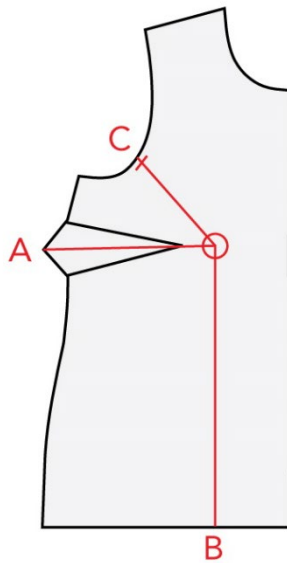


Small Bust Adjustment

Make a copy of the original pattern by tracing the front bodice, be sure to transfer all dart lines, notches, and markings.

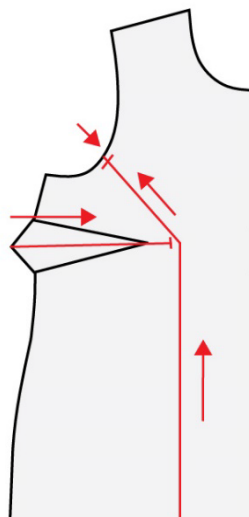
1. Start by drawing three lines onto the front pattern piece:

- The first line (marked A in the illustration) goes through the center of the bust dart to the bust apex. If your pattern has no dart, draw a line from the bust apex horizontally across to the side seam.
- The second line (B) goes from the bust apex down to the waist, parallel to the center front. If your pattern has a waist dart, this line will likely go through the middle of the waist dart.
- The third line (C) goes from the bust apex up diagonally to the armscye, about a third of the way along the armscye from the underarm. The exact point isn't important, so no need to stress about this bit. Mark the seam allowance at the top of this line at the armscye.



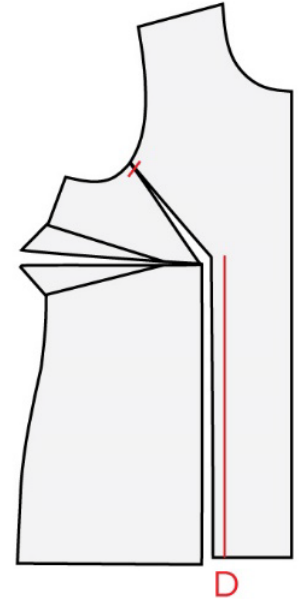
2. Now it's time to cut.

- First, cut up line B to the apex, and continue cutting up line C, stopping at the armscye seam allowance. Snip into the seam allowance from the other side, leaving a little hinge there. (Don't worry if you accidentally cut through the hinge—you can just put a piece of tape over it and cut into it again.)
- Also cut line A, starting at the side seam and leaving a small hinge at the end.



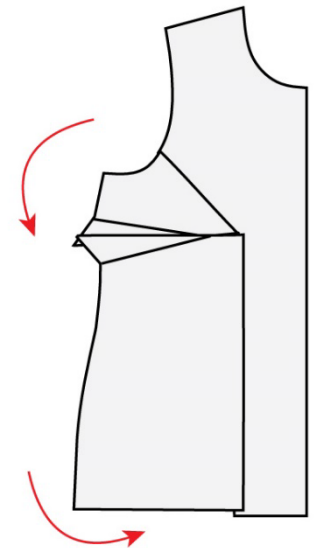
3. Now we need to draw a line parallel to line B, on the other side of the dart (the center of the garment).

Let's call this line D. This line should be the width away from line B that you need to remove from your garment—but remember to halve the total amount you need taken out because this piece reflects half of your body. For example, if you need to do a 1" SBA, you should draw line D 0.5" from line B.



4. Swing the bottom left section of your pattern piece up and over, so that line B lines up with our new line D.

As you're doing this, the top left bit should swing down and overlap the bottom section, which results in the dart getting smaller.



5. You'll see now that the hemline is uneven. To even it out, we're going to do a line on the right-hand section of our pattern piece, parallel to the hem.

