# How to draft the Bodice Pattern
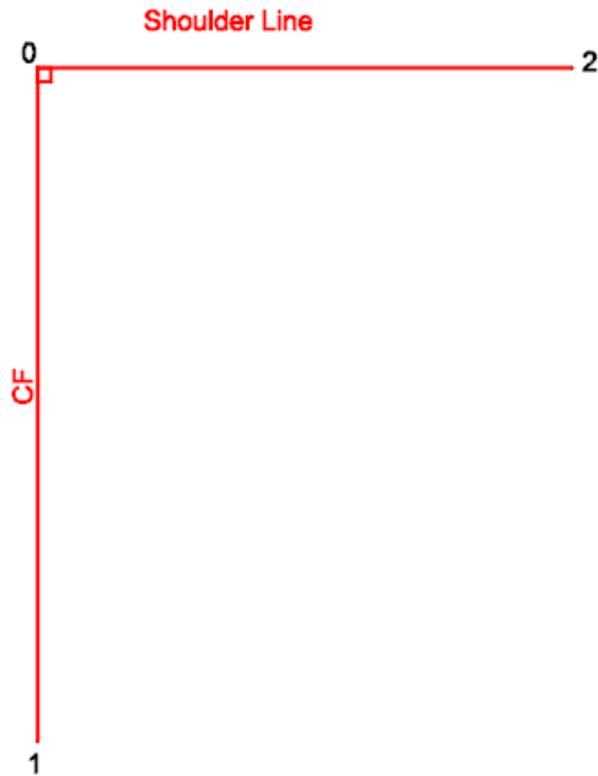
1. On a piece of paper, draw a vertical line that is a bit longer than your **Length** measurement.
Write 0 at the top and 1 at the bottom of the line.
This will be the Centre Front Line.

Draw a perpendicular line at the top that is a bit longer than your **Sleeve Length**.
Write 2 at the end of this line.
This will be the Shoulder Line.
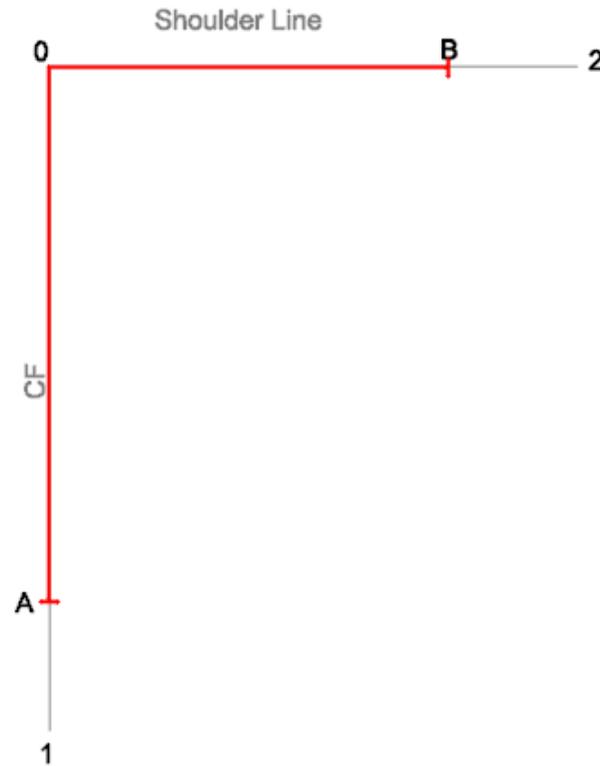
2. On the Centre Front line, measure down from 0 the **Length** measurement. Mark A at the end of the line.
On the Shoulder line, measure across from 0 the **Sleeve Length** measurement. Mark B at the end of the line.
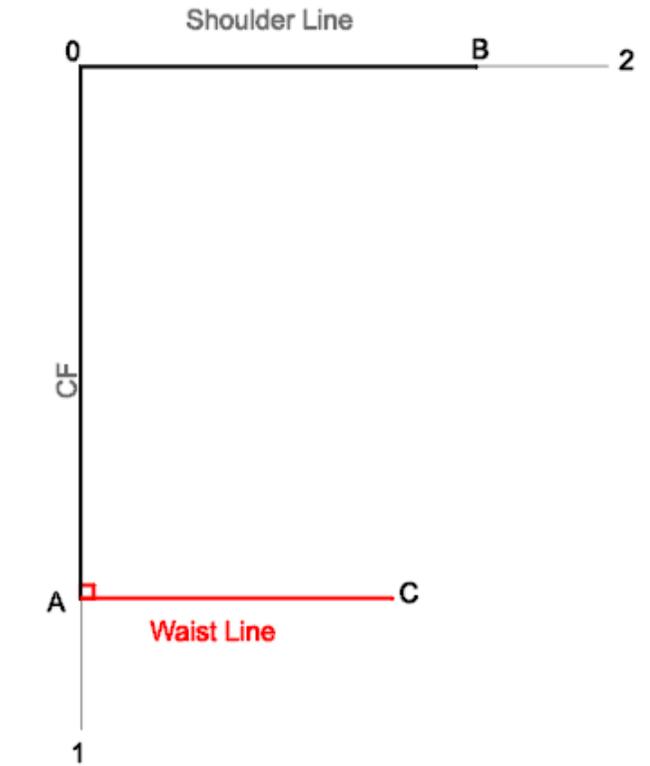
3. Take your **Bust/Waist** measurement and divide it by 4.

Use this measurement and draw a line from A that is perpendicular the Centre Front line.
Mark the end of this line C.

Your Shoulder/Sleeve Length needs to be at least 2.5cm longer than the divided Bust/Waist Measurement.
Lengthen the 0-B line now if necessary.

Shoulder Line

0   D   B   2

CF

A   Waist Line   C

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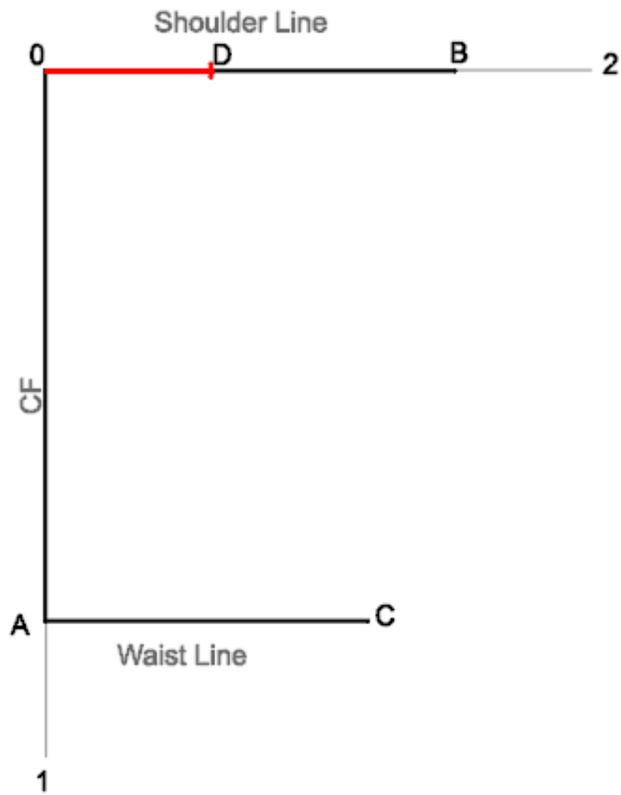
4. Take your **Neck Width** measurement and divide it by 2.

Use this measurement and draw a line from 0 along the Shoulder Line.
Mark the end of this line D.

Shoulder Line

0   D   B   2
                              E

CF

A   Waist Line   C

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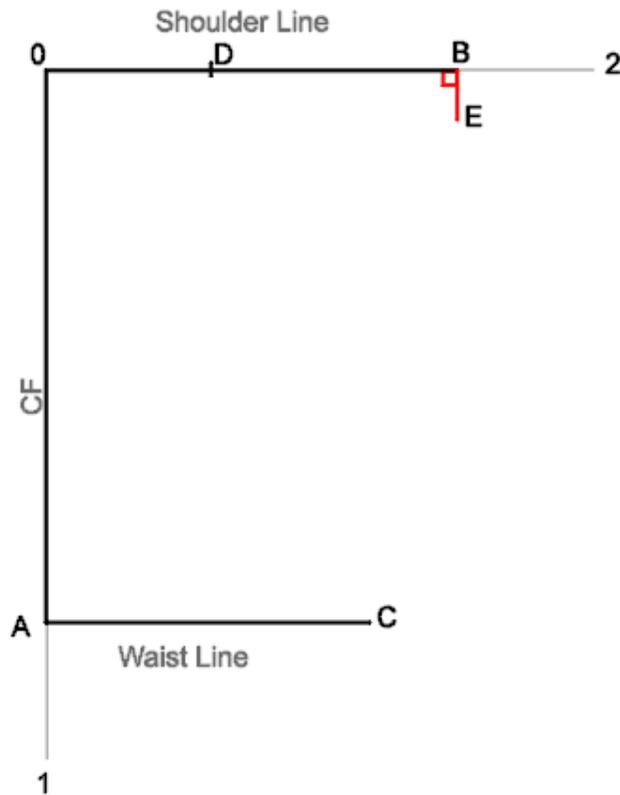
5. Measure **2.5cm** down from B.
Make sure this line is perpendicular to the Shoulder Line.

Mark the end of this line E.

Shoulder Line

0   D   B   2
                              E

CF

A   Waist Line   C

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6. Draw a line joining D & E.

Diagram 1 labels: Shoulder Line, 0, D, B, 2, E, Sleeve Opening, F, CF, A, C, Waist Line, 1

Diagram 2 labels: Shoulder Line, 0, D, B, 2, E, Sleeve Opening, G, F, CF, A, C, Waist Line, 1

**Diagram 3 labels:** Shoulder Line, 0, D, B, 2, E, G, F, CF, A, C, Waist Line, 1
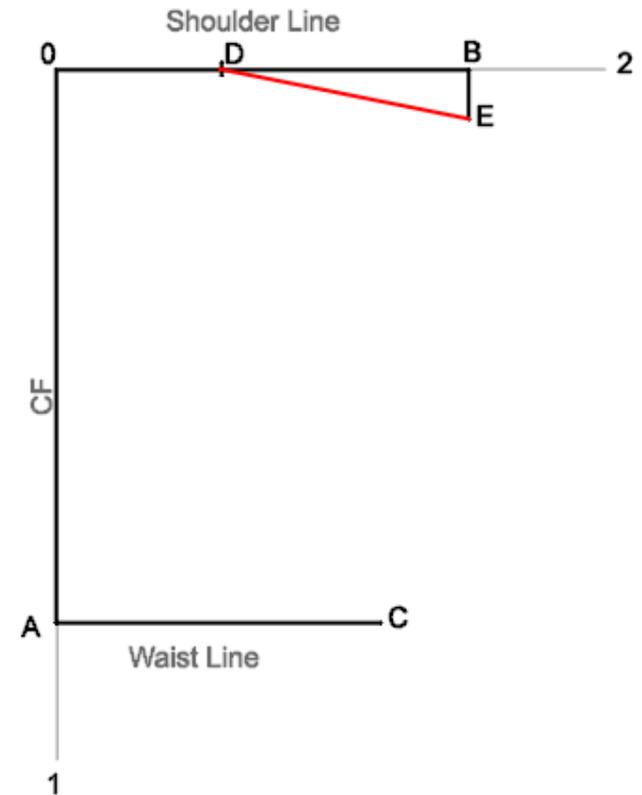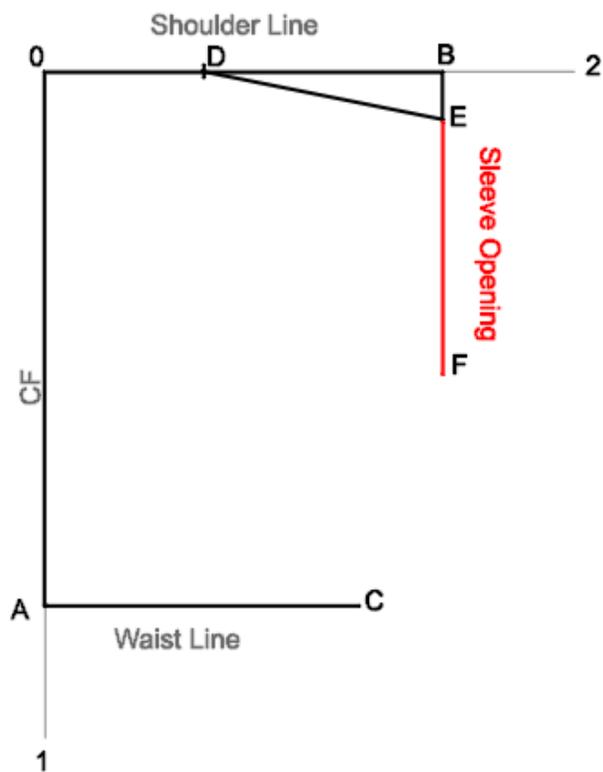
7. Take your **Sleeve Width** measurement and divide it by 2.

Extend the B-E line with this measurement. Mark the end of the line F.

*So, the E-F line will measure your Sleeve Width measurement divided by 2.*
This will be the Sleeve Opening.
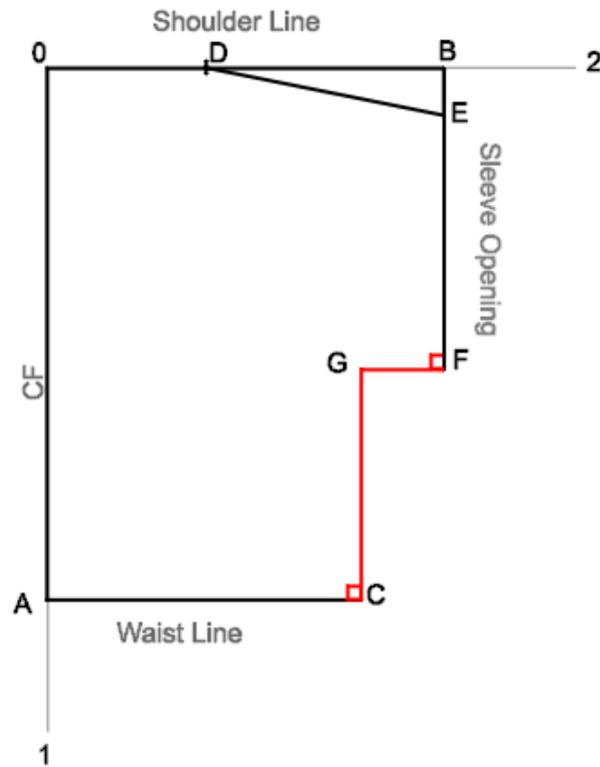
8. Draw a line up from C.
Make sure this line is perpendicular to the Waist Line.

Draw a line across from F.
Make sure this line is perpendicular to the Sleeve Opening Line.

Where these two lines intersect, mark with a G.
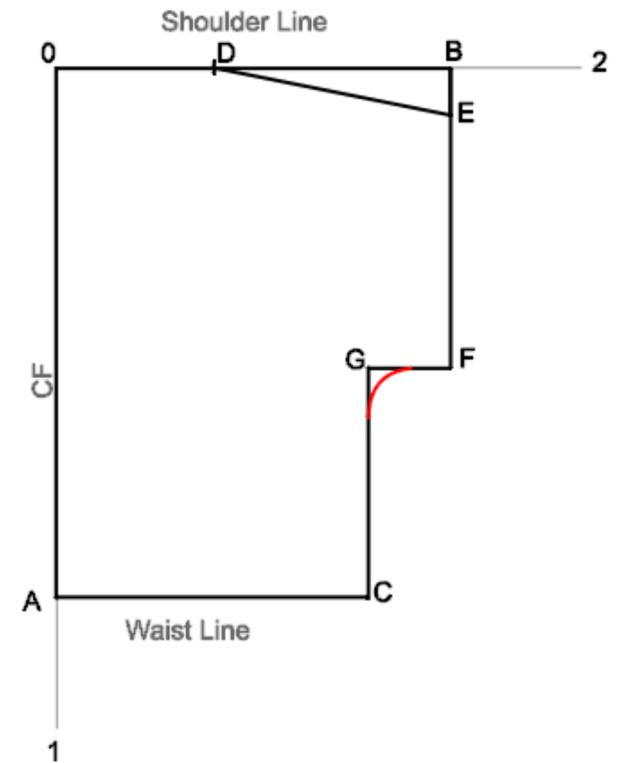
9. Draw a gentle curve where the lines meet at G.

This will be the Underarm and it is easier to sew a gentle curve than a right angle when joining seams.

Shoulder Line
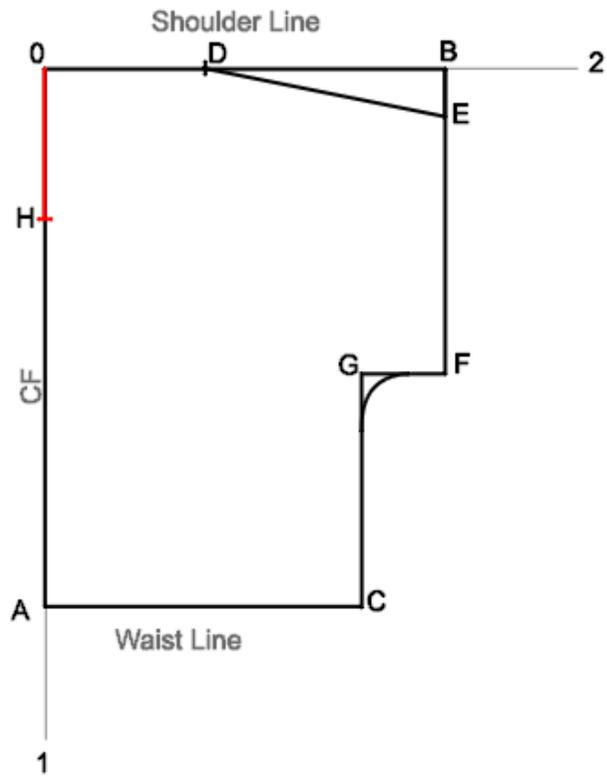
10. On the CF Line, measure down from 0 the **Neck Depth** Measurement.
Mark the end of this line H.
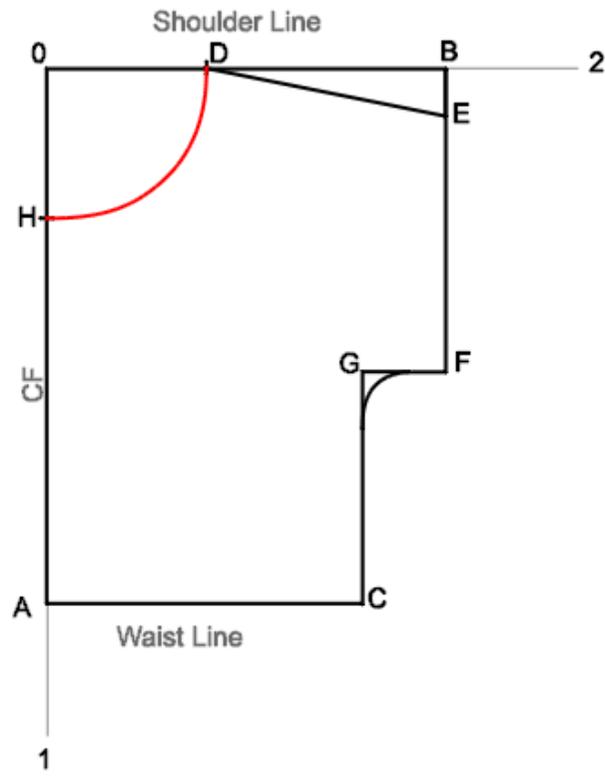
11. Draw a curved line joining H & D.
This will be the Front Neckline.

It is up to you how curved you want the neckline. You could choose a square, crew or V-neck shaped neckline.
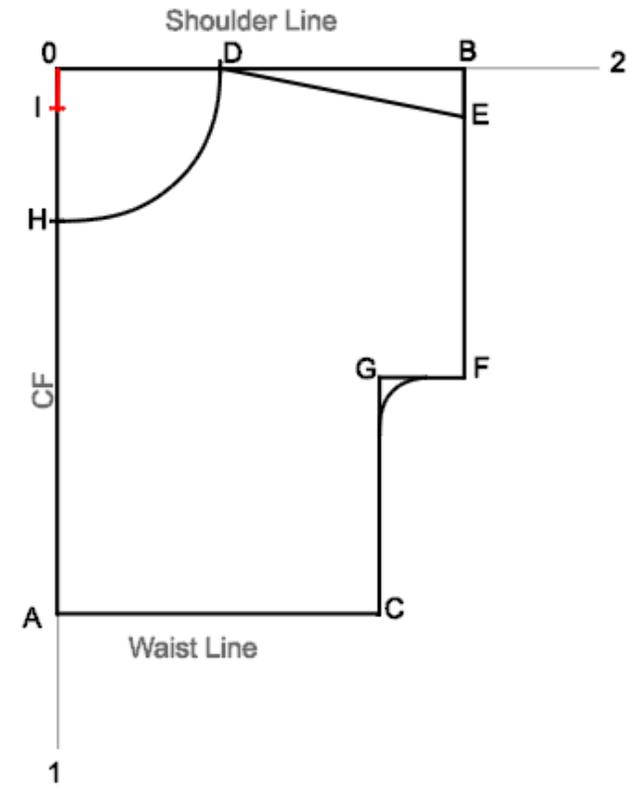
12. On the CF Line, measure **3cm** down from 0.
Mark the end of this line I.

If you want a low back, simply use a bigger measurement.
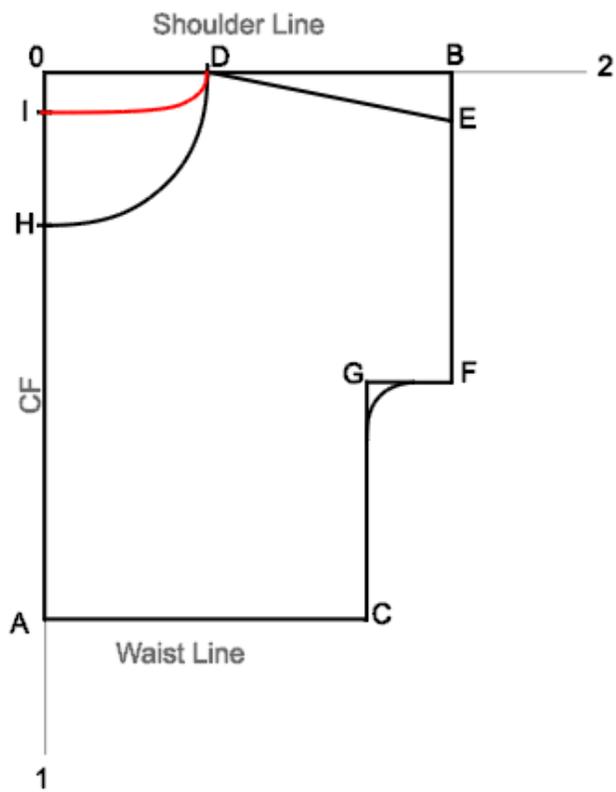
13. Draw a slightly curved line joining I & D. This will be the Back Neckline.

If you are going for a low back, curve the line to suit your design.
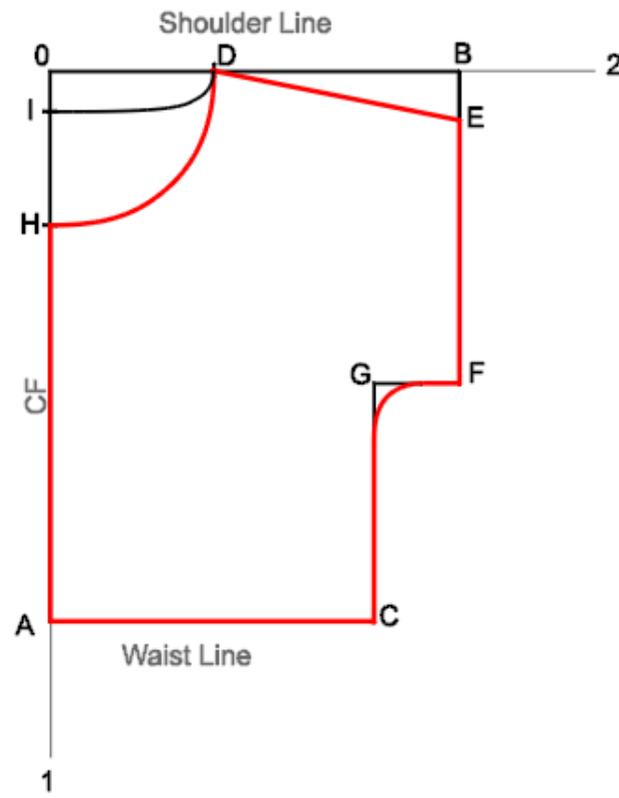
14. On to a separate piece of paper, trace off the Front Bodice.
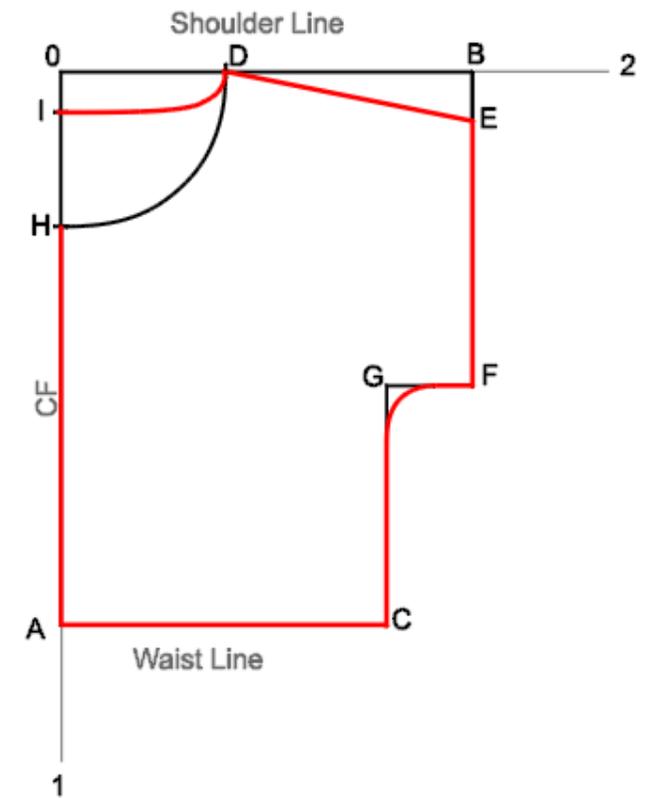
15. On to a separate piece of paper, trace off the Back Bodice.

Easy Summer Dress

Bodice
Front
Cut 1 on Fold

My size

Fold

Tip:

You could also use this pattern to make a Boxy Tshirt.

Easy Summer Dress

Bodice
Back
Cut 1 on Fold

My size

Fold
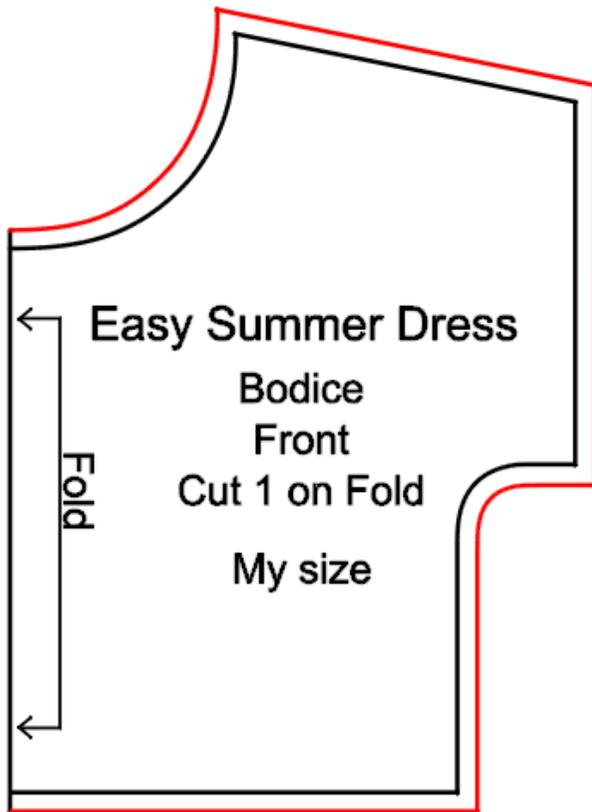
16. Add 1.5cm seam allowance all the way around (except the Centre Front)

Write down the necessary details.

You can have a narrower seam allowance around the neckline to better accommodate the bias tape. I would recommend 5cm - 1cm.
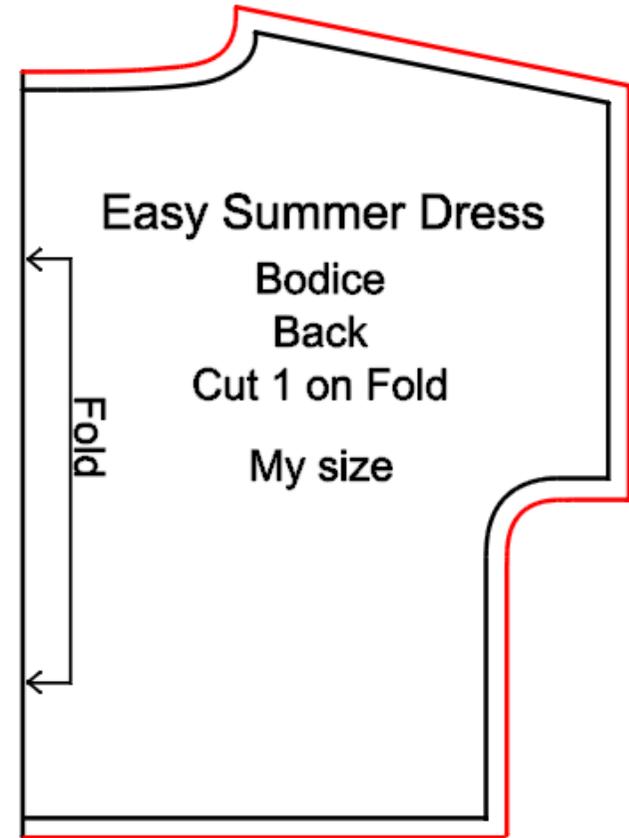
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