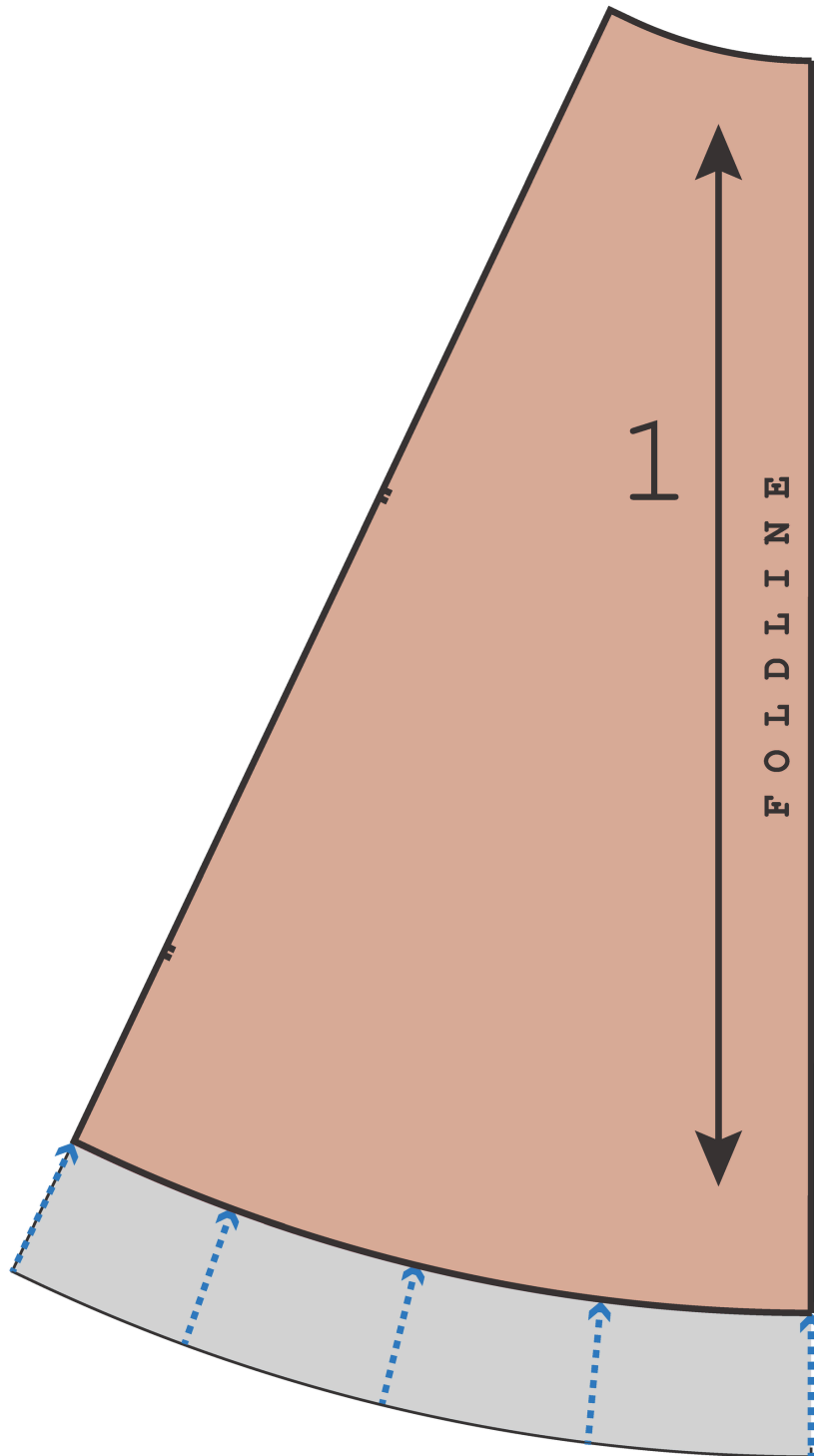
3. Shorten the hemline:

Once you've marked several points at the new length, connect them with a smooth curved line, parallel to the original hemline's curve.

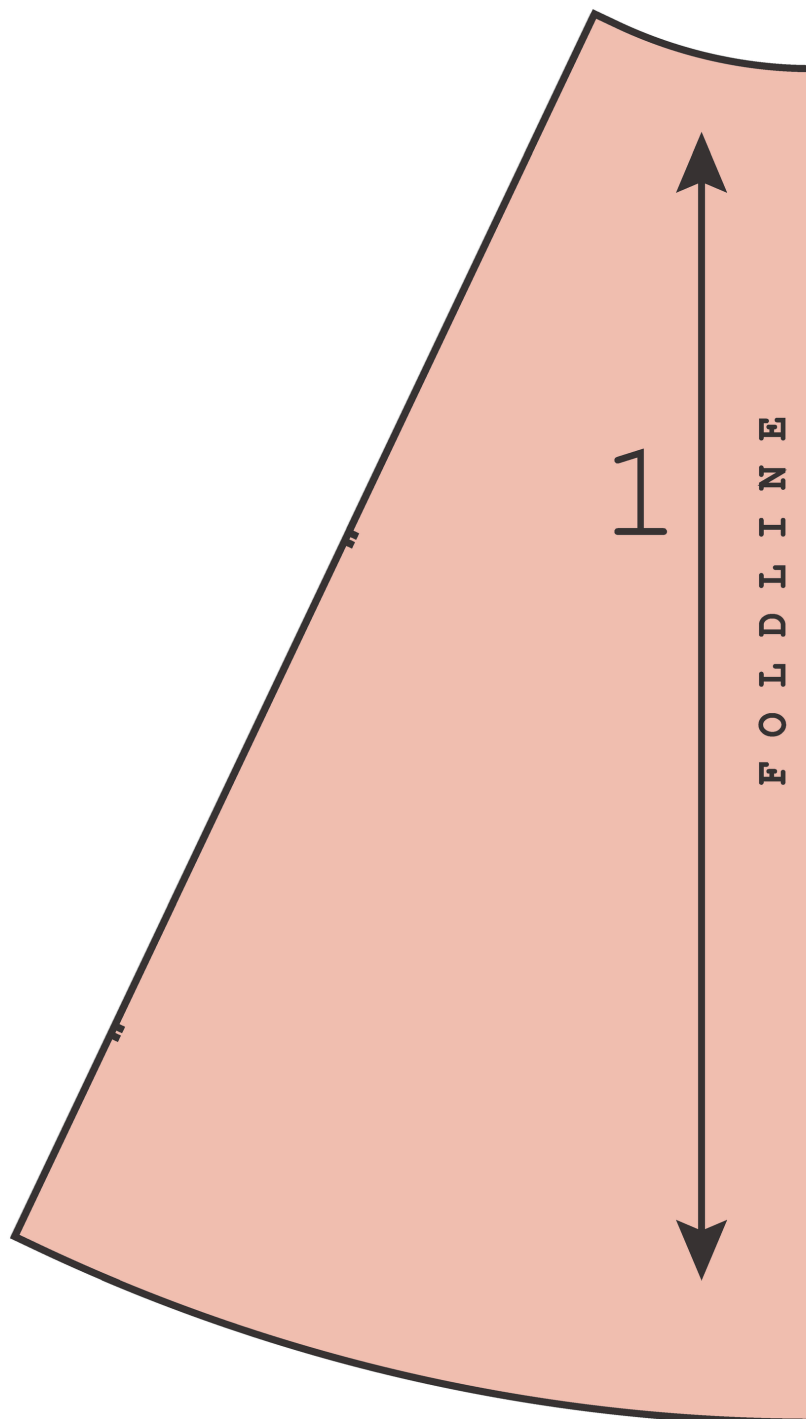


4. Draw the seam lines and hemline:

Draw the shortened seam lines
and join them with the new hem line.



5. Cut the adjusted pattern piece #1.

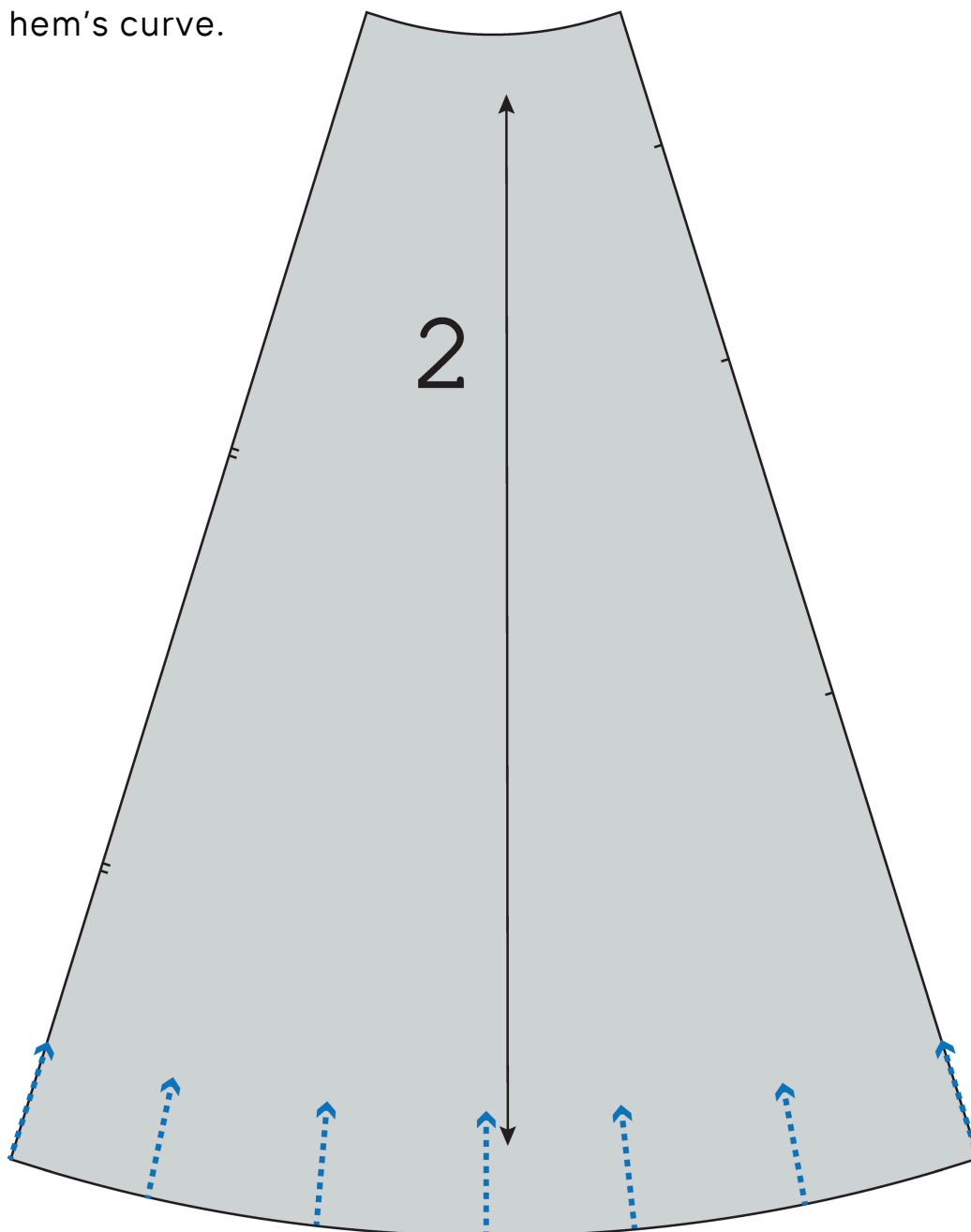


Continue with Side Front and Side Back pattern piece #2:

Proceed as steps 1 to 5.

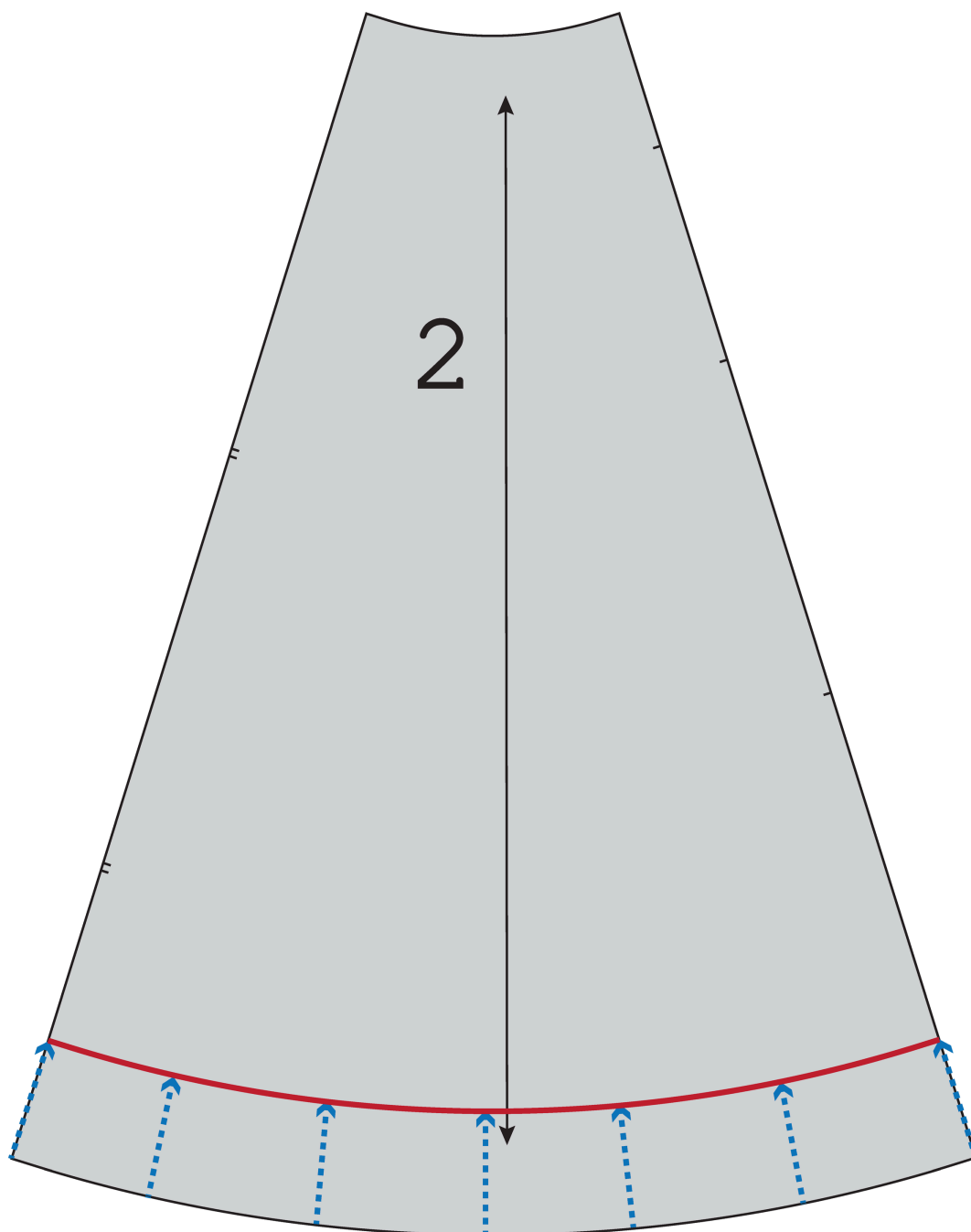
6. Mark the same desired length:

Using a ruler, measure upwards from the original hemline, keeping the seam lines in the same direction. Also keep your ruler or measure tape perpendicular to the hem's curve.



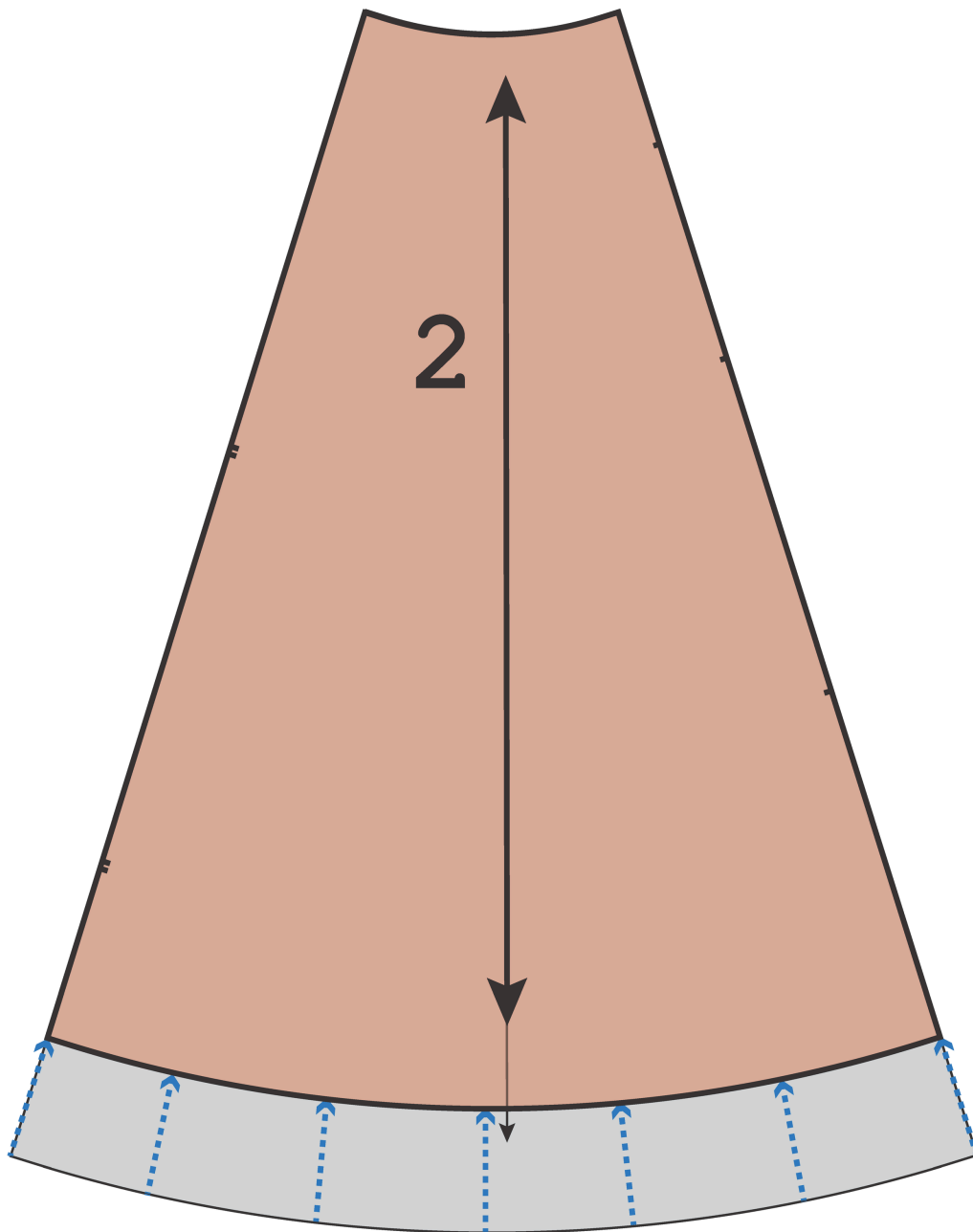
7. Shorten the hemline:

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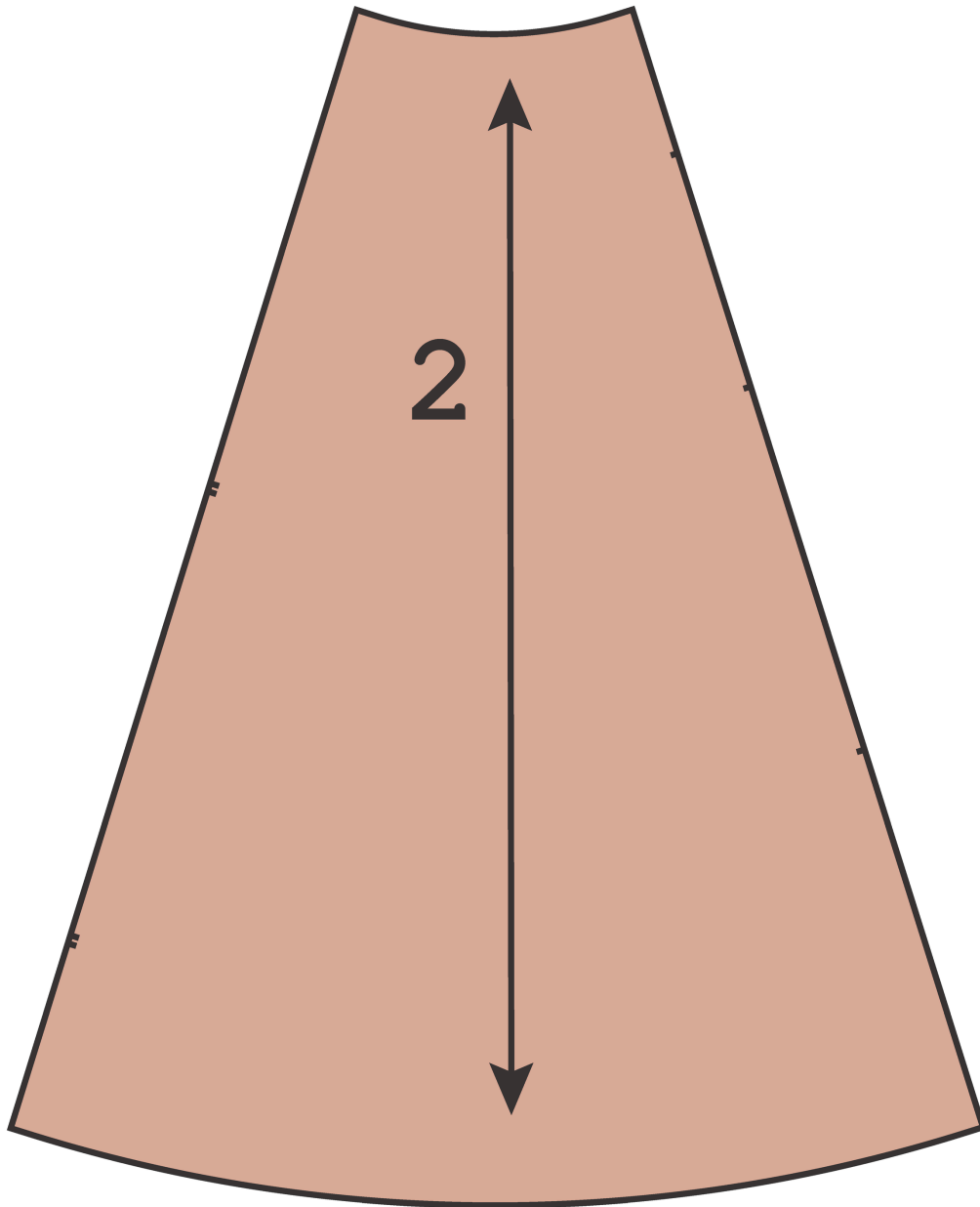


8. Draw the seam lines and hemline:

Draw the shortened seam lines and join them with the new hemline.



9. Cut the adjusted pattern piece #2.



If you have chosen to sew Valletta skirt View A, now your pattern is ready to use. Cut your fabric, using the shortened pattern, and sew as usual.

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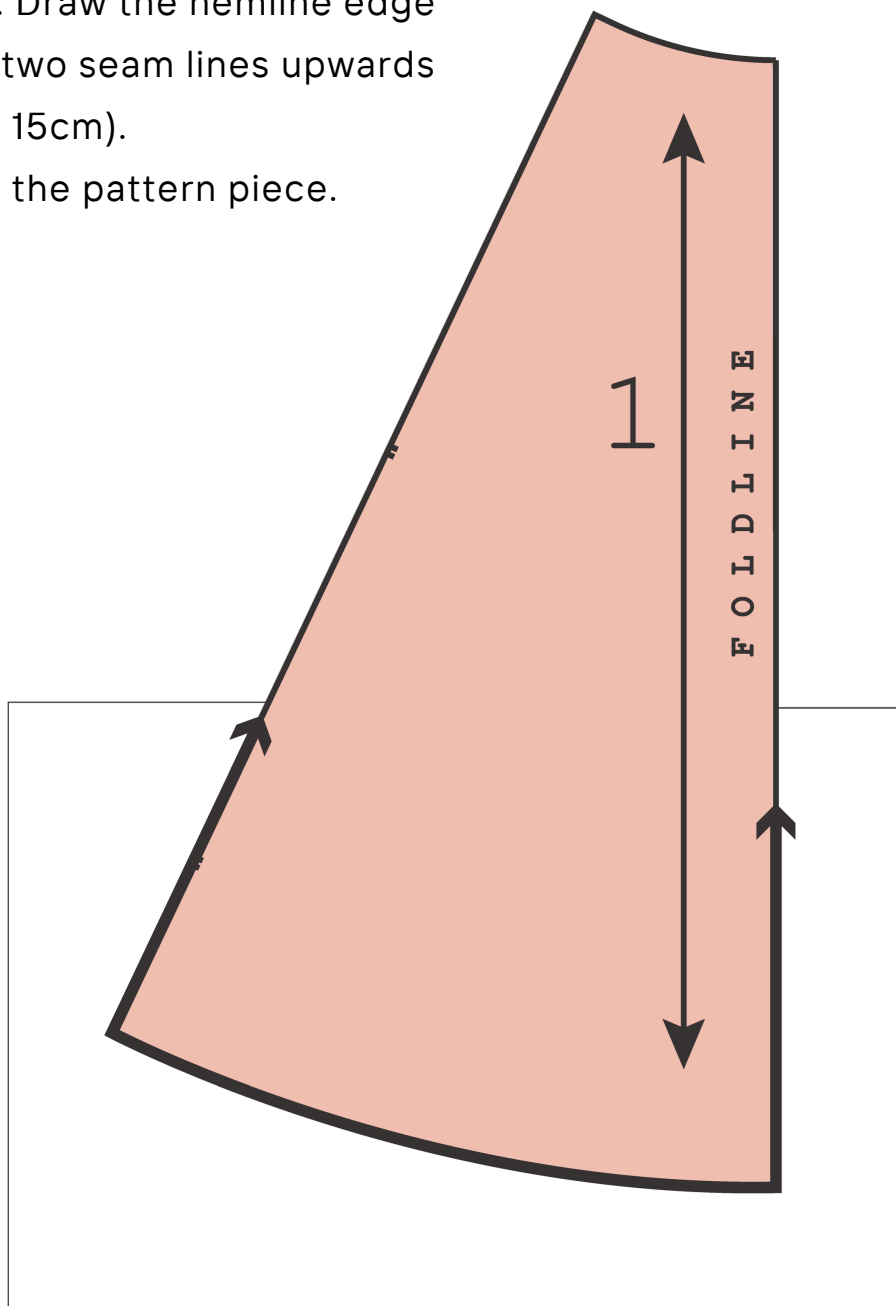
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1. Mark the desired length:

Let's work first with **Center Front and Center Back piece #1**.

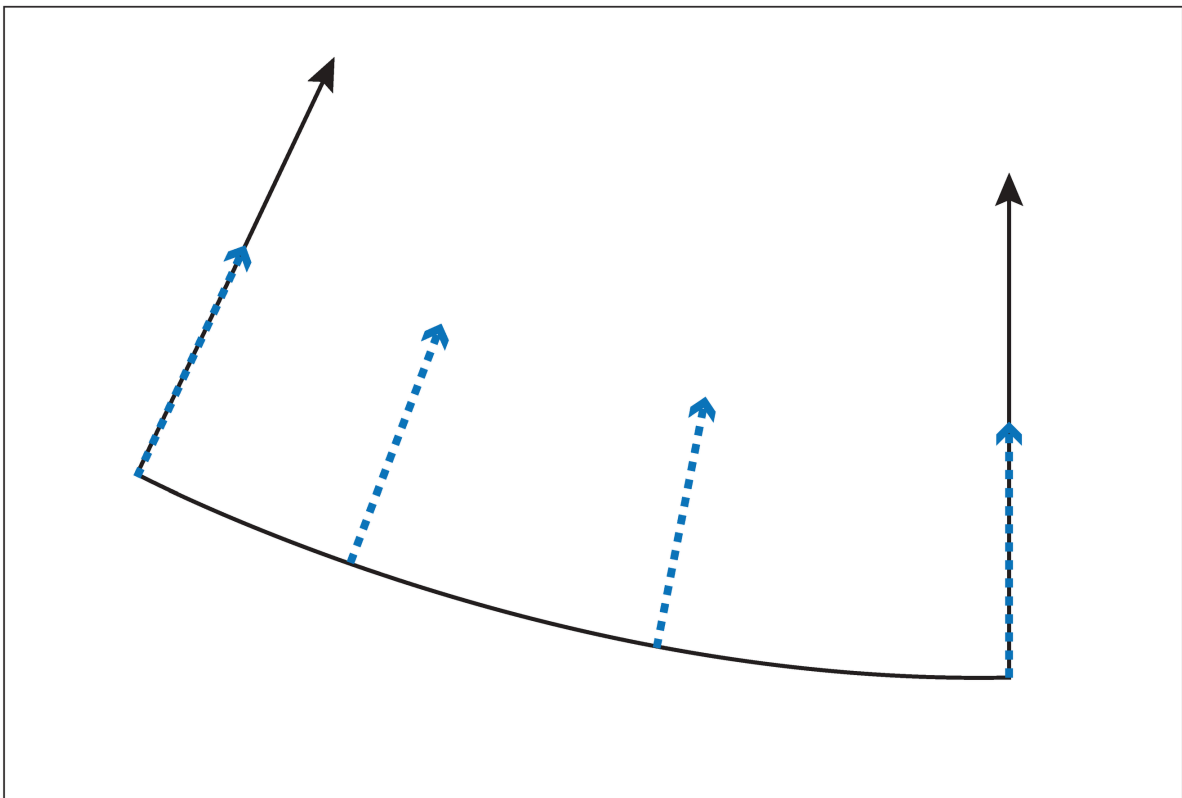
Lay the pattern piece with its lower half on a large piece of paper. Put some paper weight on the pattern piece to keep it in place. Draw the hemline edge and the two seam lines upwards (at least 15cm).

Remove the pattern piece.



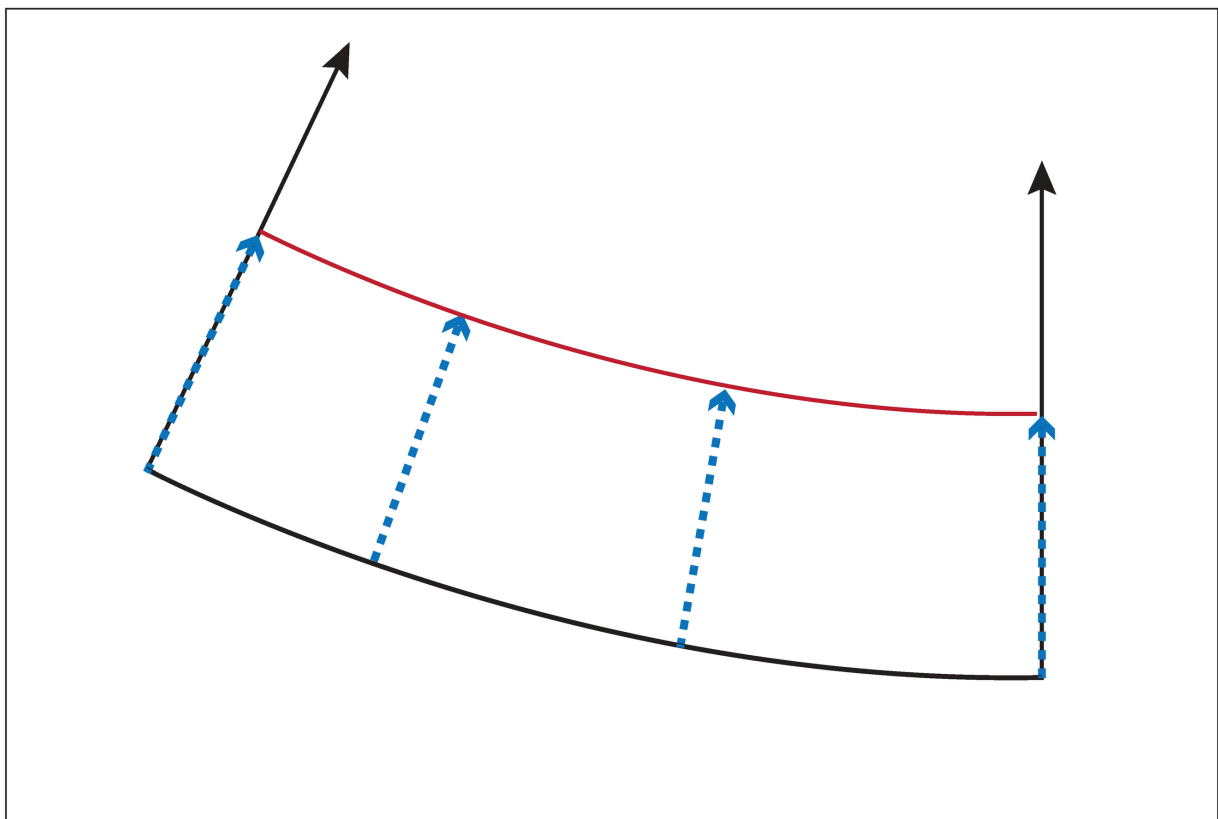
2. Mark the facing width:

Using a ruler, measure upwards from the hemline 12cm at several points. Keep your ruler or measure tape perpendicular to the hemline's curve.



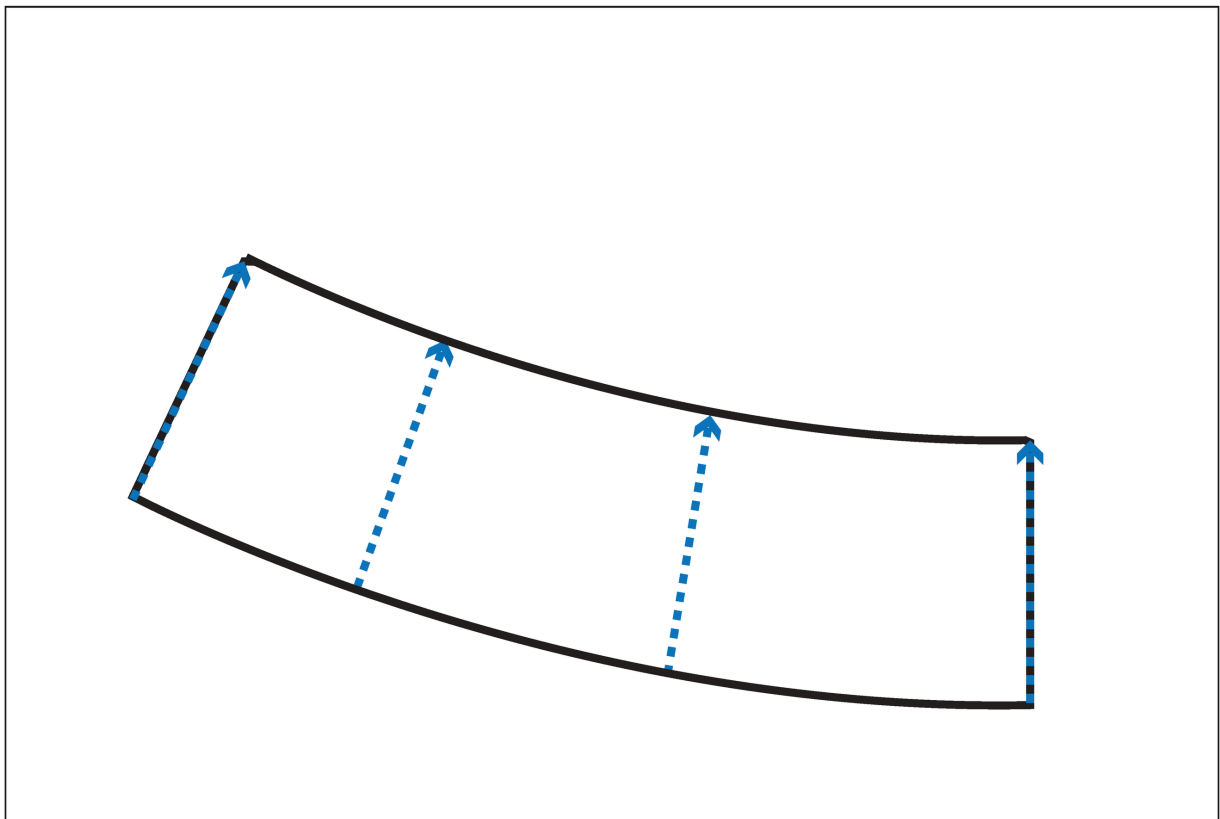
3. Draw the top edge of the facing:

Join the marks to create a smooth curved line, parallel to the original curve hemline.



4. Trace the hem facing:

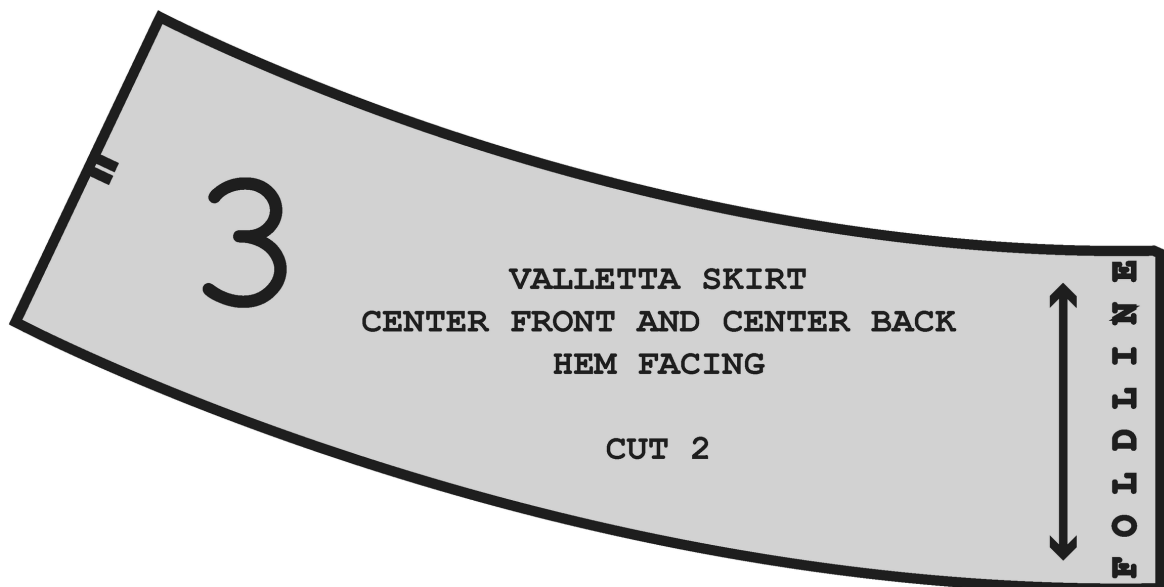
Trace both curves and the side edges to create your hem facing piece.



5. Label the hem facing:

Label your hem facing piece - from Center Front and Back
Front piece #1 you drafted **Center Front and Center Back
Hem Facing #3**

Also add double notches in the middle of the bias seam
line, as the bias seam on pattern piece #1 has double
notches. Add also the grainline, same direction as the
pattern piece #1.



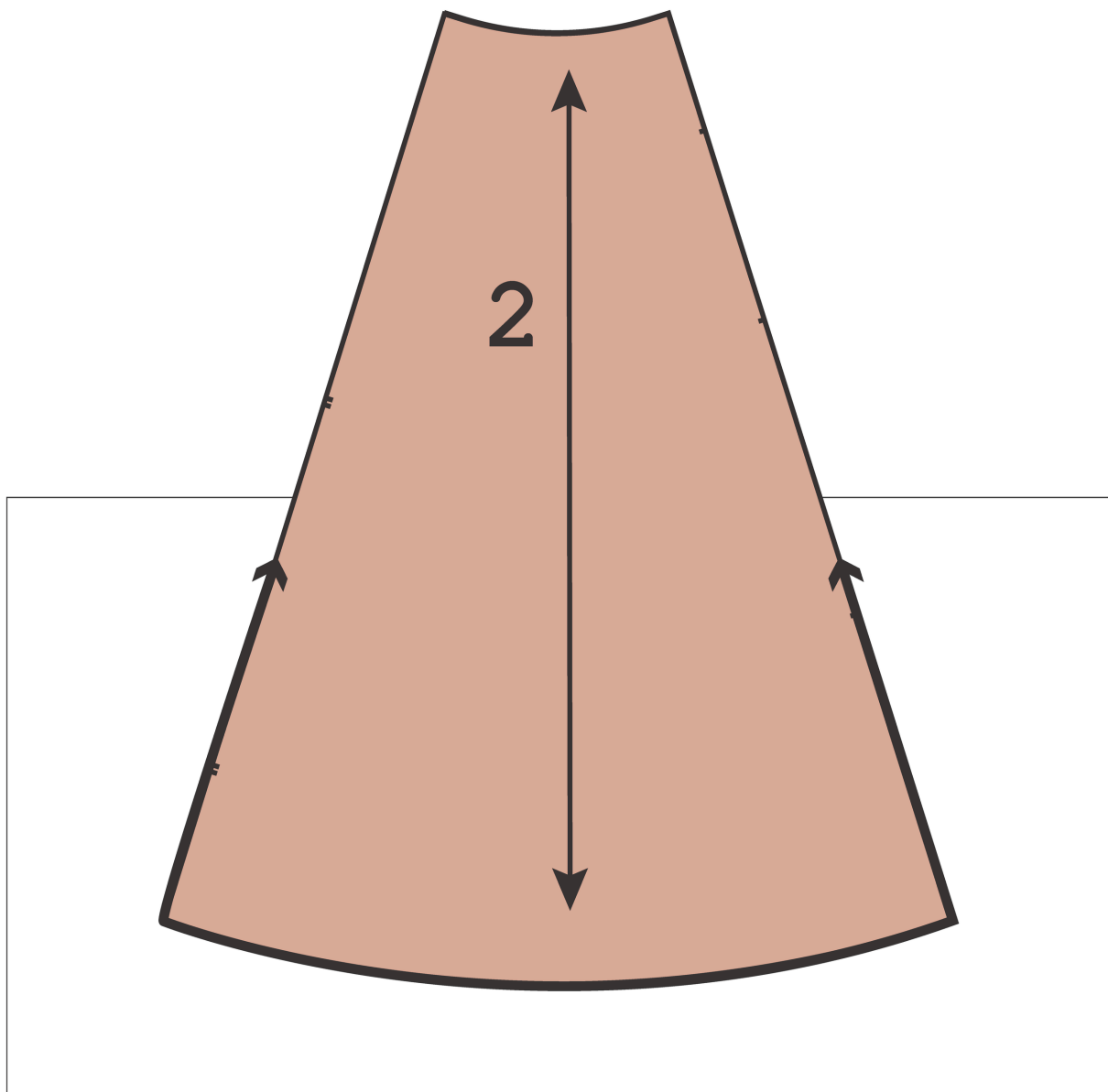
Continue with **Side Front and Side Back pattern piece #2:**

Proceed as steps 1 to 5.

6. Mark the desired length:

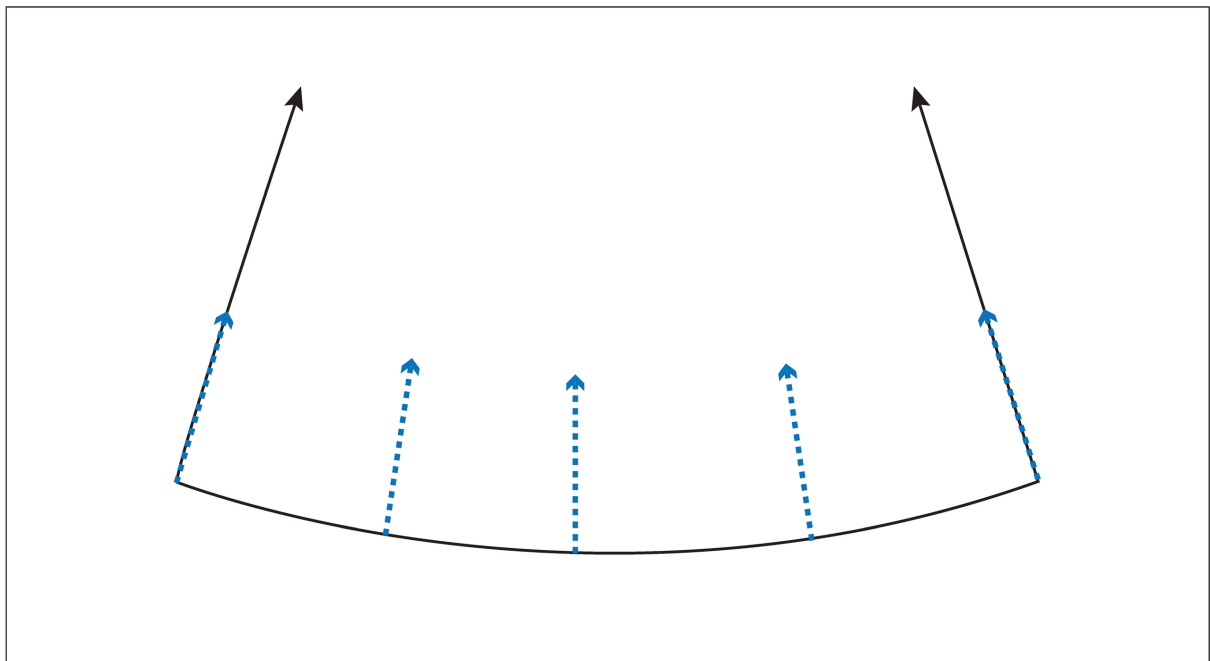
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Remove the pattern piece.



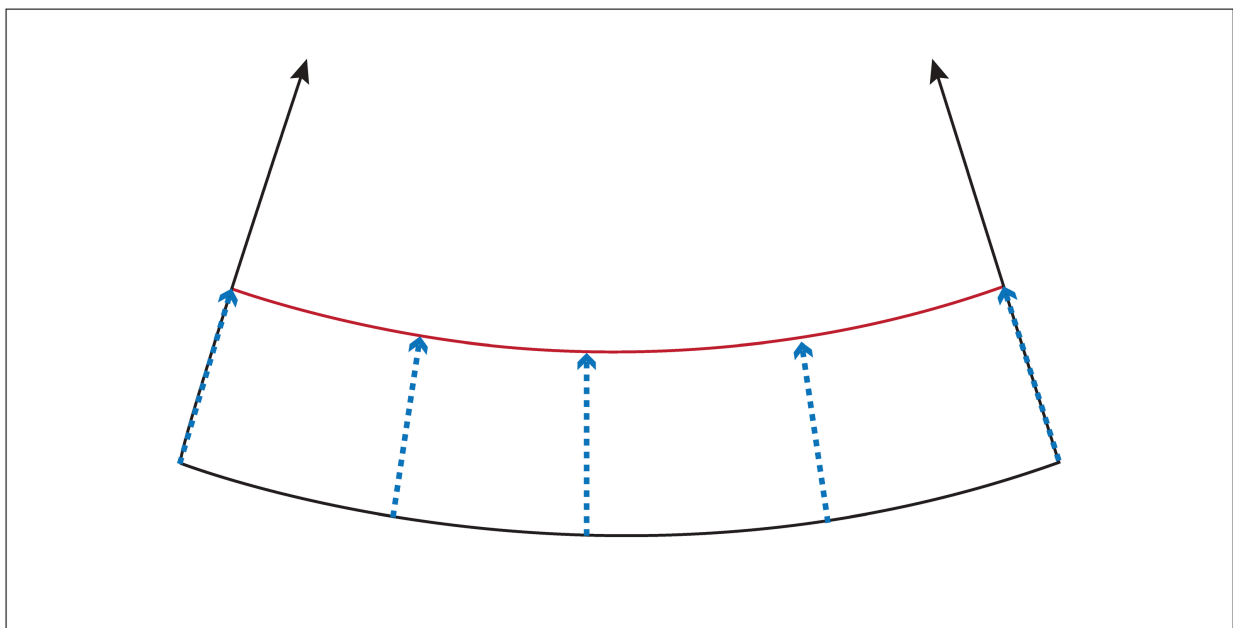
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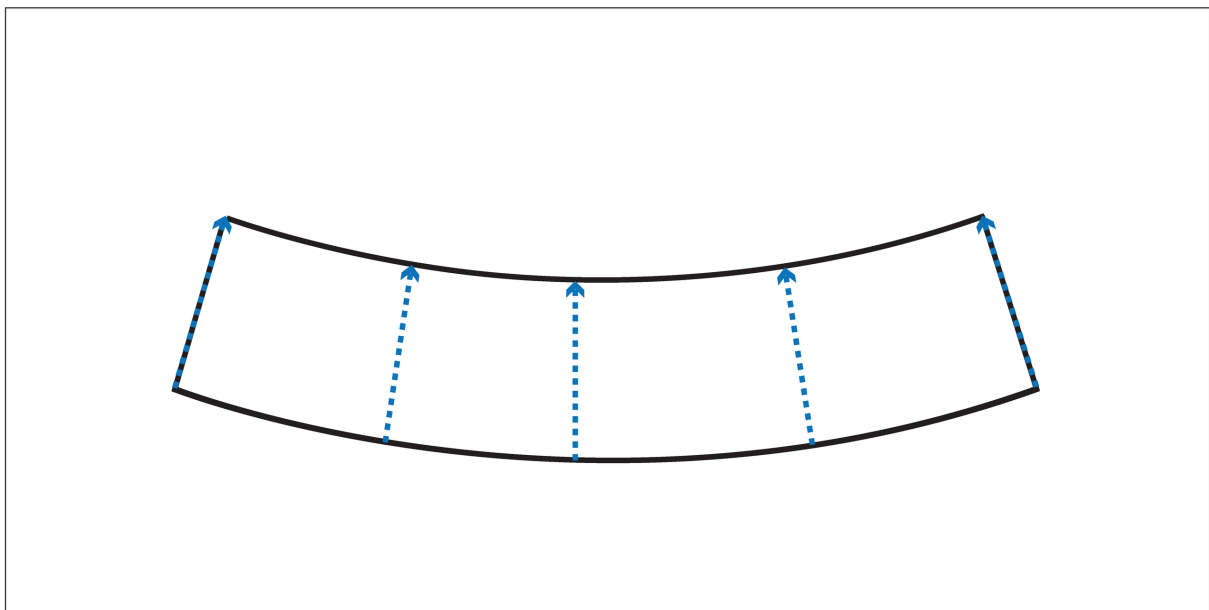
8. Draw the top edge of the facing:

Join the marks to create a smooth curved line, parallel to the original hemline's curve.



9. Trace the hem facing:

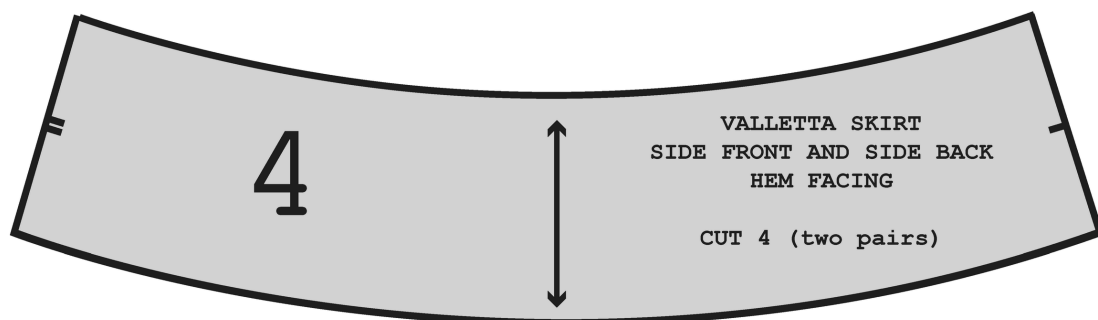
Trace both curves and the side edges to create your hem facing piece.



10. label the hem facing:

Label your hem facing piece- from Side Front and Side Back piece #2 you drafted **Side Front and Side Back Hem Facing #4.**

Also add double notches in the middle of the left bias seam line, as the left bias seam on pattern piece #2 has double notches; and add one notch in the middle of the right bias seam line, as the right bias seam line has one notch. Add also the grainline, same direction as the pattern piece #2.



Valletta skirt

How to lengthen or shorten

Now your adjusted pattern is ready to use.

Cut your fabric and sew as usual.

Hope you enjoy making your Valletta skirt and also hope you are learning some new sewing and adjustment techniques 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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