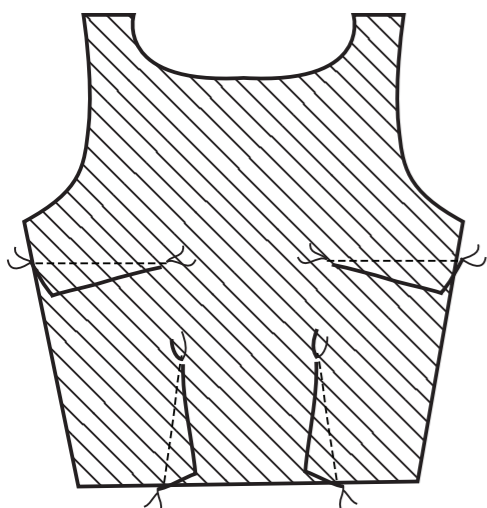
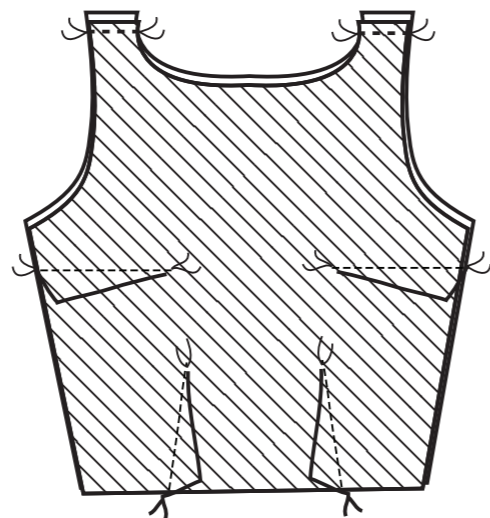


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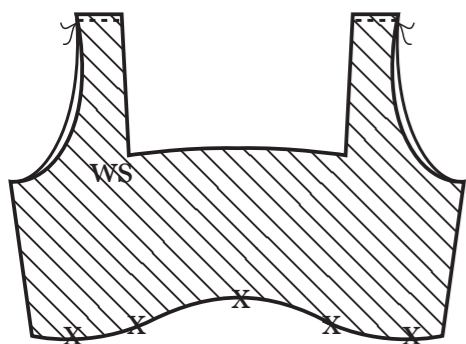
Sew in the darts and press the side darts down and waist darts towards the centre front. Tie the ends of dart threads rather than back stitch as this prevents bulking.

2.



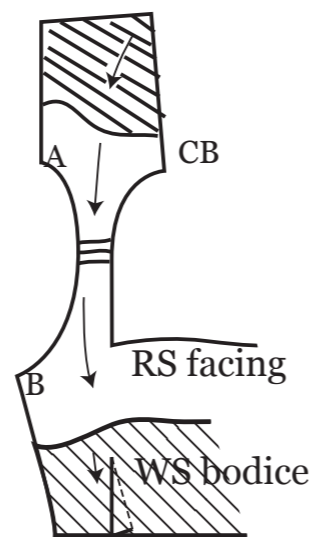
Match the notches and join the bodices RST at shoulders. Press the seams open.

3.



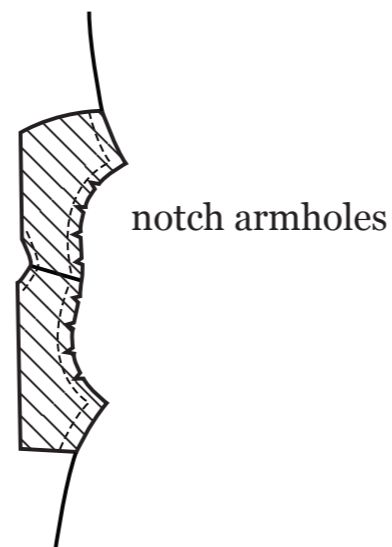
Zig zag stitch the edge of the facings (x) then match the notches and join the facings RST at shoulders.

4a



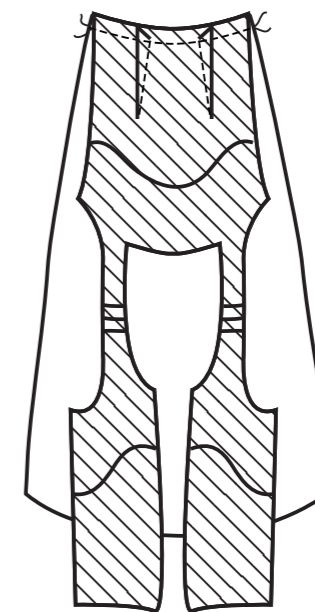
Place the facings RST with bodice and stitch around neckline starting from centre back, sewing all the way around leaving a 1cm seam allowance and finishing at opposite CB. Now stitch around arm holes starting at A (see image 4b) and finishing at B.

4b.

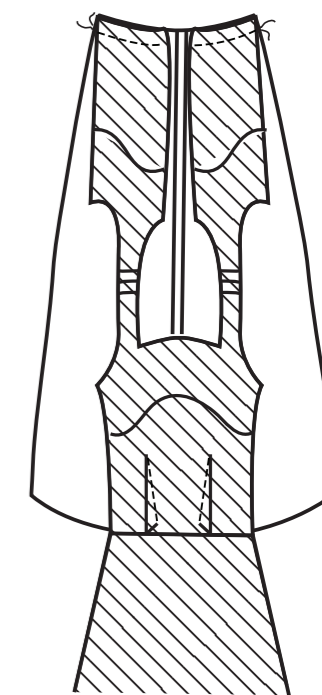


Trim the seams and clip notches in curved areas such as the armholes, then turn the facing through by pulling the left back bodice through the cavity of the left shoulder cavity. Repeat on the right side. Iron the armholes and neckline to make them nice and flat.

5a.

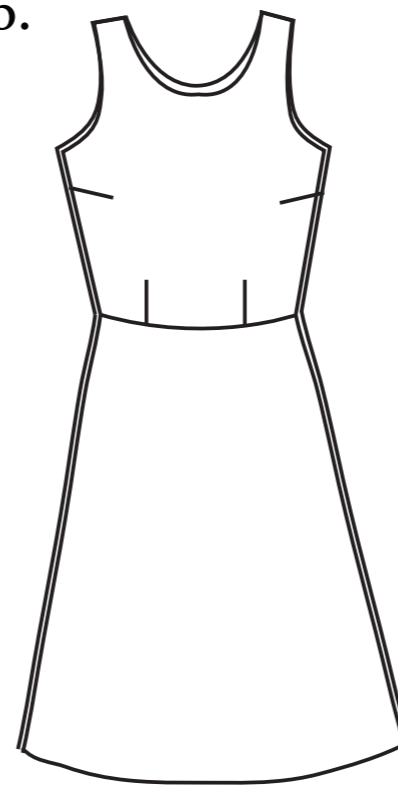


5b.



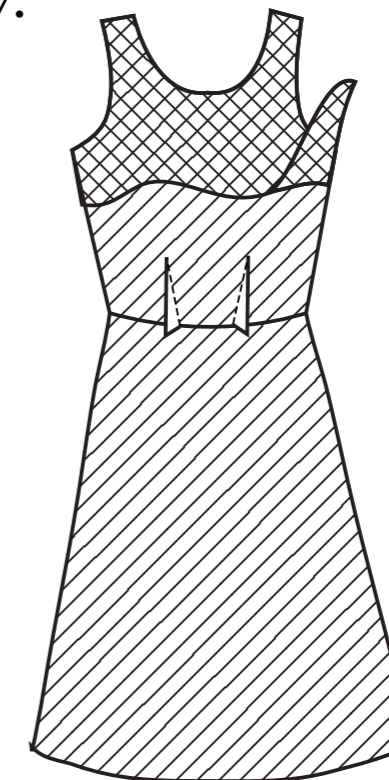
Join the front skirt RST with front bodice then join left back bodice to left back skirt RST. Repeat with the right back skirt and right back bodice.

6.



The dress will now look like this with the side seams still open.

7.



Turn the dress so right sides are together and stitch down the side seams. To do this you need to lift up the edge of the facing and sew from the top of it all the way down to hem. Repeat other side.

