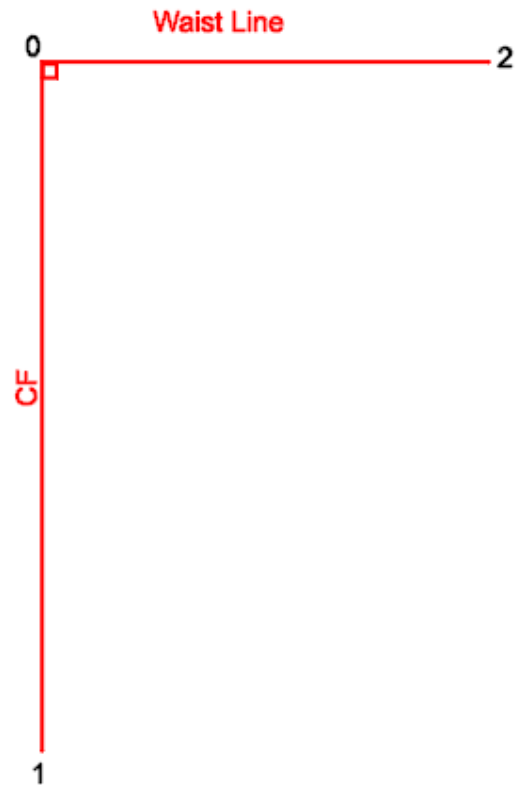


## How to draft the Skirt Pattern



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.

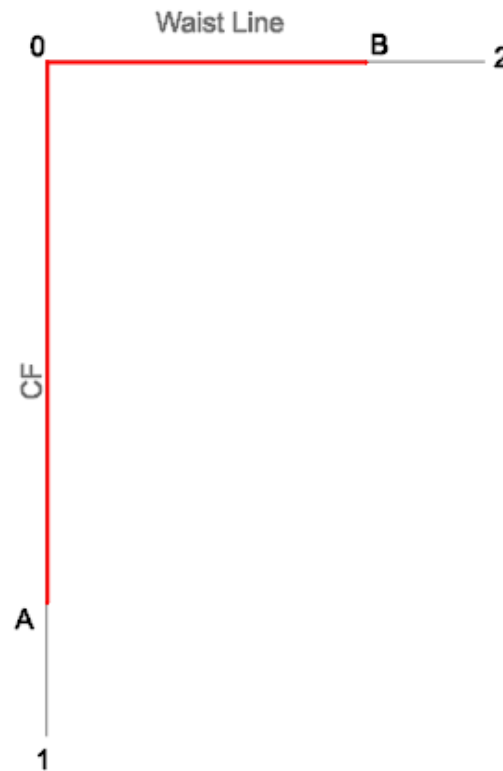
This will be the Centre Front Line.

Draw a perpendicular line at the top that is a bit longer than a quarter of your **Hip** measurement. Write 2 at the end of this line.

This will be the Waist Line.

### Key to the drawings

- Lines in red show the step being explained
- Perpendicular Lines (*lines that intersect at 90 degrees*) are shown using a square symbol where two lines meet.



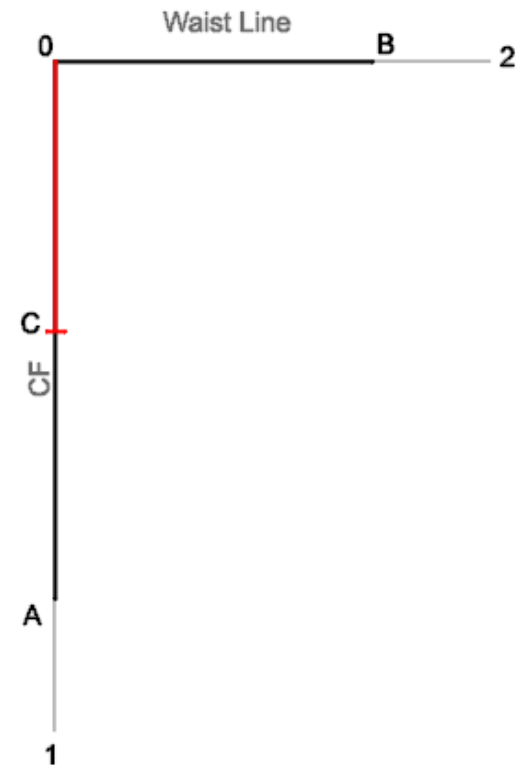
2. On the Centre Front line, measure down from 0 the **Length** measurement.

Mark A at the end of the line.

Take your **Bust/Waist** measurement and divide it by 4.

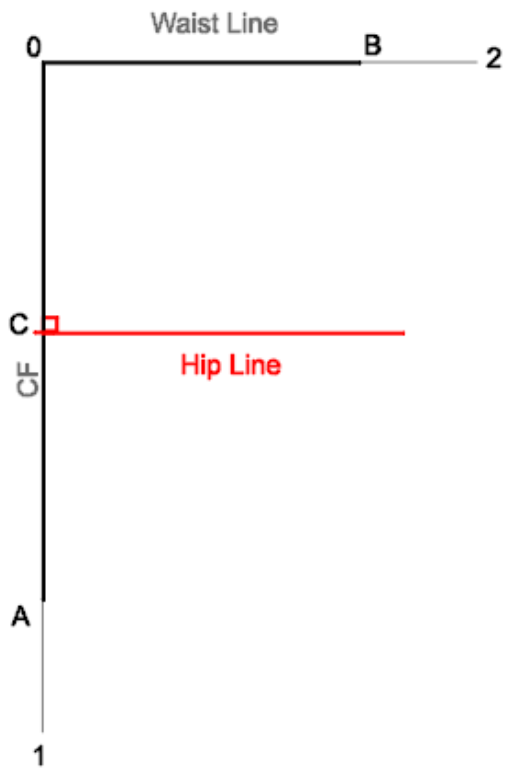
Use this measurement and draw a line from O along the Waist line.

Mark the end of this line B



3. On the CF Line, measure down from 0 the **Hip Depth** Measurement.

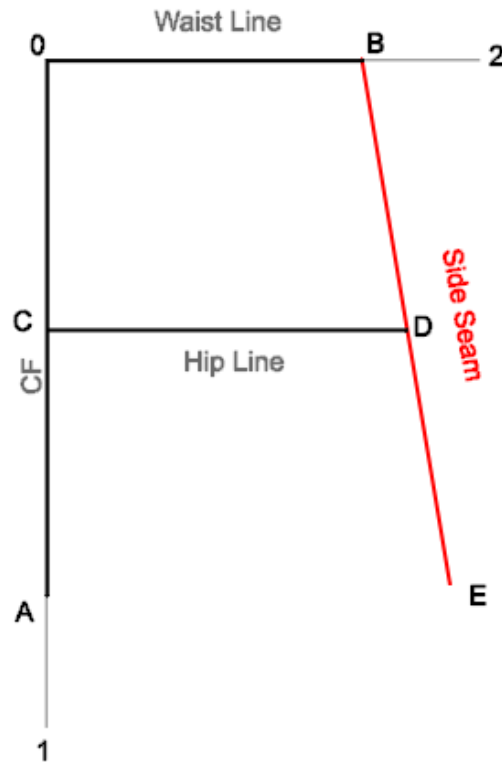
Mark the end of this line C



4. Take your **Hip** 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 D.  
This will be the Hip Line

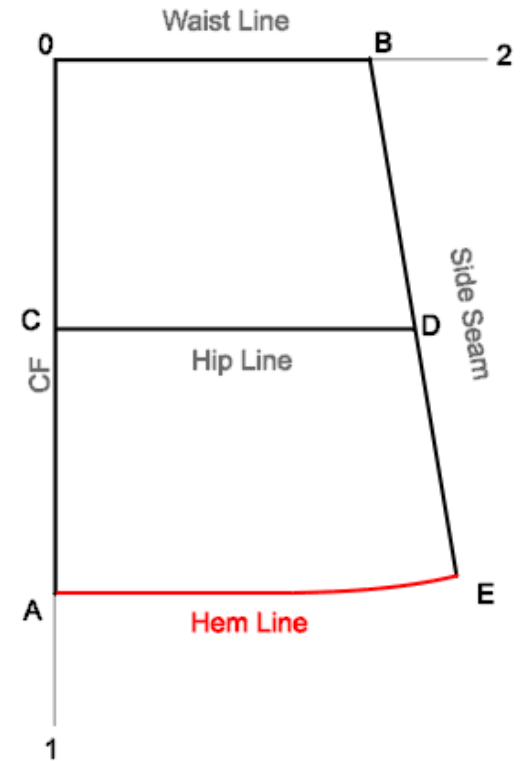
*Your divided Hip measurement needs to be at least 2.5cm longer than the divided Bust/Waist Measurement.*

*Lengthen the Hip line now if necessary.*

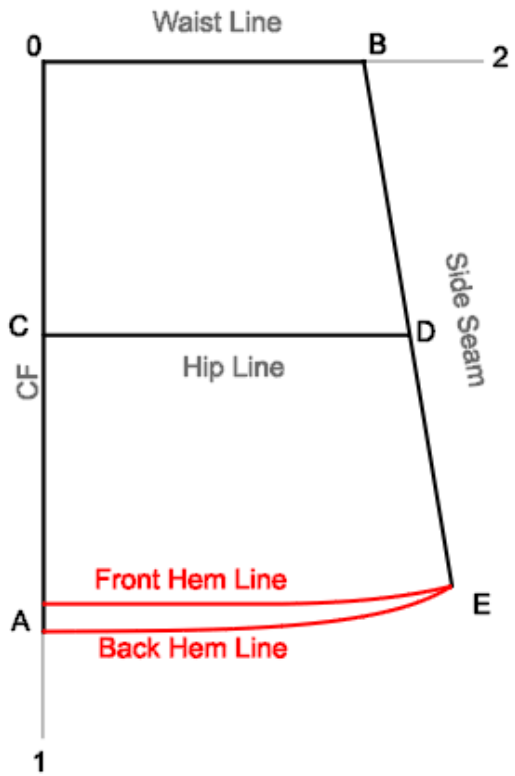


5. Using the **Length** Measurement, draw a line from B that intersects with D.  
Mark the end of this line E.

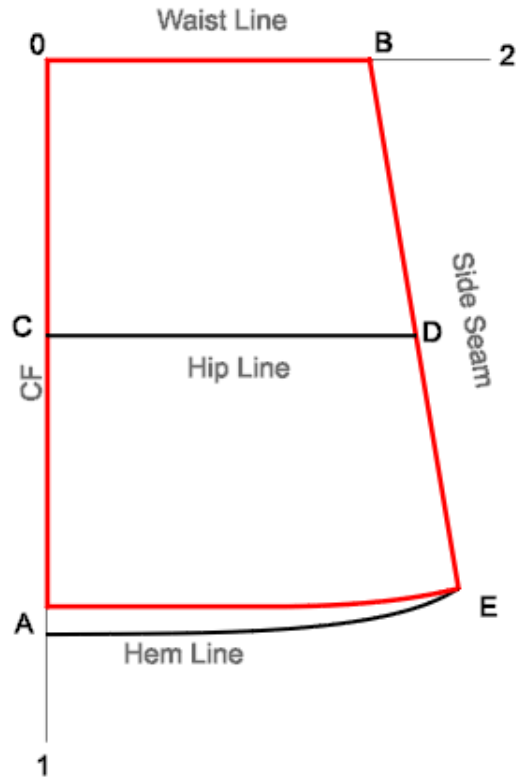
This will be the Side Seam.



6. Draw a slightly curved line joining A & E.  
This will be the Hem Line.

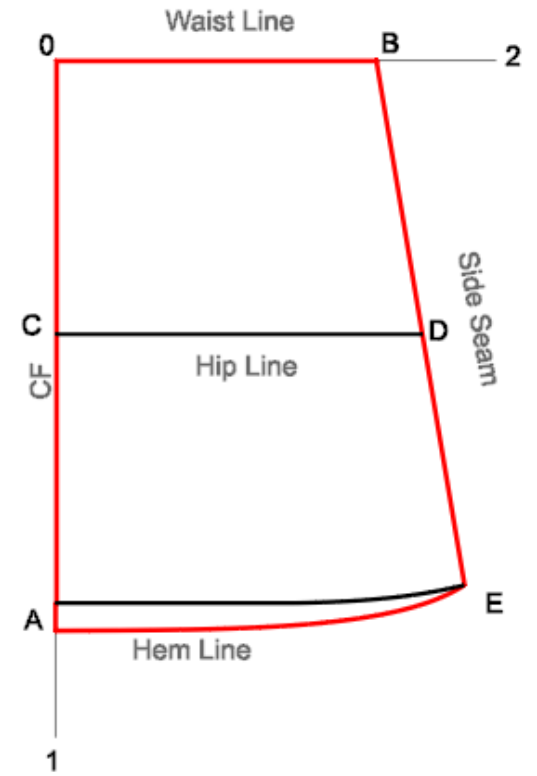


7. I would recommend making any Hem or Waist line adjustments now.  
For example, some people prefer a slightly longer Hem at the Back.



8. On to a separate piece of paper, trace off the Skirt Front.

*Even if your Front and Back Skirt pieces are identical, I would recommend tracing off a Front and Back as it will help later on with cutting layout.*



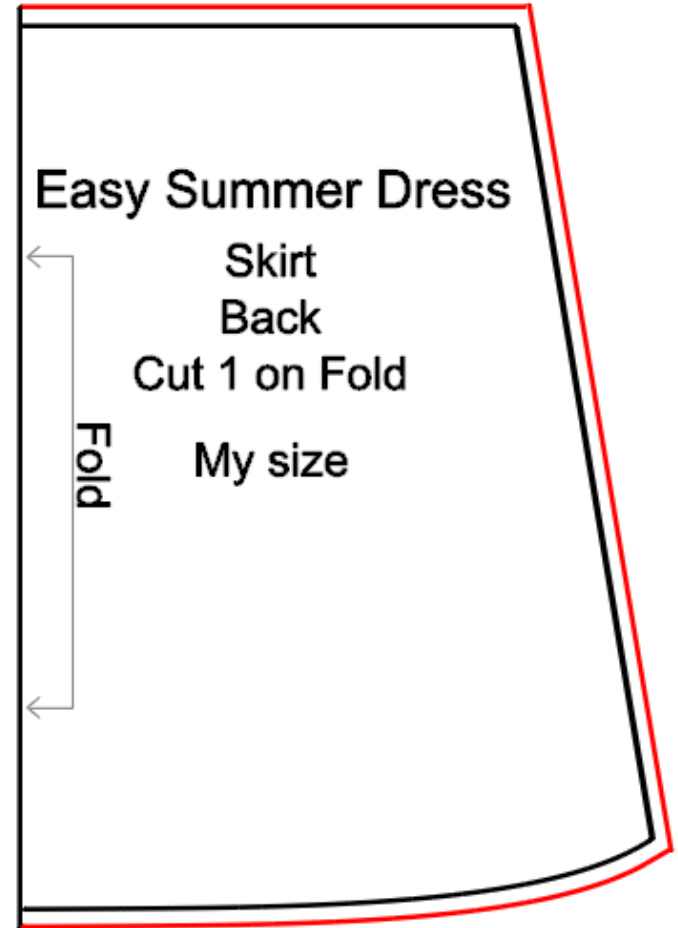
9. On to a separate piece of paper, trace off the Skirt Back.



Tip:

You could also use this pattern to make an Elasticated Skirt.

Just make the seam allowance on the Waist line big enough to accommodate the width of an elastic and do a sewn on elastic waistband.



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

Write down the necessary details.

Choose a hem allowance that suits the finish you prefer.

You can do a fold up hem with a 1.5cm hem allowance or an overlocked rolled hem or maybe you are going to add a frill and will need to shorten the Skirt length to accommodate it.

11. Add 1.5cm seam allowance all the way around (except the Centre Back)

Write down the necessary details.

Disclaimer: I don't claim to own this pattern drafting technique. I am simply sharing my knowledge based on years of drafting my own patterns and research. I also understand that there are many ways to draft a pattern, the technique I am sharing is just one of the easiest.