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Make With Mandi has your summer outfits sorted with this effortless top and dress pattern!



### THE TARA SET

The Tara Set is all about options. Once you've chosen between sewing a top or dress, you'll need to pick a neckline, hem shape and length! We do love a versatile pattern so we will be getting heaps of use out of this mix-andmatch set from designer Make With Mandi (makewithmandi.com). Read more about Mandi's brand origins on page 36 and don't forget to share yours with us using #SimplySewingMag and #MakeWithMandi on social media.

#### **YOU WILL NEED**

Main fabric:

- Size 6–20 top: 0.9mx150cm
- Size 16–30 top: 2mx150cm
- Size 6–20 dress: 1.3mx150cm
- Size 16-30 dress: 2.8mx150cm
- Single-fold bias binding:
- Size 6–20 top (curved hem): 5m
- Size 16–30 top (curved hem): 8m
  Size 6–20 dress (curved hem): 6m
- Size 16–30 dress (curved hem): 13m
- Size 6–20 top/dress (straight hem): 3m
- Size 16–30 top/dress (straight hem): 6m
- Matching thread
- Basic sewing kit

#### NOTES

Seam allowance is 5mm unless stated.

#### **RECOMMENDED FABRICS**

 Light- to medium-weight wovens, such as viscose, linen blends, viscose/cotton poplins and poly blends.

#### **FABRICS USED**

- Oasis Night viscose by Atelier Brunette from atelierbrunette.com
- Green viscose challis (1263784) from minerva.com
- Bias binding: Windy Cedar and Oasis Night by Atelier Brunette from atelierbrunette.com







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Mix and match design features for a wardrobe staple – or two – that you'll wear all summer long!

#### **PACK INCLUDES**

- Pattern sheets x2
- Instruction sheet

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### Таблица размеров

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Mandi has been showcasing her love of fashion through Make with Mandi since 2020, makewithmandi.com.

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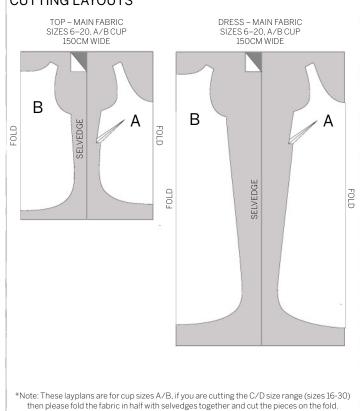
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TOTAL BUST	cm	82	87	92	97	102	107	112	117
	in	32¼	34¼	36¼	38¼	401⁄8	421⁄8	441⁄8	461⁄8
TOP: BACK LENGTH	cm	59	61	63	65	67	69	71	73
FROM SHOULDER	in	23¼	24	24¾	255⁄8	26¾	271⁄8	28	28¾
DRESS: BACK LENGTH FROM	cm	98	100.25	102.5	104.75	107	109.25	111.5	113.75
SHOULDER	in	38%	39½	403⁄8	41¼	421⁄8	43	437⁄8	44¾
TOTAL HIP	cm	87.5	92.5	98	103	108	113	118	123.5
	in	341⁄2	36¾	385⁄8	401⁄2	421⁄2	441/2	461⁄2	485⁄8
SIZE 16-30	UK	16	18	20	22	24	26	28	30
C/D CUP	US	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
	EUR	44	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
TOTAL BUST	cm	120	125	130	135	140	145	150	155.5
	in	471⁄4	49¼	511⁄8	531⁄8	551⁄8	571⁄8	59	61¼
TOP: BACK LENGTH	cm	68.5	70.5	72.5	74.5	76.5	78.5	80.5	82.5
FROM SHOULDER	in	27	27¾	281⁄2	29¾	301⁄8	30%	31¾	32½
DRESS: BACK LENGTH FROM	cm	109.5	111.25	113	114.75	116.5	118.25	120	121.75
SHOULDER	in	431⁄8	43¾	441⁄2	451⁄8	457⁄8	461⁄2	471⁄2	47%
TOTAL HIP	cm	127	132	137	142.5	147.5	152.5	156.5	162
	in	50	52	537⁄8	561⁄8	581/8	60	615/8	63¾

#### **CUTTING LAYOUTS**



## STITCHING TERMS

**RS/WS:** Right side/wrong side of the fabric. The right side usually has the print, design or texture and the wrong side is usually plain or duller in appearance. **Machine tack:** Use a long stitch length to hold a section in place. Don't backstitch at the start and end.

**Finish the seams:** Finish the raw edges with a zigzag stitch or an overlocker. **Press:** Pressing fabric is placing the iron down, holding it for a few seconds, lifting it and placing it down again. Ironing is the movement of sliding the iron back and forth to remove creases.

**Understitch:** Stitch close to the seam line, usually on the side that will be on the inside of the garment such as the facing. This will hold the seam allowance in place. **Staystitch:** Stitching in areas prone to stretching such as necklines to hold the fabric in shape while it is being worked on.

**Topstitch:** Stitching, usually from the right side of the garment, to hold seam allowances in place or can be used for decorative purposes.

**Toile:** A test garment, often made from calico or muslin to check the fit or test a pattern before the real fabric is used. Known as a muslin in the US.

For more sewing terms, visit gathered.how/sewing-glossary

Instructions for making the top and dress are the same throughout.

## ADJUSTING YOUR PATTERN

Step one If you are making the straight hem version of the top/dress you will need to adjust the pattern. If you are making the curved hem top/dress then please proceed to the CUTTING OUT section.

Step two For the straight hem top or dress, add 5mm seam allowance to each

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of the pattern side seams.

Step three Calculate the length you would like your garment by measuring down from your shoulder to where you would like the hem.

Step four Add 2cm to this measurement for your seam allowances and transfer this measurement to your Back pattern piece. Draw a straight line across – this will be your new hem cut line.

Step five Fold out the dart from the Front pattern piece and transfer your measurement to the pattern piece. Draw a straight line across – this will be your new hem cut line.

Step six With the dart still folded, align the Front pattern piece with the Back pattern piece and make sure you are happy that the side seams still match each other in length. Adjust if necessary.

## CUTTING OUT

Step one We recommend making a toile before you begin. There is no need to bind the edges of a toile, you simply need to check the fit of the Front and Back pieces when they are pinned/sewn together at the shoulder seams and side seams. Make any necessary adjustments to the pattern before continuing. Step two Fold the fabric with the selvedges aligned for the C/D cup size range or with the selvedges in the centre for the A/B cup range (see layplans). Step three Cut out the following pattern pieces from the main fabric using the layplan as a guide.

Front (A): One on the fold Back (B): One on the fold

#### **PREPARING THE BODICE**

Step one Staystitch around the neckline and armhole on both the Front and Back pieces. Take great care not to stretch the garment as you sew. Sew around

3mm from the raw edge all the way around.

Step two With the wrong side (WS) facing up, sew the bust dart starting from the side seam to the end of the dart.

Step three Press the darts away from the underarm down towards the hem. 💷

#### ATTACHING THE FRONT BINDING

If you are making the straight hem top/dress, simply sew a 1cm seam allowance down the side seams and skip to the CLOSING THE SHOULDER SEAMS section.

Step one Locate the notches on the hem of the Front piece. With the right side (RS) of your garment facing upwards, take a continuous length of binding and, starting an inch above one notch, spread open the binding and lay it on top of your garment along the cut edge of your hem. The WS of the binding should be facing upwards.

#### Step two Pin in place. @

Step three At both notch points slightly angle the binding off towards the raw edge of the garment. The bottom part of your binding will extend past the raw edge of the garment.

Step four Stitch 5mm from the raw edges to attach your binding to the top/ dress. This may be deeper than the crease line on your premade binding. Keep an even tension when attaching the binding around the curved edges. Do not pull tight as you will need some ease to be able to finish the binding neatly. Step five Continue sewing all the way round and angle off the binding at the opposite notch. Cut your binding at this point.

#### EDGE STITCHING THE BINDING

Step one Fold the binding back away from the garment along this stitched edge. Both the garment and the binding should now be RS up. Step two Press/steam in place. <sup>(5)</sup>

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Step three Edge stitch the binding and seam allowances down from the RS. This will help to create a nice neat edge when you finish the garment.

#### **FINISHING THE BINDING**

Step one Press your binding towards the WS of the garment, closing the folded edges. Check if all the raw edges can be enclosed when you do this. If not, then carefully trim down your seam allowance and the raw edge of the binding. Step two Neatly topstitch down the loose side of the binding to attach to your garment. Keep a very even tension on the binding and the fabric to avoid any drag lines on the front of your garment. If while you're sewing you see some of the raw edges of your garment popping out from beyond your binding just use a pin to poke them back in.

#### ATTACHING THE BACK BINDING

Step one Lay the Front piece of the garment on top of the Back piece, RS facing each other. As you did with the Front hem, lay the binding along the garment edge starting at the underarm point.

Step two Pin through the binding and the two layers of the garment. Step three Continue pinning the binding past the joining part of the Front piece, continuing all the way around onto the Back hem. Step four As you did previously, sew at 5mm all the way around from one

armhole to the other. 0

#### **FINISHING THE BINDING**

Step one To get the neat finish at the hem, edge stitch the binding and seam allowances down from the RS.

Step two Press the binding to the WS of the garment, closing the folded edges. Step three Neatly topstitch down the loose side of the binding. Keep a very even tension on the binding and the fabric throughout to avoid any drag lines. Step four Once complete, give the hems and side seam a good press. 🕕

#### **CLOSING THE SHOULDER SEAMS**

Step one With RS together, stitch closed the shoulder seams. The seam allowance for the shoulders is 1cm. 12

Step two Overlock the shoulder seams together.

Step three If making the straight hem version, also overlock the side seams.

#### **BINDING THE ARMHOLES**

Step one To finish the armholes, take the binding and fold the end of the bias binding 1cm towards the WS.

Step two With the garment RS up, place the folded end of the binding in line with one of the shoulder seams. Make sure the RS of the binding is facing the RS of the garment.

Step three As you did previously, line up the raw edge of the binding with the raw edge of the garment.

Step four Pin in place along the armhole opening. Continue all the way around the armhole until you come back round to the shoulder seam. <sup>1</sup>

Step five When you get to the point you started at, continue the bias binding to overlap the folded portion you began with by approximately 1cm. <sup>19</sup>

Step six Continue following the binding attachment method you used on the garment hem until you have finished both armholes and the neckline. <sup>10</sup> <sup>10</sup> Step seven If you are making the straight hem version, fold your garment hem up 1cm and then again by another 1cm. Topstitch close to the top folded edge.

#### FINISHING

Step one Turn the garment RS out and give everything a good press. It's important to use steam to set the binding in place. 18

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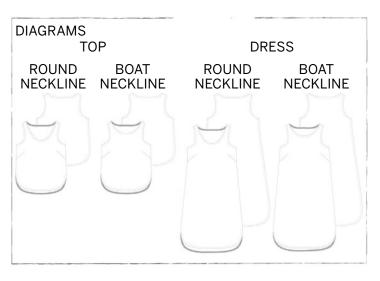
















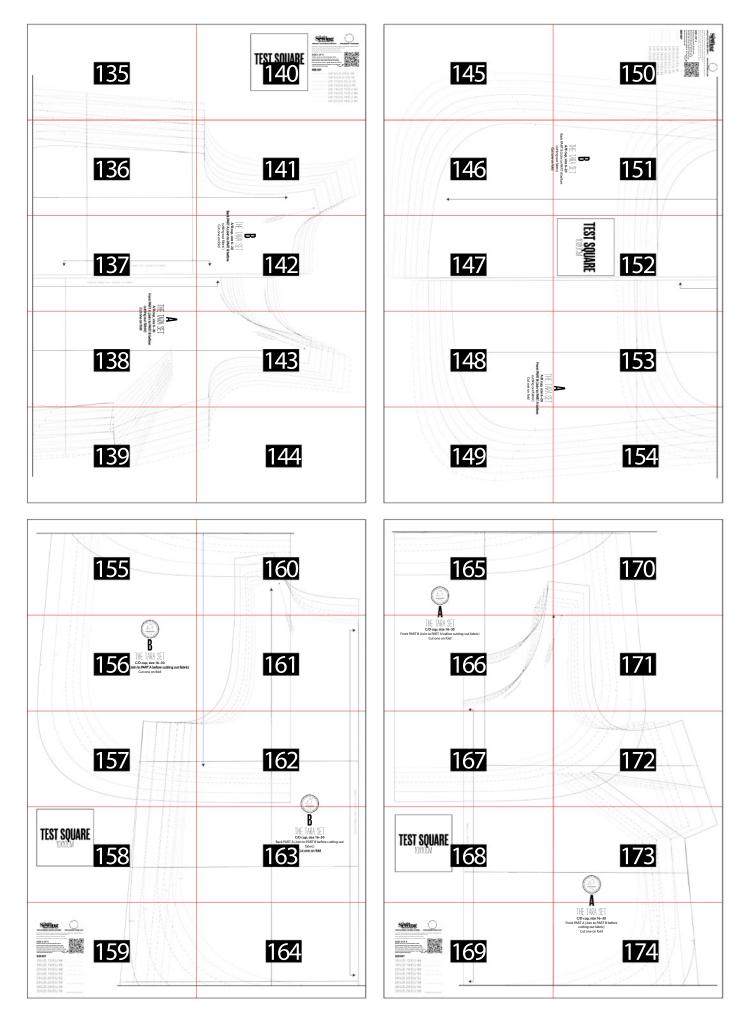
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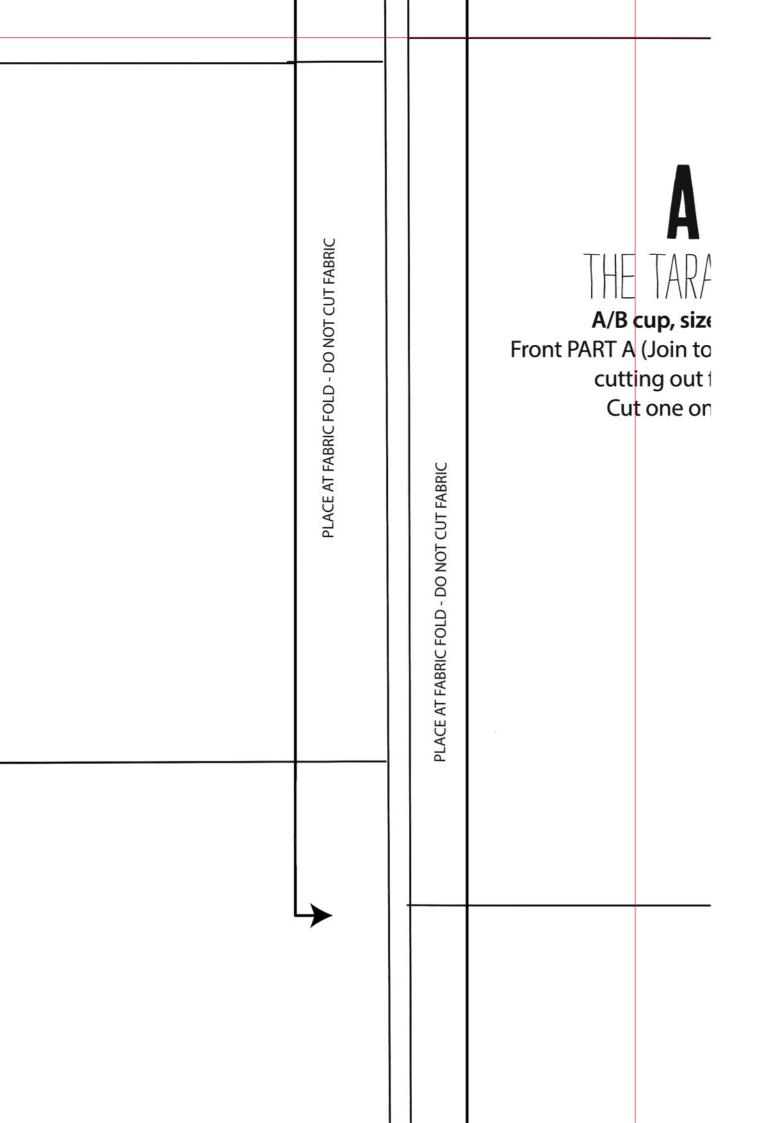
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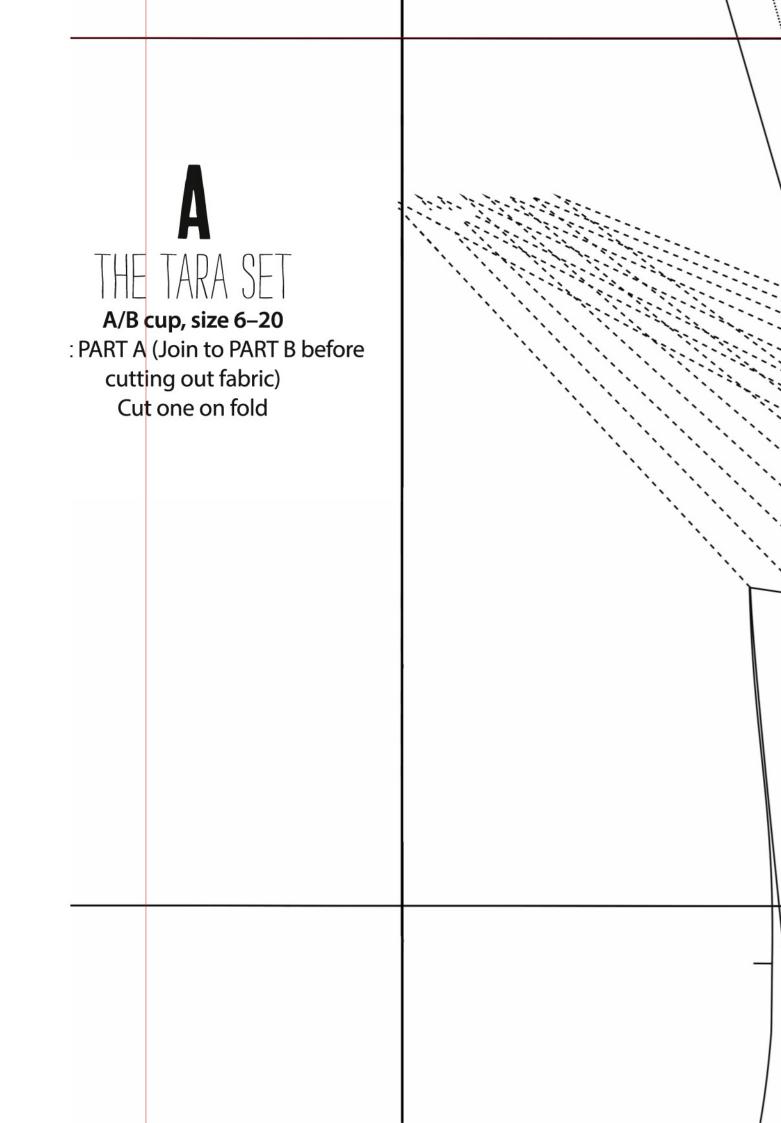
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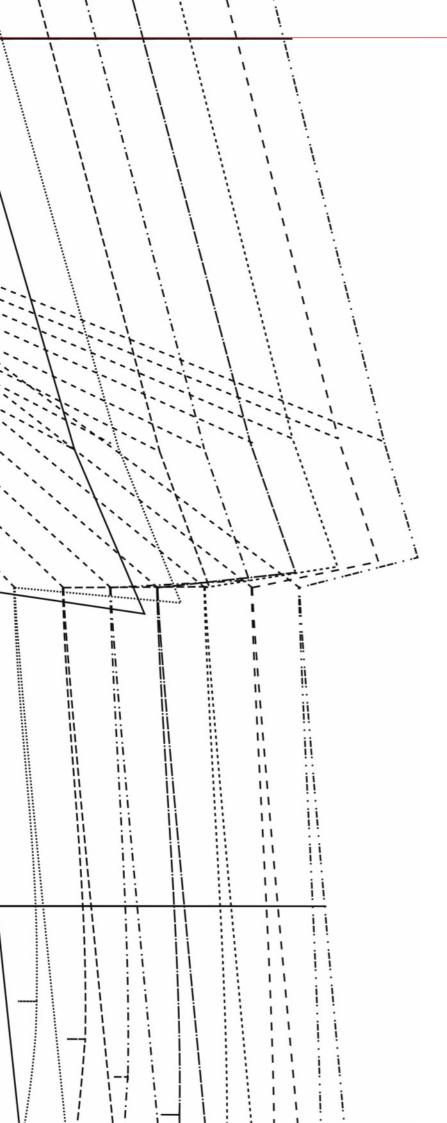


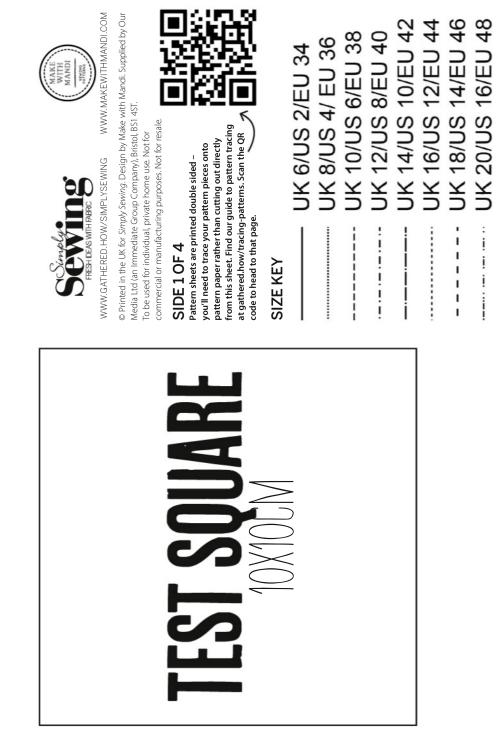
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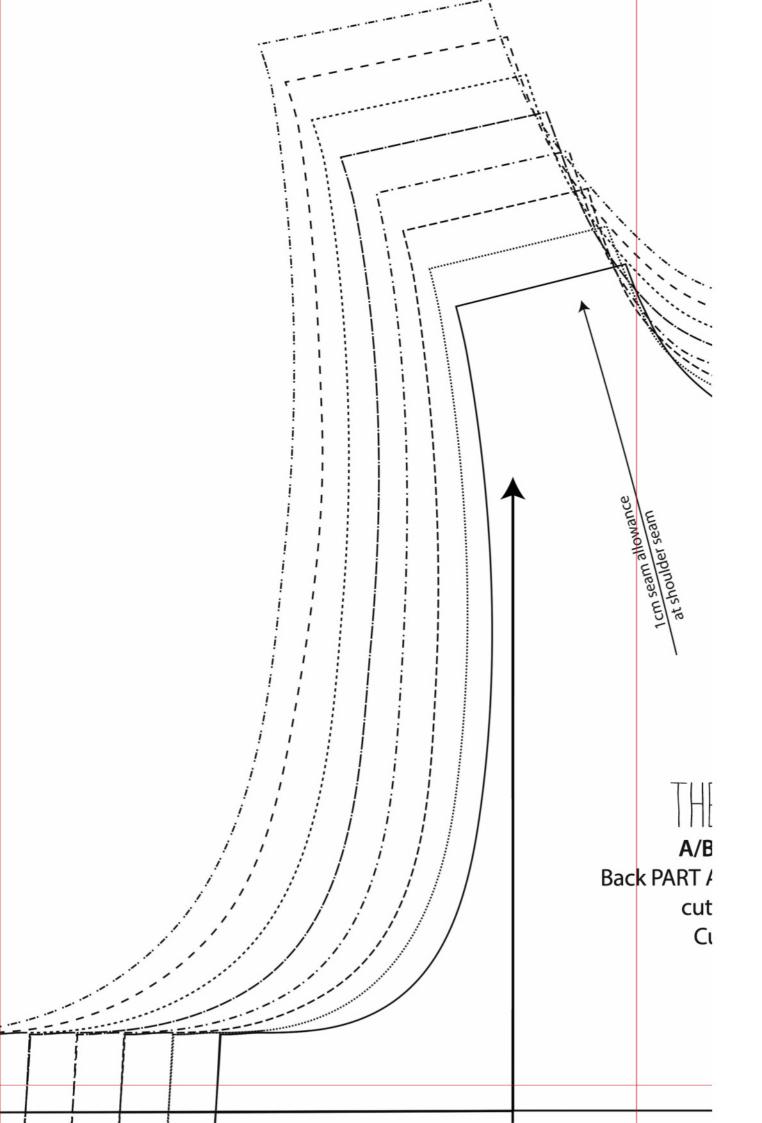


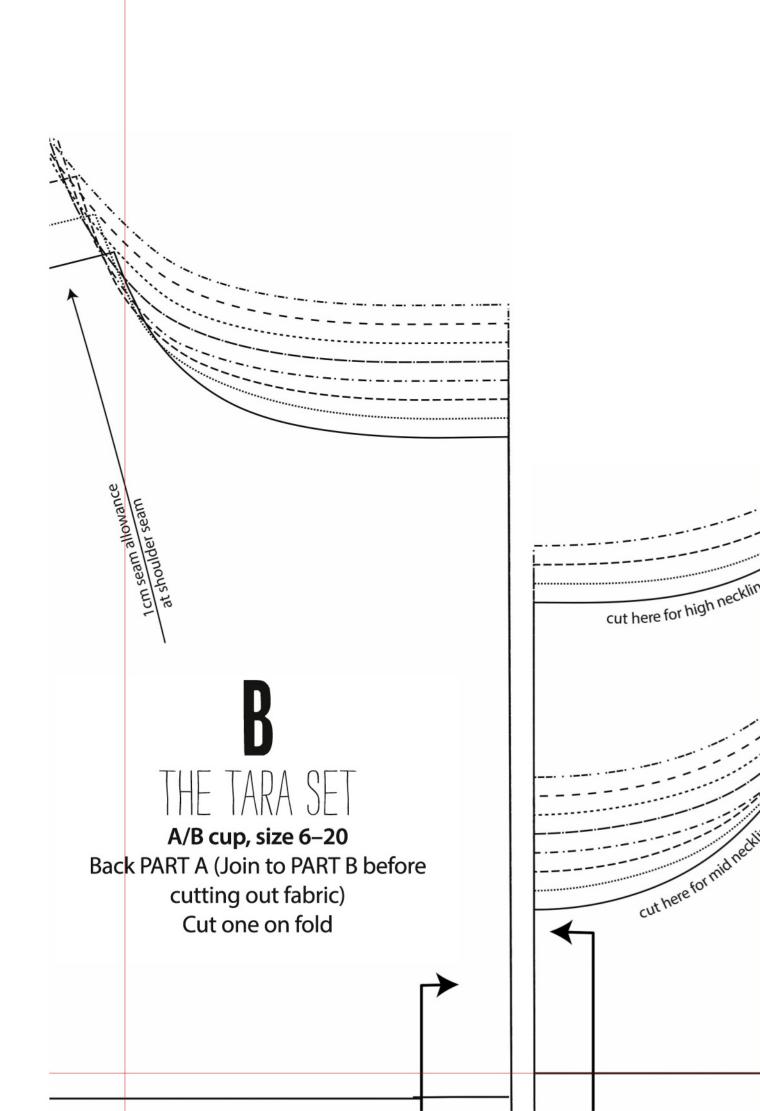


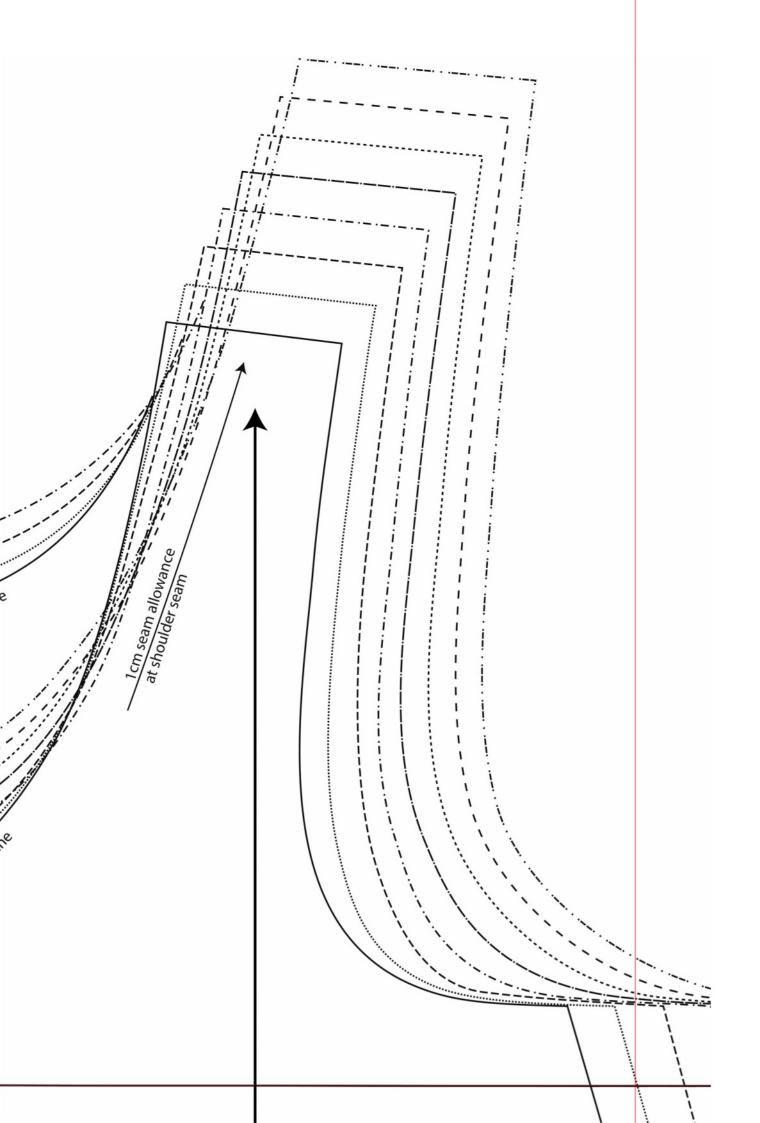
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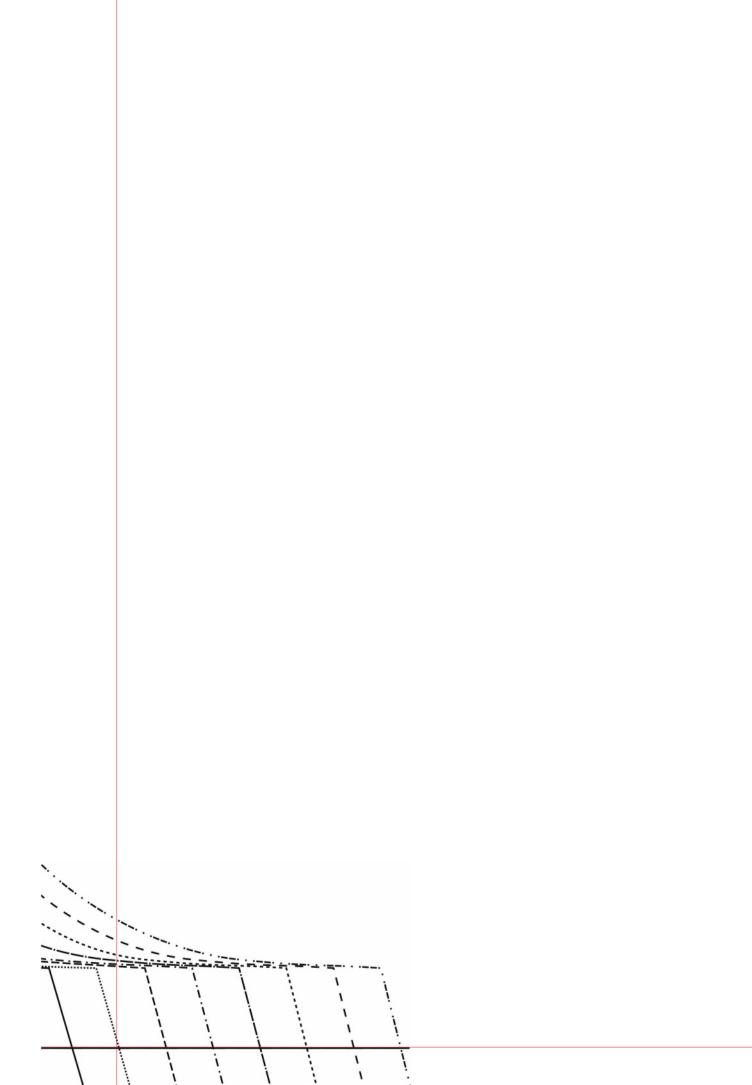
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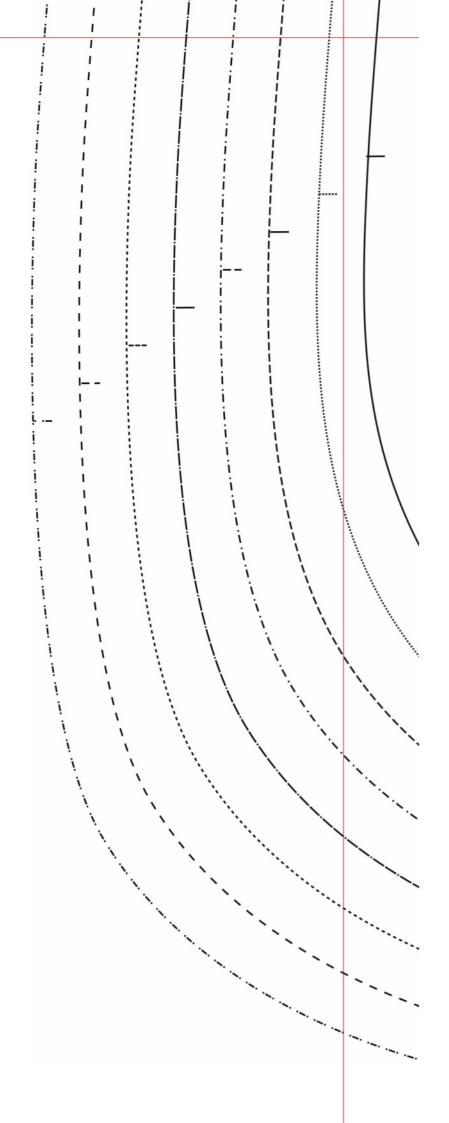
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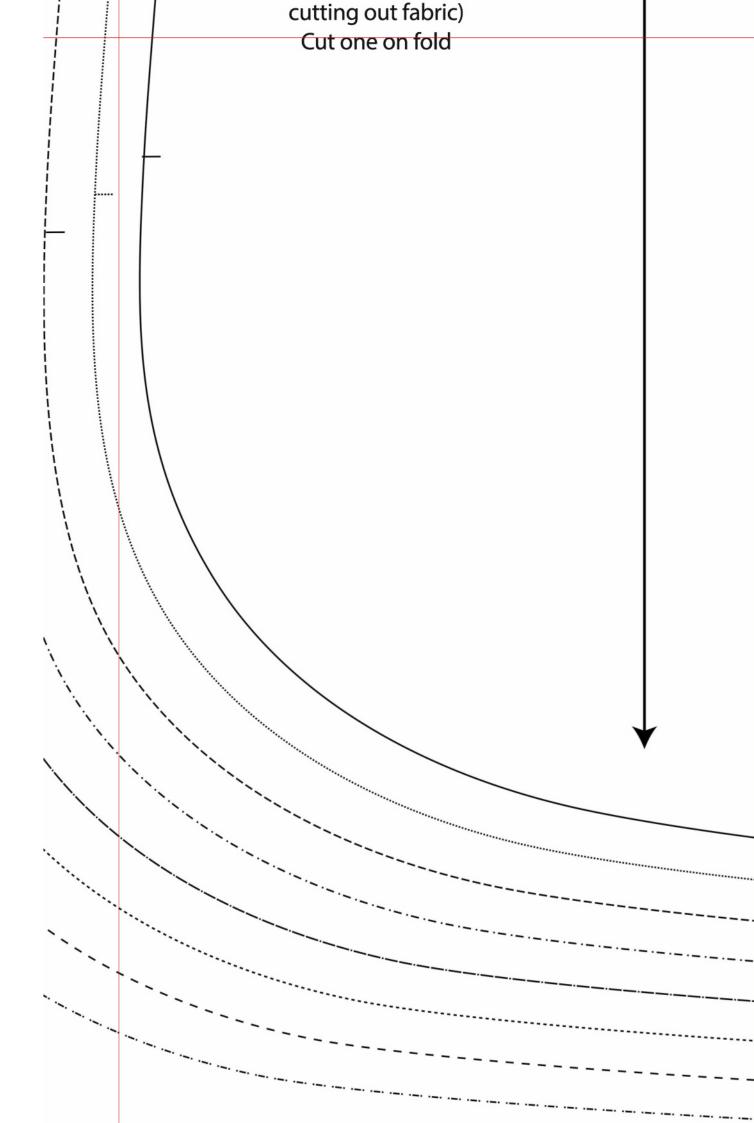




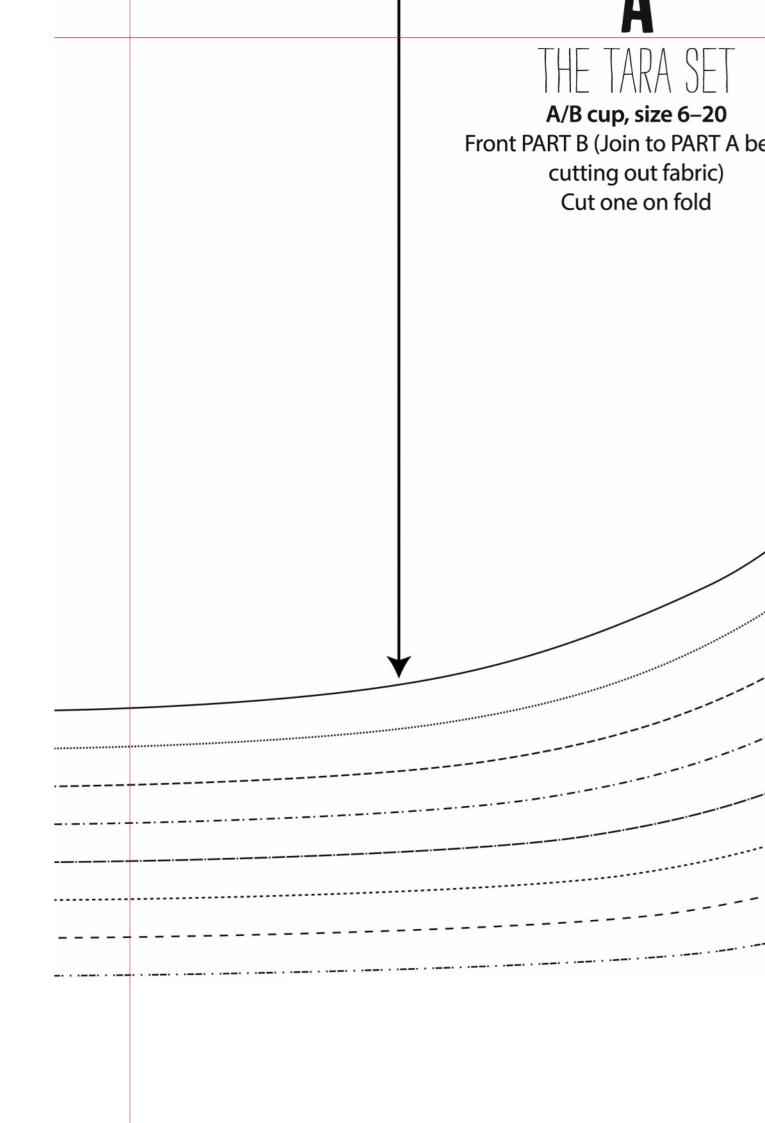








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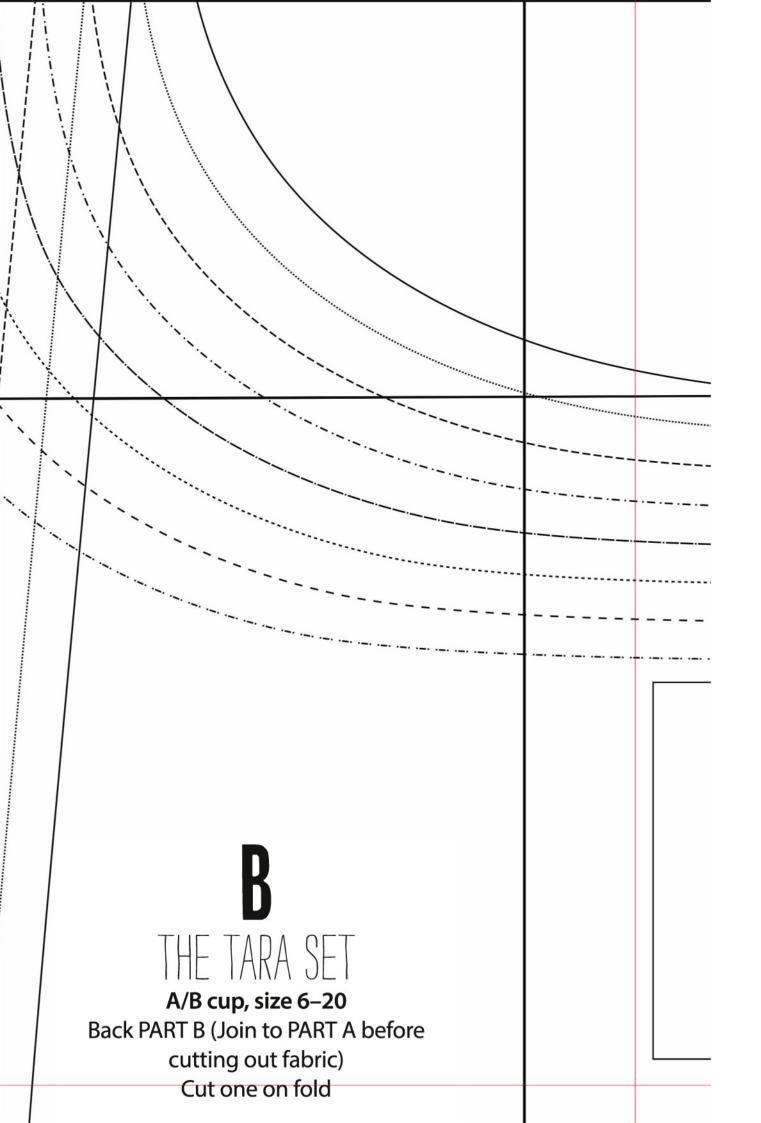
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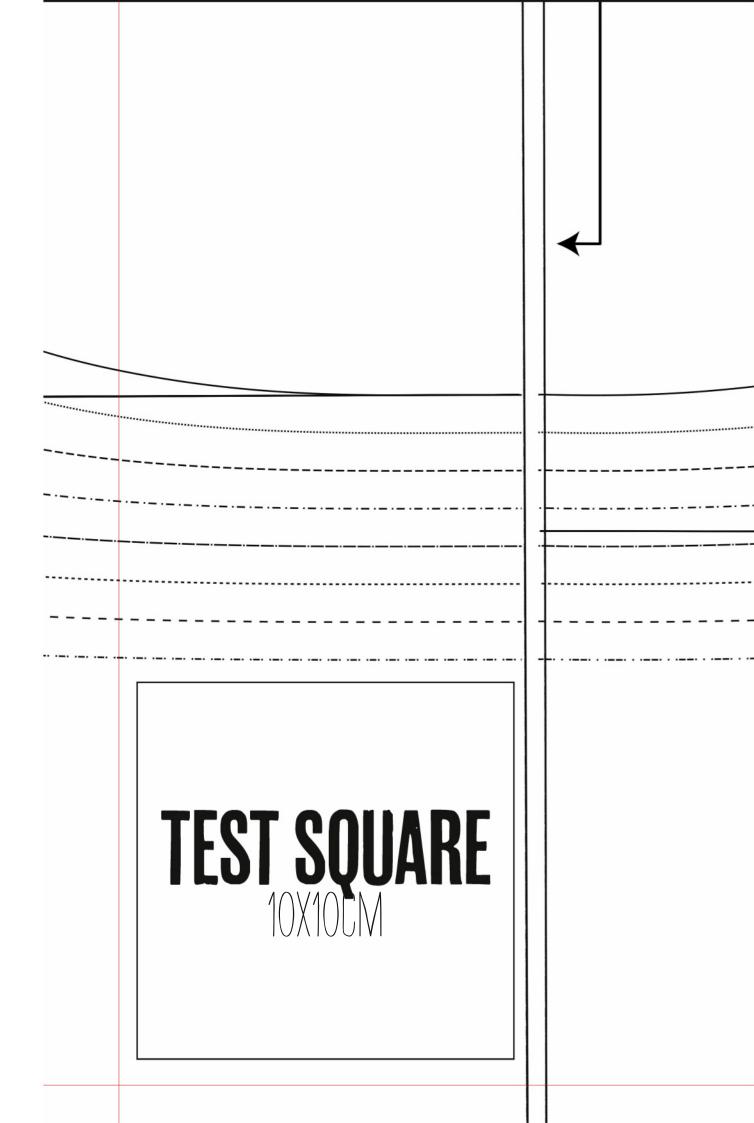
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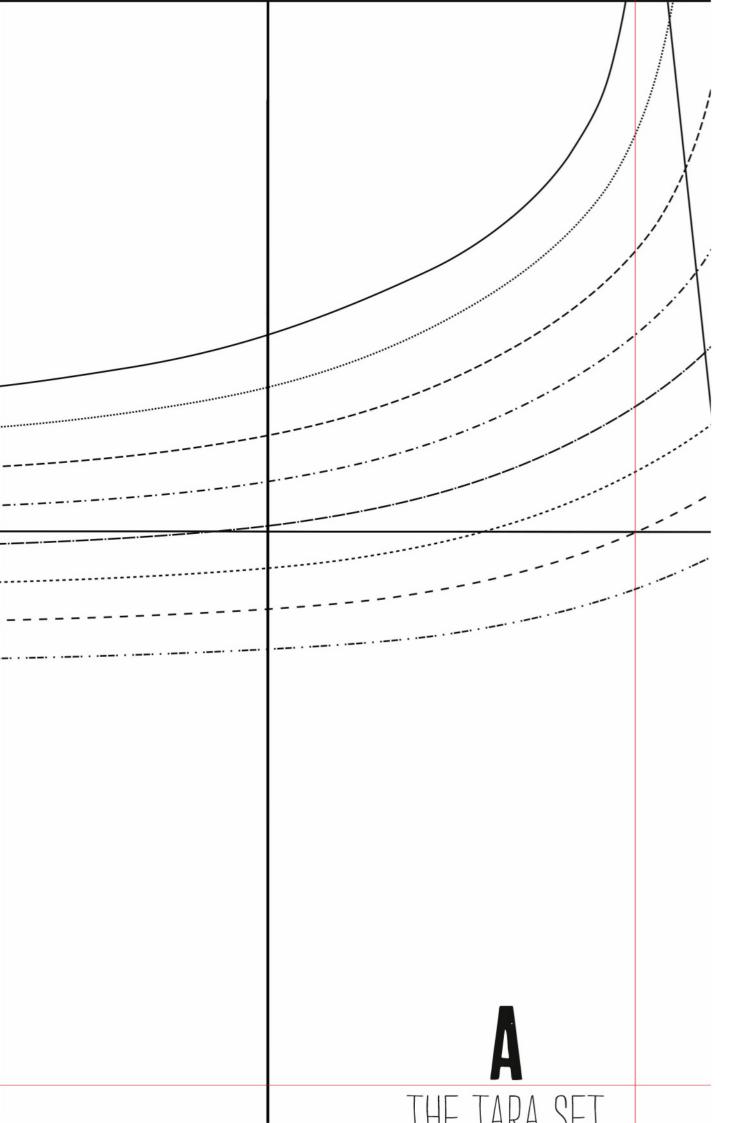


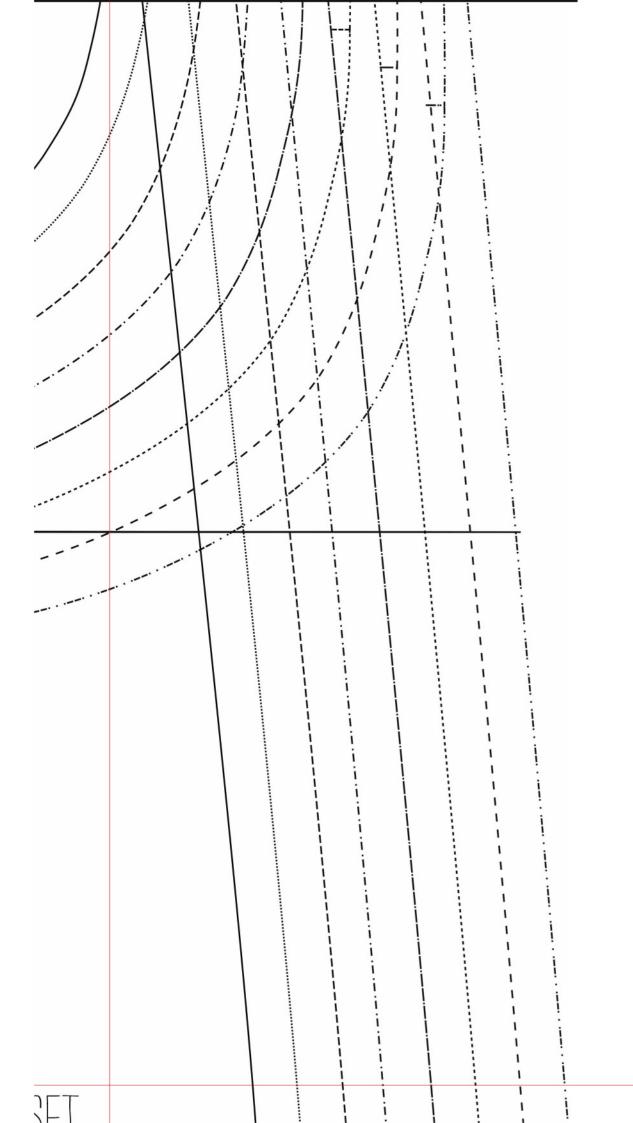
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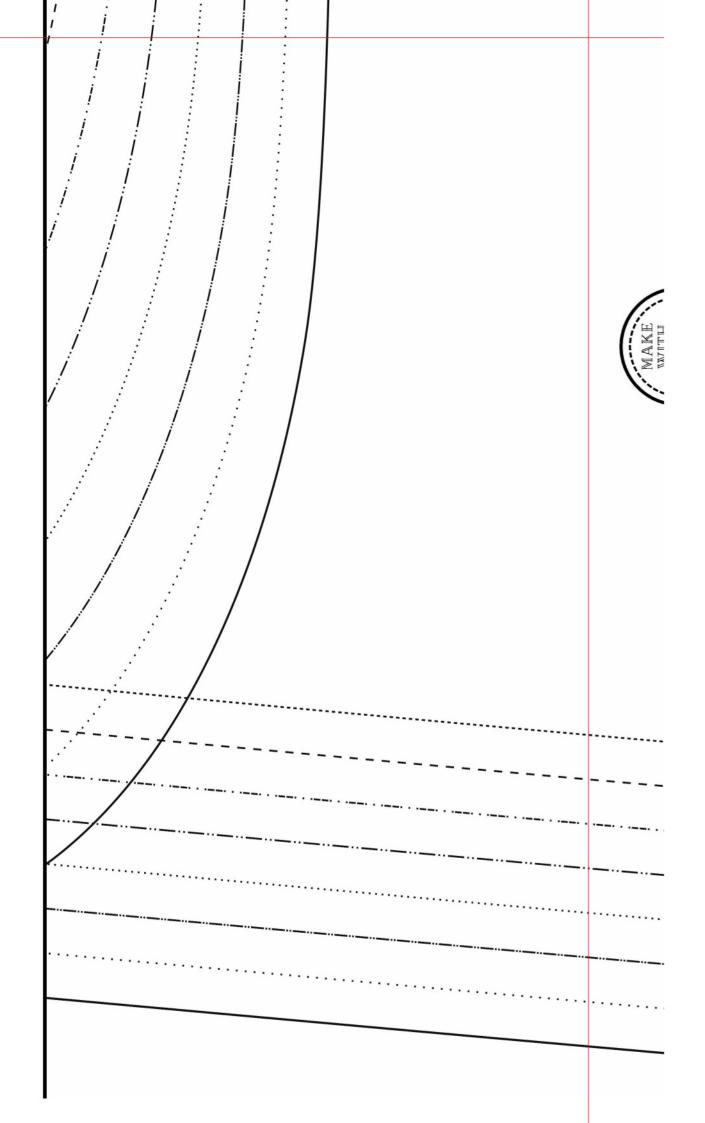
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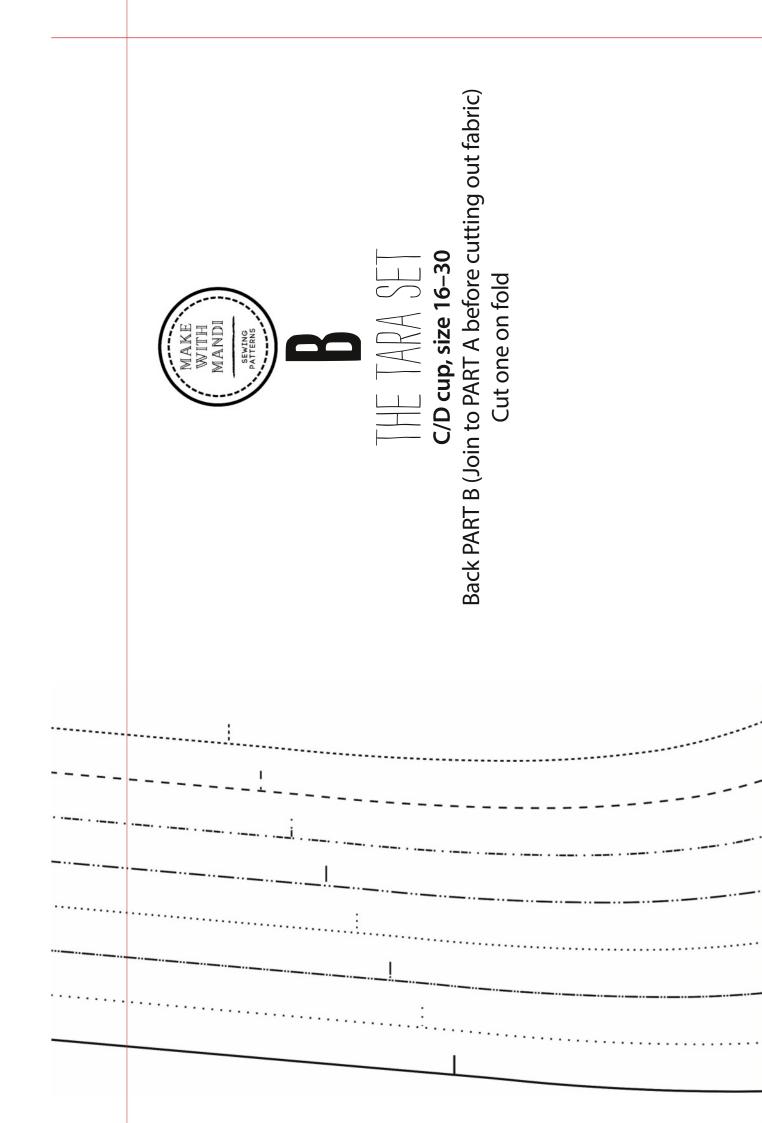


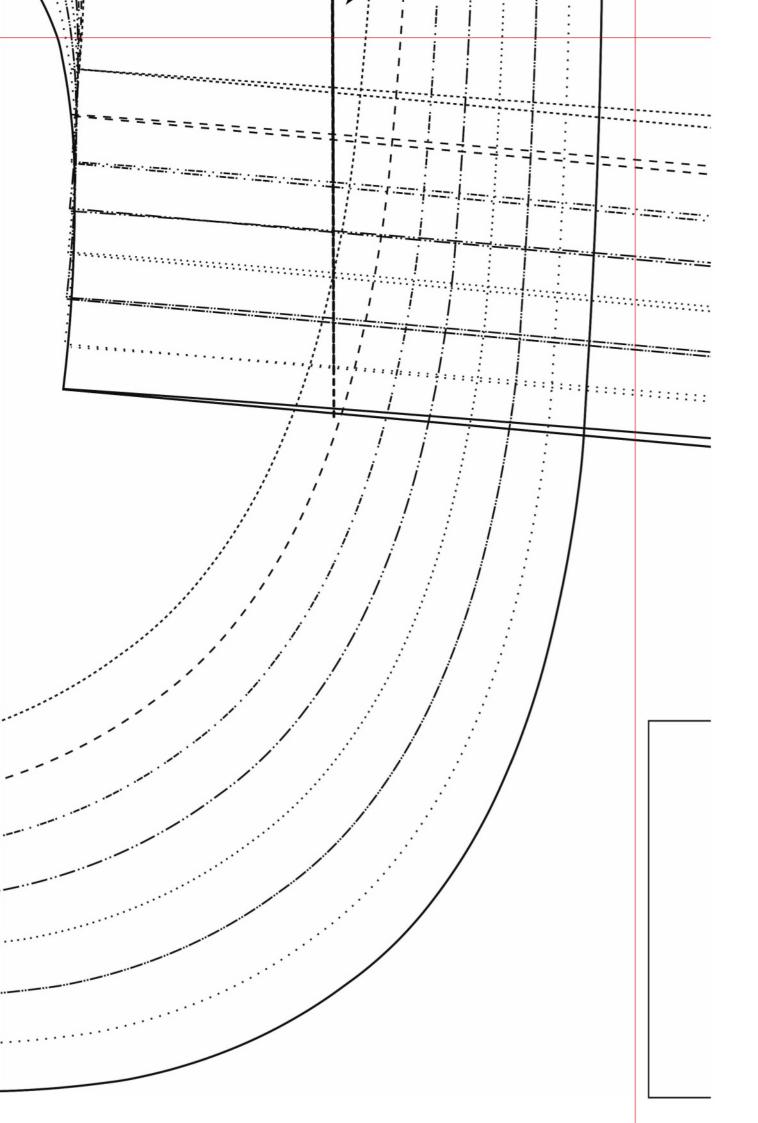












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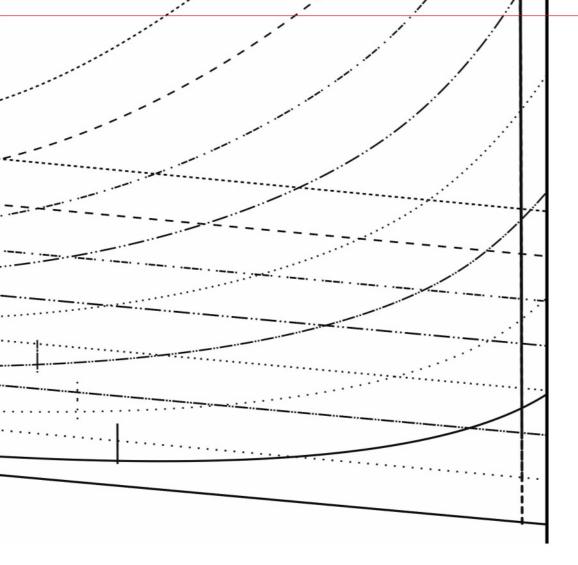
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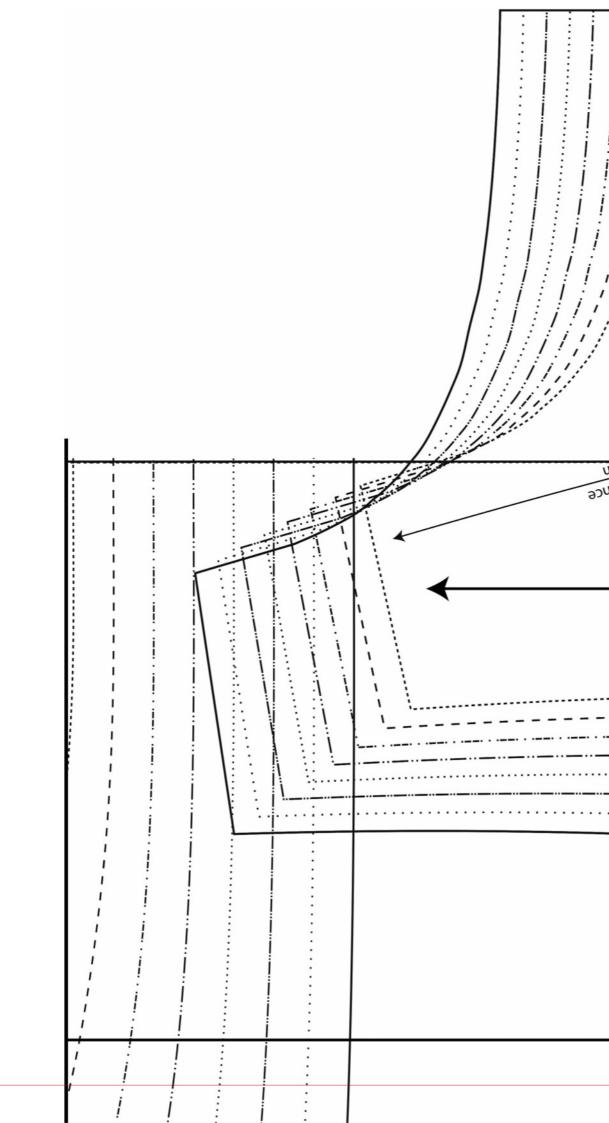


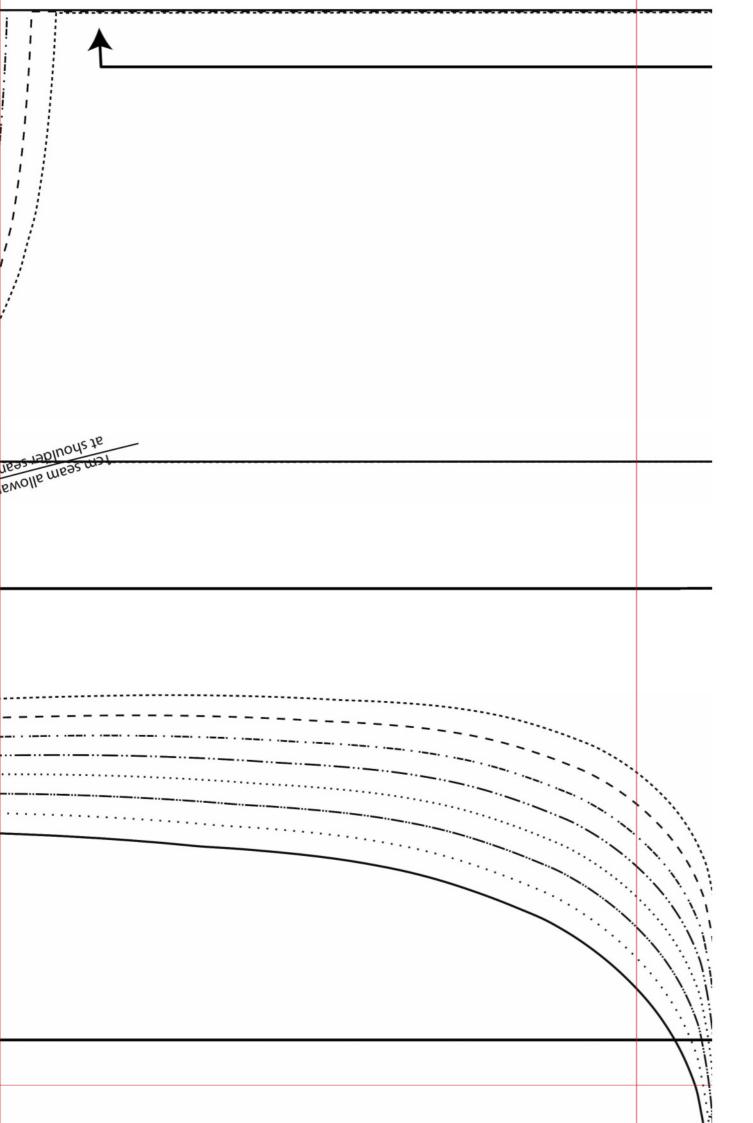
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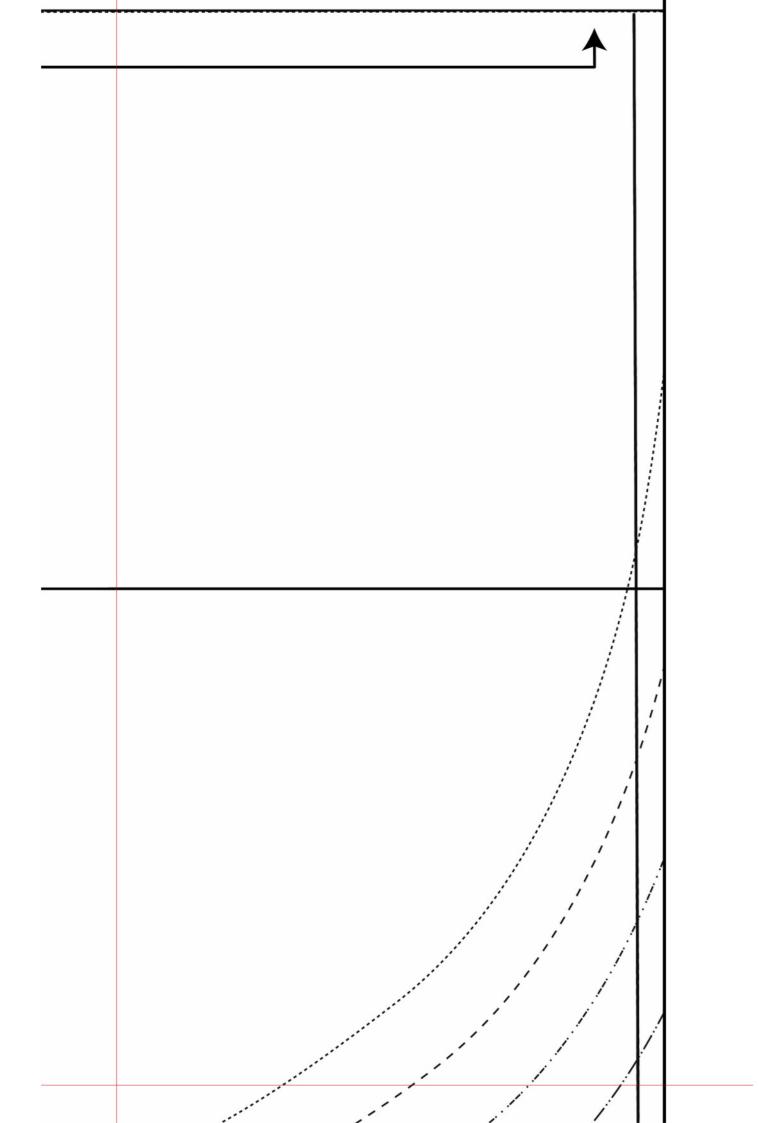


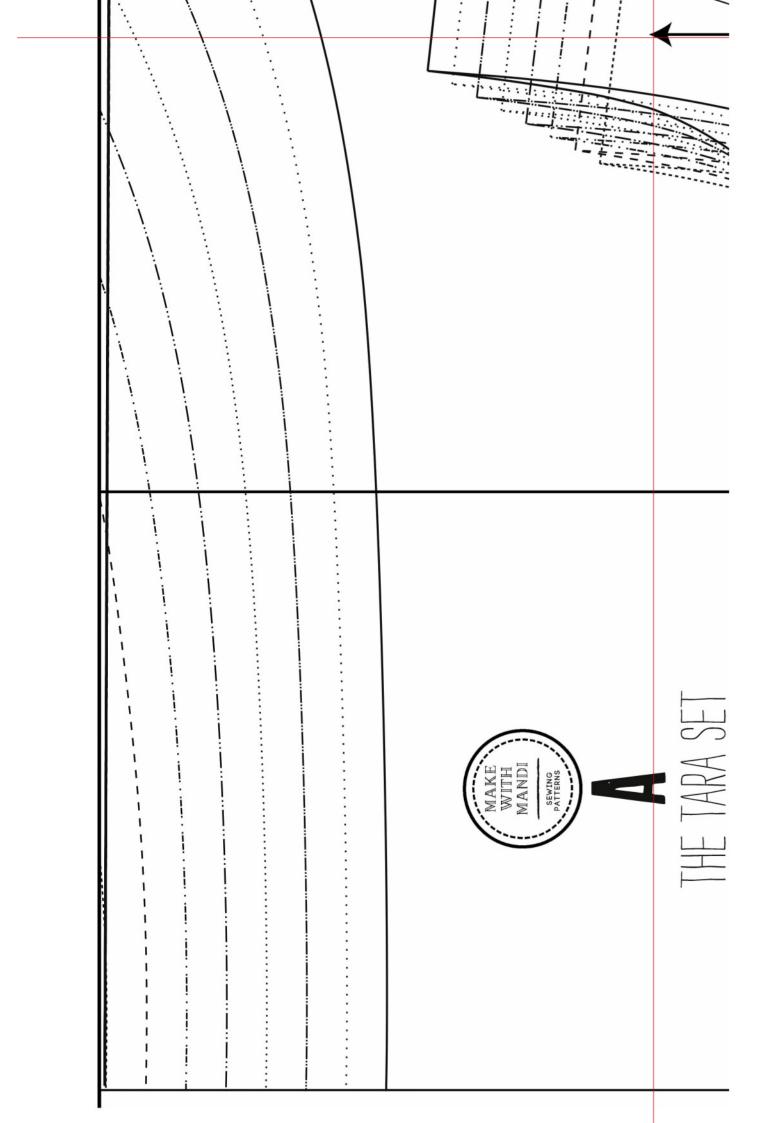


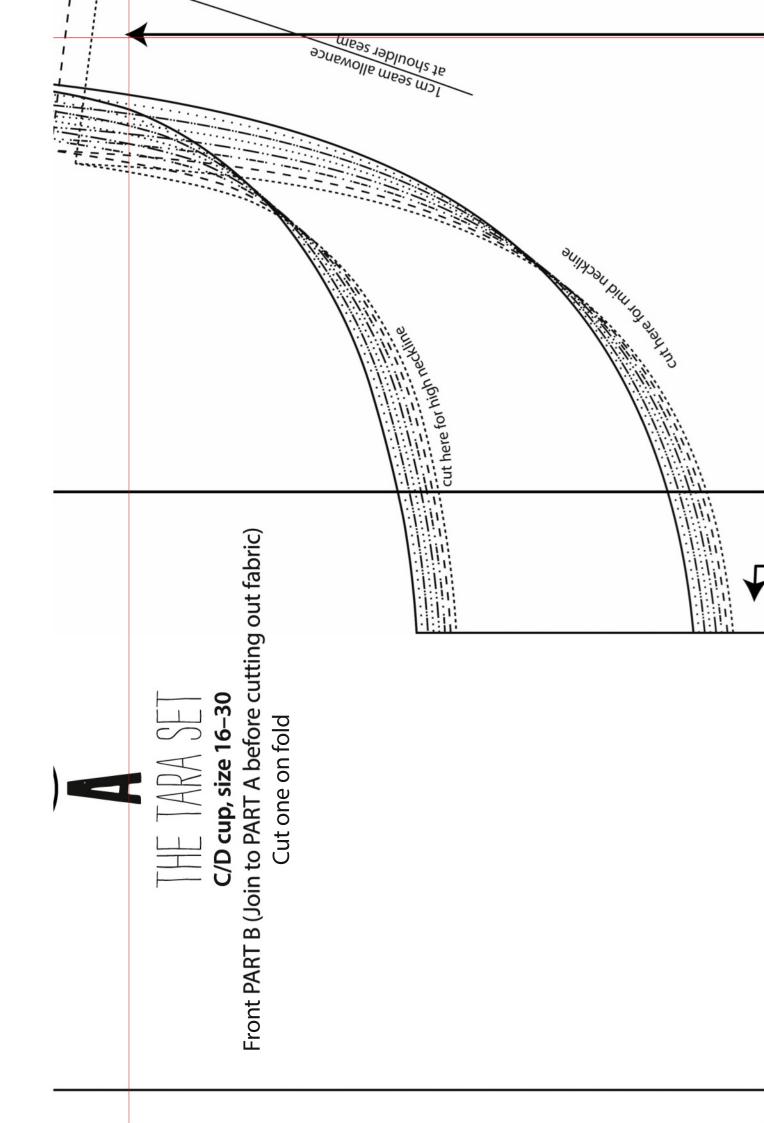


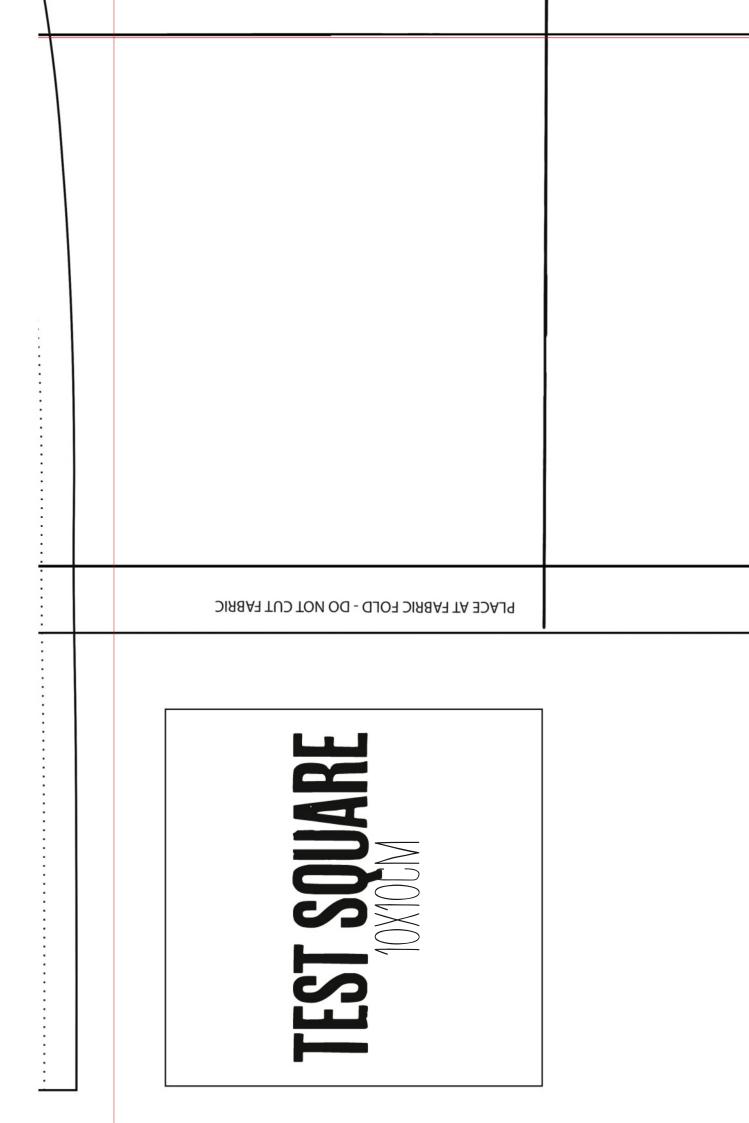
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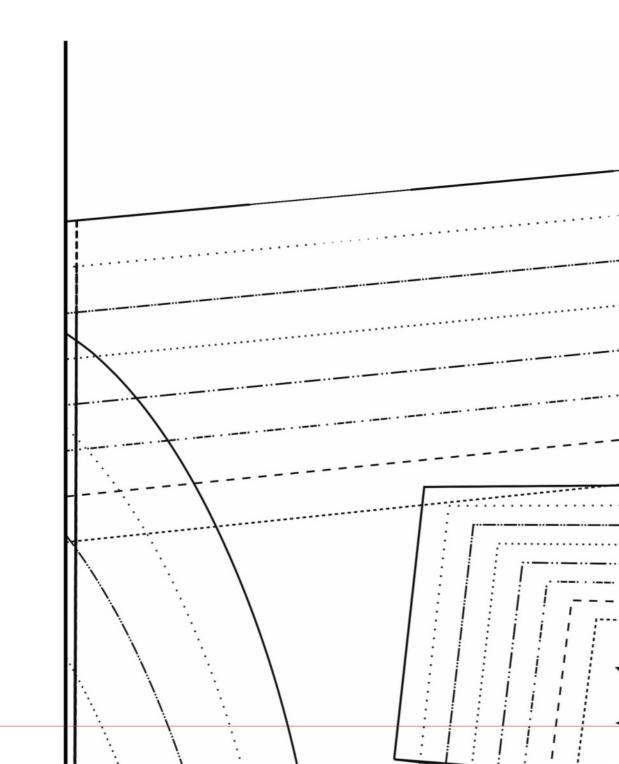
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