# How To Read aPatten

#### 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.

1. Pattern Number

Four-Digit Numbering System Used to Organize Patterns



2. Pattern Sizes

Most commercial patterns offer a range of sizes in one pattern envelope for convenience.



#### 3. Pattern Company



The company that makes the pattern, or the "Brand-Name.

Popular Pattern Companies Include:

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



#### 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)

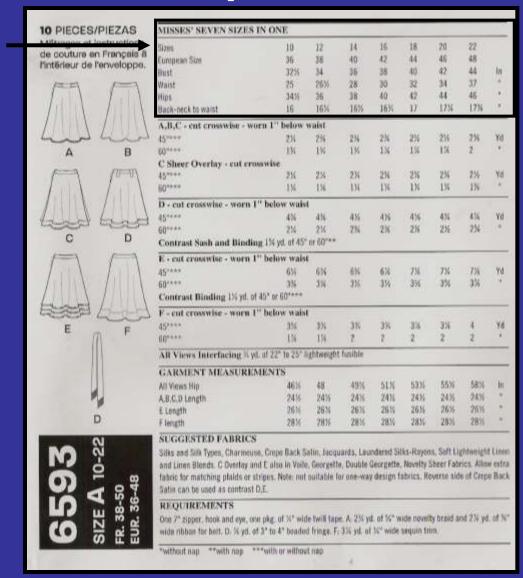


#### Pattern Envelope-Back

#### 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...

Bust: 34"

<u>Waist</u>: 30"

<u>Hips</u>: 38"

#### You would cut a SIZE 16.

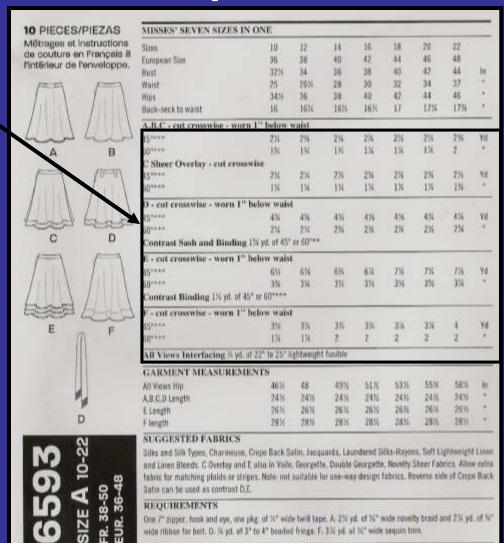
#### **MISSES' SEVEN SIZES IN ONE** 12 10 Sizes European Size 36 38 40 36 38 42 44 40 Bust In 32 34 30 28 26 ½ Waist 42 Hips 16 ½ 16 ¾ 17 Back- neck to waist 16 16 1/4

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#### 6. Yardage Chart

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



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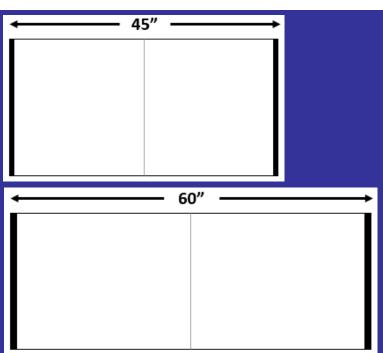
#### **Yardage Charts**

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" 60"	6 ½	6 5/8	6 3/4	6 7/8	7 1/8	7 1/4	7 ½	Yd		
(60")	3 3/8	3 3/8	3 ½	3 ½	3 5/8	3 5/8	3 7/8	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.

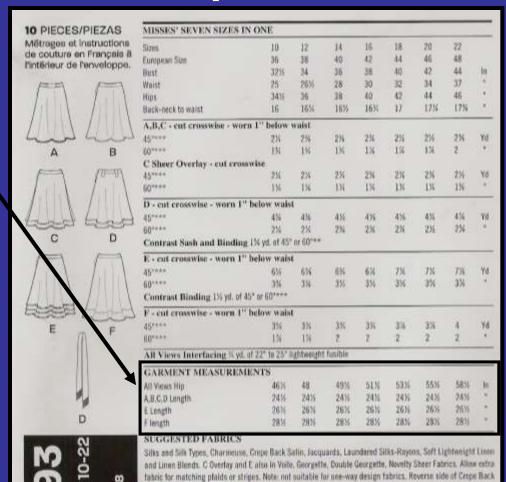
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## 7. Finished Garment Measurements

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



One 7" zipper, hook and eye, one pkg. of %" wide twill tape. A: 2% yd. of %" wide novelty braid and 2% yd. of %"

wide ribbon for heit. D: % yd. of 3° to 4° boaded fringe. F; 3% yd. of %" wide sequin trim

Satin can be used as contrast D.E.

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## Finished Garment Measurements Practice

What is the finished skirt length for View B for a size 12? 24 ½ in.

What is the finished skirt length for View E for a size 18? 26 ½ in.

#### **GARMENT MEASUREMENTS**

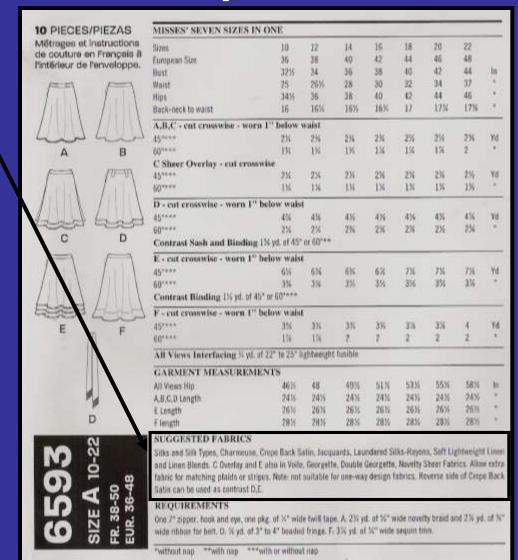
Sizes								
A <u>,B</u> ,C,D Length	24 ½	24 ½	24 ½	24 ½	24 ½	24 ½	24 ½	In
View E Length	26 ½	26 ½	26 ½	26 ½	26 ½	26 ½	26 ½	In
View F Length								

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#### 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

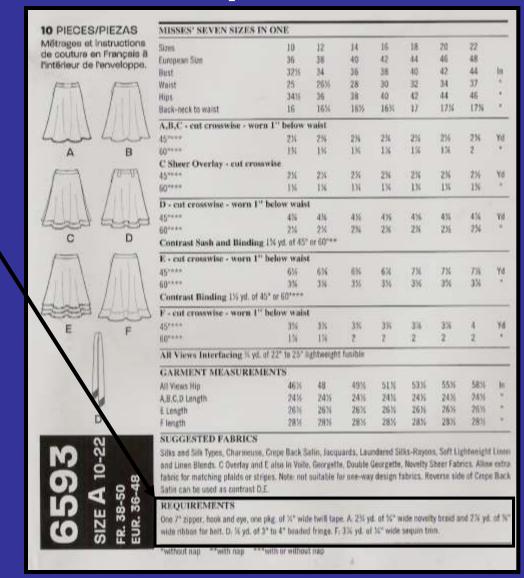
Silks and Silk Types, Charmeuse, Crepe Back Satin, Jacquards, Laundered Silks-Rayons, Soft Lightweight Linen and Linen Blends. C Overlay and E also in Voile, Georgette, Double Georgette, Novelty Sheer Fabrics. Allow extra fabric for matching plaids or strips. Note: not suitable for one-way design fabrics.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

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## 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 yd. of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide sequin trim.

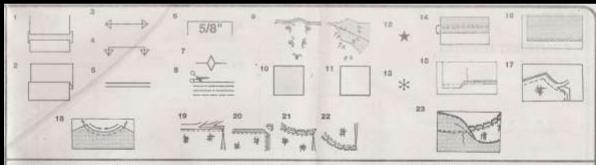
#### **NOTIONS / REQUIREMENTS**

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

F: 3 7/8 yd. of  $\frac{1}{4}$ " 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.



#### How To Use Your Multi Size Pattern

#### First Prepare Your Pattern

Select the pattern pieces according to the view you are making.

This pattern is made to body measurements with maps allowed for combit and style. If your body measurements after from those on the pattern envelope adjust the precess before placing them on the fairne.

Check your back neck to ward and dress length, if necessary, after the pattern. Lengthering and shortening tree are indicated.

- TO LENGTHER: Our pattern between printed lines and place paper underweith. Spread pattern the required amount and pin to paper.
- TO SHORTEN, Folio at the printed lines to form a pleat hat the amount to be shortened, in 1.3" (1.3cm) deep to shorten 1" (2.5cm)

#### Study Your Pattern Markings

- STRAIGHT GRAW Pisce an even detunce from solvage or a straight thread.
- 4. FOLD: Place on told of behin:
- 5. LENGTHENING AND SHORTENING LINES.
- SEAM ALLOWANCE 5/8" (1.5cm) unitus otherwise states.
- T. NOTCHES: Match notches.
- CUTTING LINES: Multi patterns have different cutting lines for different sizes.
- TAE OR-TACKS: With double throad make two books slitches forming loop through failed: layers and patient looking long ends. Out loop is remove patient. Ship throad between faithful layers. Larner fuffs.

#### **Cutting Layouts**

#### **Cutting Directions**

FOR FOLDED AND DOUBLE LAYER FABRIC - Place febric with right side inside and propultion on wrong side of febric.

FOR SINGLE LAYER - Pin pattern on right side of labric.

NOTE: Patient pieces may interfack more closely for smaller sizes. Our notings out from outling fine.

BEFORE removing pattern from fabric, transfer all pettern markings using talks tacks or dream-aking basing paper.

- 10. KEY; pattern printed side down
- 11. KTY; settem to vited side Up
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- REY: For with and without rep layous onesire lating is placed with rule or design running in some direction.

Before pinning to labric, press tosses puttern with a warm by son to remove crobses.

#### Sewing Directions









Saw garment following Sewing Directions.

PIN or machine-baste seams matching notches.

STITCH 5/6" (1.5cm) seams unless otherwise stated.

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 EASE-STITCH or GATHER - Logger needle tension slightly. With PICHT slide up, etich 5-8" (1-5cm) framout edge using a long stitch. Slich equin VA\* (framo every to the seam sliberings.

EDGE FINISH - Neaton raw edges of seams, hems and facings using one of the following methods.

- S8tch 1/4" (firms) from edgs, turn under along stitching and attich.
- Till. Zig-zag or overlock raw edges.
- INTERFACING Pin Interloons to VPICHS was of Mate. Cell across comers that will be enclosed with sears. Machini-basis 167 (1) 20mil from as edge. (Shown only on first flumestors). Trim Interfacing close to machine-basing. For PUBIBLE Interfacing, follow manufacturers designed.
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  - 20. Trim corners
- 21. Olly inner curves 22. Notch outer curves
- UNDERSTITCH —Press facing away from garment, press seam toward facing. Facing side up, understitch close to seam through facing and seem allowances.

#### **General Directions**

#### 10. General Directions Section

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

#### Sewing Directions Fabric Wrong Right Key Interfacing Side Side

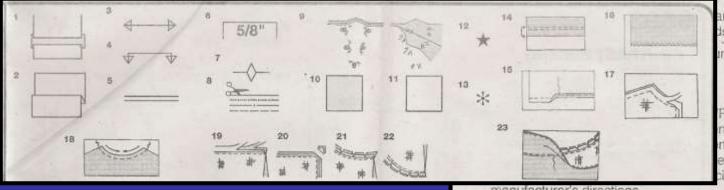
Sew garment following Sewing Directions.

PIN or machine-baste seams matching notches.

STITCH 5/8" (1.5cm) 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 slightly. With RIGHT side up, stitch 5/8" (1.5cm) from cut edge using a long stitch. Stitch again 1/4" (6mm) away in the seam allowance



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18. STAY-STITCH -Stitch 1/2" (1.3cm) 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 corners
- 21. Clip inner curves
- 22. Notch outer curves

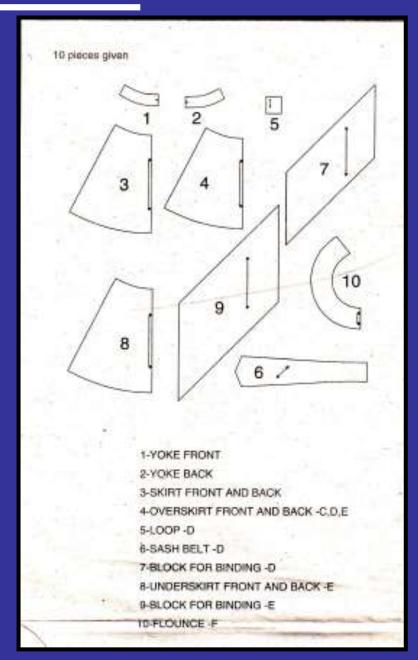
23. UNDERSTITCH -- Press facing away from garment; press seam toward facing. Facing side up, understitch close to seam through facing and seam allowances.

The standard seam allowance for most commercial sewing patterns is 5/8".

#### **Pattern Pieces**

#### 11. Pattern Pieces Section

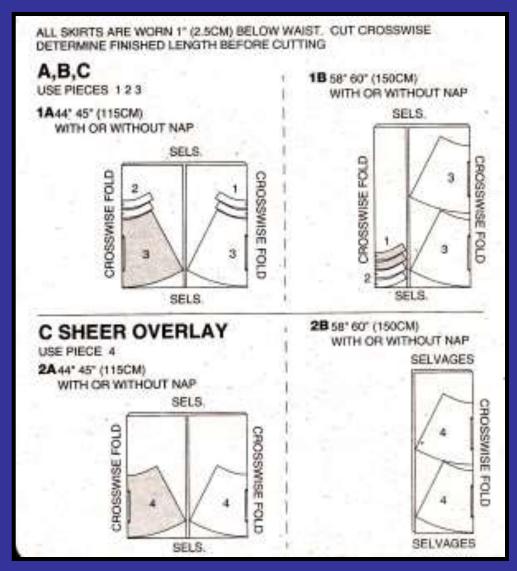
Sketches of each pattern piece used in the garment. They are arranged and numbered for easier reference.



#### Pattern Layout Diagrams

#### 12. Pattern Layout Diagrams

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

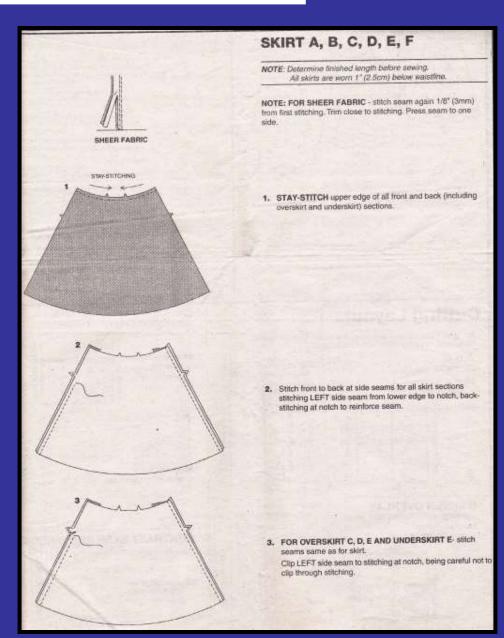


#### **Sewing Instructions**

#### 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**

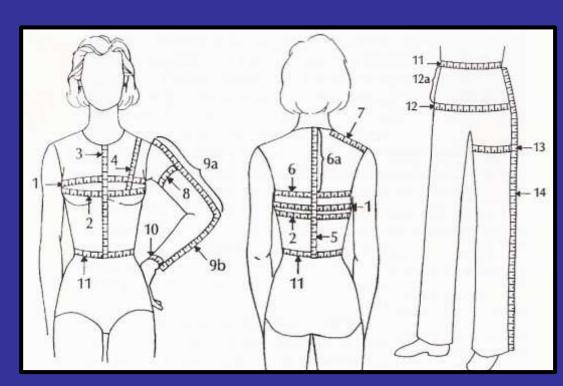
Under the arms and around the widest part of the front and back.

#### 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**

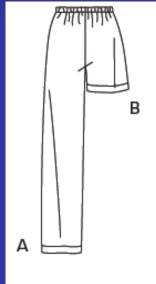
15. When determining the correct size for a skirt or pants, measure the:

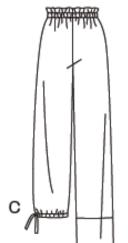
Full Hips (Largest Circumference)

# How Much Fabric Will 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.





Simplicity 6764 Pajama Pants/Capris/Shorts Sizing Chart									
	xs	s	M	L	XL				
Hip	31-33	35-37 in.	39-41 in.	43-45 in.	47-49 in.				
View A: Pants									
45 wide	2 3/8	2 5/8 yd.	2 5/8 yd.	2 5/8 yd.	2 5/8 yd.				
60 wide	1 3/8	2 1/4 yd.	2 1/4 yd.	2 3/8 yd.	2 5/8 yd.				
View B: Sho	View B: Shorts								
45 wide	1 3/8	1 3/8 yd.	1 3/8 yd.	1 3/8 yd.	1 3/8 yd.				
60 wide	3/4 yd.	1 yd.	1 yd.	1 3/8 yd.	1 3/8 yd.				
View C & D: Capris									
45 wide	2 yd.	2 1/4 yd.	2 1/4 yd.	2 3/8 yd.	2 3/8 yd.				
60 wide	1 1/4	1 3/4 yd.	1 7/8 yd.	2 yd.	2 3/8 yd.				
View D: Contrast									
45 or 60	5/8 yd.								

\*If you are tall, you may want to get an additional 1/4 yard just in case.