

## What is a Pattern?

- Pattern: Instructions on what you will be making, including size chart, garment views, notions needed, suggested fabrics and material quantities.
- A paper template is pinned on top of fabric. You cut the fabric around the pattern for each piece needed to complete your project.
- Commercial sewing patterns are generally printed on tissue paper and sold in envelopes containing a guide-sheet and suggestions for fabric and trim.
- Modern patterns are available in a wide range of prices, sizes, styles and sewing skill levels.


## Pattern Envelope-Front

## 1. Pattern Number

Four-Digit Numbering System Used to Organize Patterns


## Pattern Envelope-Front

## 2. Pattern Sizes

Most commercial patterns offer a range of sizes in one pattern envelope for convenience.
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## 3. Pattern Company

## NEWLOOK

The company that makes the pattern, or the "Brand-Name.
Popular Pattern Companies Include:

McCalls, Simplicity, Vogue, Butterick, New Look, and many others!


## Pattern Envelope-Front

## 4. Pattern Views

Pattern views are small sketches of all the different styles that can be made from the basic pattern. They are usually labeled with letters. For example:
View A (Short Skirt)
View C (Skirt with Overlay)
View E (Long Skirt with 2 ' Matching Underskirts)


## Pattern Envelope-Back

## The back of the pattern envelope contains:

5. Sizing / Measurement Chart

Chart based on personal body measurements to help make sure the correct pattern size is selected.


## Sizing/Measurement Chart

If your body measurements fall between more than one size, ALWAYS make the biggest size. You can always sew the garment smaller, but you cannot make it bigger after you've already cut it out.

## For Example:

What Size Would You Cut Out If Your Measurements Are...
$\frac{\text { Waist: }}{30^{\prime \prime}} \quad \frac{\text { Hips: }}{38^{\prime \prime}}$

## You would cut a SIZE 16.

## MISSES' SEVEN SIZES IN ONE

Sizes

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\begin{array}{lllllll}
10 & 12 & 14 & 16 & 18 & 20 & 22
\end{array}
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$\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { European Size } & 36 & 38 & 40 & 42 & 44 & 46 & 48\end{array}$
Bust
$32^{1 / 2} 3436 \quad 38 \quad 40 \quad 42 \quad 44 \quad$ In
Waist
$\begin{array}{lllllll}25 & 26^{1 / 2} & 28 & 30 & 32 & 34 & 37\end{array}$
Hips
$\begin{array}{lllllll}34 \frac{1}{2} & 36 & 38 & 40 & 42 & 44 & 46\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { Back- neck to waist } & 16 & 16 & 1 / 4 & 16 & 1 / 2 & 163 / 4 & 17 & 17 \\ 16 / 4 & 173 / 8\end{array}$

## Pattern Envelope-Back

## The back of the pattern envelope contains:

## 6. Yardage Chart

Chart that tells you how much fabric is needed to make the garment.


## Yardace Charts

Two fabric width options are usually available to choose from: 45" and 60".

## View E - cut crosswise - worn 1" below waist

| Sizes | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45" | $61 / 2$ | $65 / 8$ | $63 / 4$ | $67 / 8$ | $71 / 8$ | $71 / 4$ | $71 / 2$ | Yd |
| $40 \prime$ | $33 / 8$ | $33 / 8$ | $31 / 2$ | $31 / 2$ | $35 / 8$ | $35 / 8$ | $37 / 8$ | Yd |

$45 "$ = It is 45-inches from selvage to selvage
$60 "$ = It is 60-inches from selvage to selvage


## Yardage Chart Practice

How many yards of 45 " fabric would you need to buy for a size 20 in Skirt View E? 7 1/4 yd.

How many yards of 60 " fabric would you need to buy for a size 12 in Skirt View E? 3 3/8 yd.

View E - cut crosswise - worn 1" below waist

| Sizes | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $45^{\prime \prime}$ | $61 / 2$ | $65 / 8$ | $63 / 4$ | $67 / 8$ | $71 / 8$ | $71 / 4$ | $71 / 2$ | Yd |
| $60^{\prime \prime}$ | 338 | $33 / 8$ | $31 / 2$ | $31 / 2$ | $35 / 8$ | $35 / 8$ | $37 / 8$ | Yd |

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7. Finished Garment Measurements

Shows what the garment will measure when it is fully constructed. (Ex: Length of a Skirt)


## Finished Garment

## Measurements Practice

What is the finished skirt length for View B for a size 12? $241 / 2$ in.

What is the finished skirt length for View E for a size 18? $261 / 2$ in.

## GARMENT MEASUREMENTS

| Sizes | 10 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |


 View F Length $\quad 281 / 2 \quad 281 / 2 \quad 281 / 2 \quad 281 / 2 \quad 281 / 2 \quad 281 / 2 \quad 281 / 2 \quad$ in

## Pattern Envelope-Back

## The back of the pattern envelope contains:

## 8. Suggested Fabrics

Suggestions for the best fabrics to use for the garment.


## Directional Fabrics

Some patterns are not suitable for "one-way" or directional fabrics. Be sure to read the suggested fabrics section.

Directional fabrics have a design or nap that is printed in one direction throughout. All pattern pieces must then be laid in the same direction or parts of your project may be upside down.

Directional Fabric:


Non-Directional Fabric:


## Suggested Fabrics Practice

## Is this pattern suitable for one-way fabrics? No

## SUGGESTED FABRICS

Silks and Silk Types, Charmeuse, Crepe Back Satin, Jacquards, Laundered Silks-Rayons, Soft Lightweight Linen and Linen Blends. C Overlay and E also in Voile, Georgette, Double Georgette, Novelty Sheer Fabrics. Allow extra fabric for matching plaids or strips. Note: not suitable for one-way design fabrics. Reverse side of Crepe Back Satin can be used as contrast D, E.

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## The back of the pattern envelope contains:

## 9. Notions /

Requirements
All additional items (other than fabric) needed to complete the project, like elastic, thread, buttons, zippers, trims, etc.


## Notions / Requirements Practice

What notions are needed for ALL skirt views?
One 7" zipper, hook and eye, one pkg. 1/4" wide twill tape.

What additional notions are needed for Skirt F?
$37 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$. of $1 / 4^{4 \prime \prime}$ wide sequin trim.

## NOTIONS / REQUIREMENTS

All views: one 7 " zipper, hook and eye, one pkg. of $1 / 4$ " wide twill tape. A: $2 / 3 \mathrm{yd}$. of $5 / 8$ " wide novelty braid and $27 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$. of $3 / 8$ " wide ribbon for belt. D: $3 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$. of 3 " to 4 " beaded fringe. F: $37 / 8 \mathrm{yd}$. of $1 / 4$ " wide sequin trim.

## Pattern Guide Sheet

The Pattern Guide Sheet contains step-by-step instructions, cutting and pattern layout guides, pattern symbols and other sewing directions.


## General Directions

## 10. General Directions Section

Defines terms, explains pattern symbols and establishes seam allowances for the pattern.

## Sewing Directions

## Fabric

 KeySew garment following Sewing Directions.
PIN or machine-baste seams matching notches.
STITCH $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ seams unless otherwise stated.
PRESS seams open unless otherwise indicated, clipping when necessary so seams will lie flat.
14. EASE-STITCH or GATHER - Loosen needle tension slightlly. With RIGHT side up, stitch $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}(1.5 \mathrm{~cm})$ from cut edge using a long stitch. Stitch again $1 / 4^{\prime \prime}(6 \mathrm{~mm})$ away


RONG side of nclosed with m cut edge. erfacing close to ing, follow
The standard seam allowance for most commercial sewing patterns is $5 / 8^{\prime \prime}$.
18. STAY-STITCH -Stitch $1 / 2^{\prime \prime}(1.3 \mathrm{~cm})$ from cut edge, in direction of arrows: (Shown only in the first illustration).
LAYERING - Trim seam allowance in layers.
19. Layer enclosed seams
20. Trim comers
21. Clip inner curves
22. Notch outer curves
23. UNDERSTITCH - Press facing away from garment press seam toward facing. Facing side up, understitch close to seam through facing and seam allowances.

## Pattern Pieces

## 11. Pattern Pieces Section

Sketches of each pattern piece used in the garment. They are arranged and numbered for easier reference.

## 10 pieces givan



## 1-YOKE FRONT

2-YOKE BACK
3-5KIRT FRONT AND BACK
4-OVERSKIRT FRONT AND BACK -CD, E
5-1,00P-D
6-5ASH beLT-D
7-BLOCK FOR BINDING-D
B-UNDERSKIRT FRONT AND BACK-E
9-SLOCK FOR BINDENG - E

## Pattern Layout Diagrams

## 12. Pattern Layout Diagrams

Shows you which pieces to use and how to lay them out on the fabric.

ALL SKIRTS AFE WORN 1 (2.SCM) BELOW WAIST, CUT CROSSWISE DETERMNE FINISHED LENGTH BEFORE CUTTING


## Sewing Instructions

## 13. Sewing Instructions

The step-by-step construction steps with pictures that explain how to complete the garment.

You should read through all of the sewing instructions before beginning.


# Personal Body Measurements 

Commercial pattern sizes are almost NEVER the same as ready-to-wear clothing. Choose a pattern size closest to your body measurements, including ease.


## Personal Body Measurements

## Bust / Chest Measurement

Under the arms and around the widest part of the front and back.

## Waist

Where your body naturally bends.

## High Hip

Where you usually wear your pants.

Full Hip


Around the widest part of your lower body.

## Personal Body Measurements

14. When determining the correct size for a shirt, measure the:
Bust /Chest
15. When determining the correct size for a skirt or pants, measure the:
Full Hips (Largest Circumference)

## How Much Fabric WHII

 You Need For Your
## Pajamas Project?



## After taking your measurements, use the chart below to figure out how much fabric you will need for your project.



