



# DRAPING OF BASIC BODICE BLOCK(BACK)

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## BASIC BODICE BLOCK

### PREPARING THE FABRIC- BACK

1. Measure length for the back bodice along the straight of grain from the neck band to the waist and add 5 inches.
2. Measure the width of for the back bodice along the cross grain from the center back seam at the under arm and add 5 inches.
3. Draw the center back grain line 1" from the torn edge and press under.



1. Cross mark the center back neck line position 3 inches below the top of the fabric on the center back grain line.
2. Measure down  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " from the back neck line mark. Using an I-square ruler draw a perfect cross grain line at this position (This is considered the shoulder blade level).

NOTE:-This  $4\frac{1}{4}$ " measurement represents one fourth of the distance from center back neck to waist for a size 8 or 10 women's figure.

Also, measure the distance from center back to the arm plate at the shoulder level of the dress form. Measure and cross mark this back shoulder distance on the fabric at the shoulder blade level line.



## BASIC BODICE BLOCK

### DRAPING STEPS – BACK

1. Pin the center front grain line fold of the fabric to the center back position on the dress form.  
Align the neck line position mark of the fabric to the center back neck position on the dress form.
2. Pin and drape the back cross grain line of the fabric to the shoulder blade level on the dress form. Pin the arm plate cross mark  $\frac{1}{4}$ " away from plate (At armhole ridge).  
Distribute excess ease along shoulder blade level.

NOTE:-This line is correctly draped in to position when the drape hangs freely and evenly without any drag or pulled

down look. Also, the lower edge of the drape shoulder hangs parallel to the floor.

1. Drape in the back waist line dart (7" long and 1 1/4" wide)  
Smooth the fabric towards the side seam till the fabric passes the princess seam.  
Cross mark at the princess/ Waist seam measure and cross mark 7" up from the waist line on the back princess seam.  
At the waist line fold the princess seam cross mark to the 1 1/4" mark. Taper the dart to nothing at the 7" mark.
2. Clip the waist line fabric at the center of the princess panel up to the button of the waist seam tape. Smooth the fabric across the waist tape till the fabric passes the side seam. Pin at the side seam/ waist corner.
3. Drape the back side seam by smoothing the fabric pat the side seam and flat over the dress form pin in place.
4. Drape and smooth the back neck line by carefully trimming the excess fabric around the neck area and clipping at intervals. Continue to smooth the fabric over the shoulder of the dress form and pin in place.
5. Drape in the back shoulder dart (3" long and 1/2" wide) straight at the neck line. Smooth the fabric over the shoulder seam of the dress form to the princess seam and cross mark on the princess seam at the shoulder, measure towards the armhole 1/2" and cross mark. Also on the princess seam measure down 3" from the shoulder seam. Fold the fabric from the shoulder seam cross mark to the 1/2" cross mark. Taper the dart to nothing at the 3" cross mark.
6. Mark all key area of the dress form to the fabric.



- Neck line  
Cross mark at center back neck and at neck line/ shoulder corner. Lightly mark remainder of neck line.
- Shoulder seam and shoulder dart.
- Lightly mark shoulder seam and cross mark shoulder dart and shoulder ridge corner.
- Arm plate.
  - a) Top at shoulder seam ridge.
  - b) Middle at screw level.
  - c) Bottom at the side seam cross mark.
- Side seam – lightly mark
- Waist line and waist dart seam waist and both side of the dart.

Check the drape by spinning the front and back side seam and front and back shoulder seam together before proceeding to the next steps.

1. Remove the fabric from the dress form and lay flat on table. If you are planning to true up the fabric on the paper complete the following steps.
  - a) Draw in the straight of grain and cross grain on the pattern paper. Place the fabric on top of the paper. Notching the straight of grain and cross grain.
  - b) With a trace wheel, transfer all the fabric markings on the paper.
2. Draw a short go degree angle at-
  - Center front neck (1/4")
  - Center front waist (1/2")
  - Center back neck (1")





Center back waist (1")

1. Draw in the front darts using a straight ruler.

Front waist darts (1" from the open through the waist dart cross mark)

Front shoulder dart (1" from the open through the shoulder dart cross mark)

Back waist dart (vanishing point through waist dart cross mark)

Back shoulder dart (vanishing point to back waist dart through shoulder dart connect other shoulder dart cross mark).



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