

Port Elizabeth PDF Sewing Pattern

I hope you enjoy using this pattern; it is a simple, versatile, summer style that really shows off beautiful fabrics. Try it in cotton lawn, poplin, chambray, gingham, seersucker, linen and even silks. You will need about a metre/ yard of fabric. Please visit my blog for progress on new styles. I am currently working on a vintage line and have posted some illustrations there: <http://goldfinchandeagle.blogspot.com/>

How to print and construct pattern from PDF format...

★Set printer to A4

★ENSURE YOU DESELECT ANY PAPER-SCALING OPTIONS and print the document at 100%

★Tape your pattern together, following the chart below (your pattern includes a border to allow you to overlap the paper tiles and stick them together but, if you prefer, you can cut the border off and butt the edges together instead). SPEND TIME GETTING THIS RIGHT, AS ANY LINES THAT DO NOT CONNECT PRECISELY, WILL AFFECT YOUR GARMENT.

★Check the reference square is accurate (if it isn't, you need to check the printer settings again).

★The pattern DOES NOT INCLUDE SEAM ALLOWANCE. You will need to add:

- a 1.5 cm or 5/8 inch border around the neckline, shoulders and side seams of your chosen size
- a 2.5cm or 1 inch hem allowance to the bottom edge
- If you intend to have a join at the centre front, you will also need to add seam allowance, although you can cut this on the fold so there is no join.

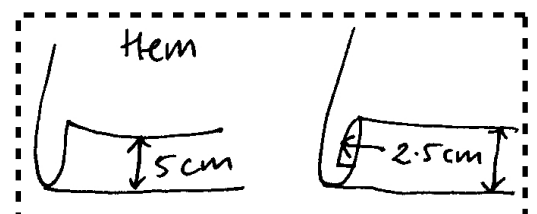
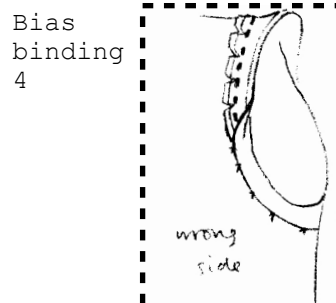
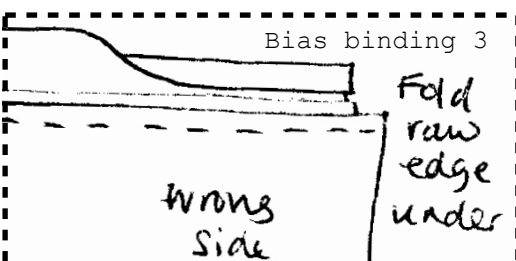
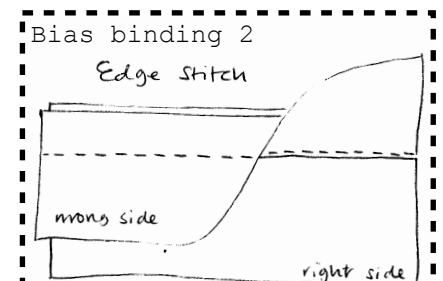
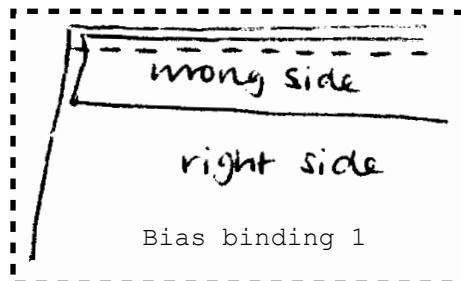
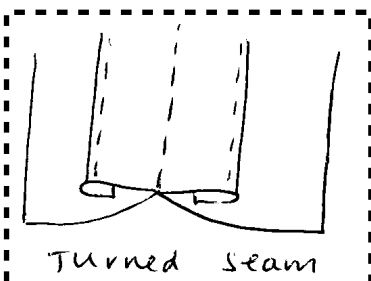
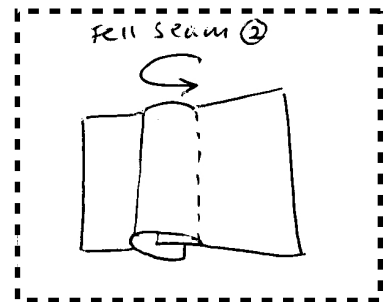
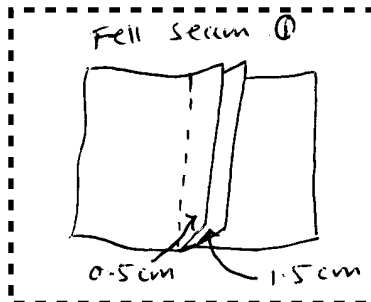
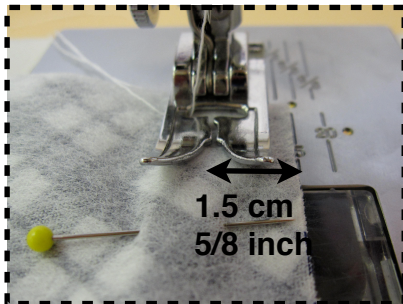
★Using a tape measure, measure across the bust line on both front and back pieces. Add the measurements together and double the answer. This is the finished size of the garment across the bustline. To check it will fit you, measure your bust positioning the tape measure around your back and across the widest part of your bust. The garment should have 1-2 inches ease, as it is loose-fitting. Make the next size up, if you are unsure- it is far easier to take in than let out!

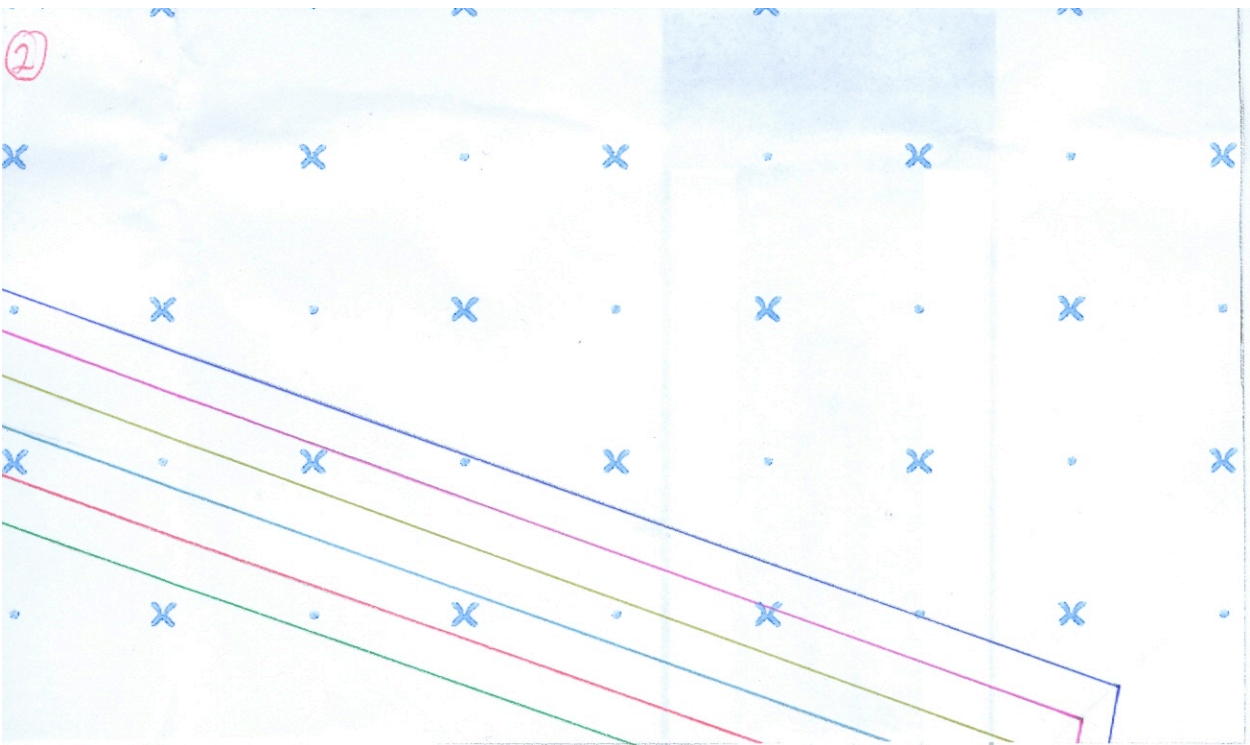
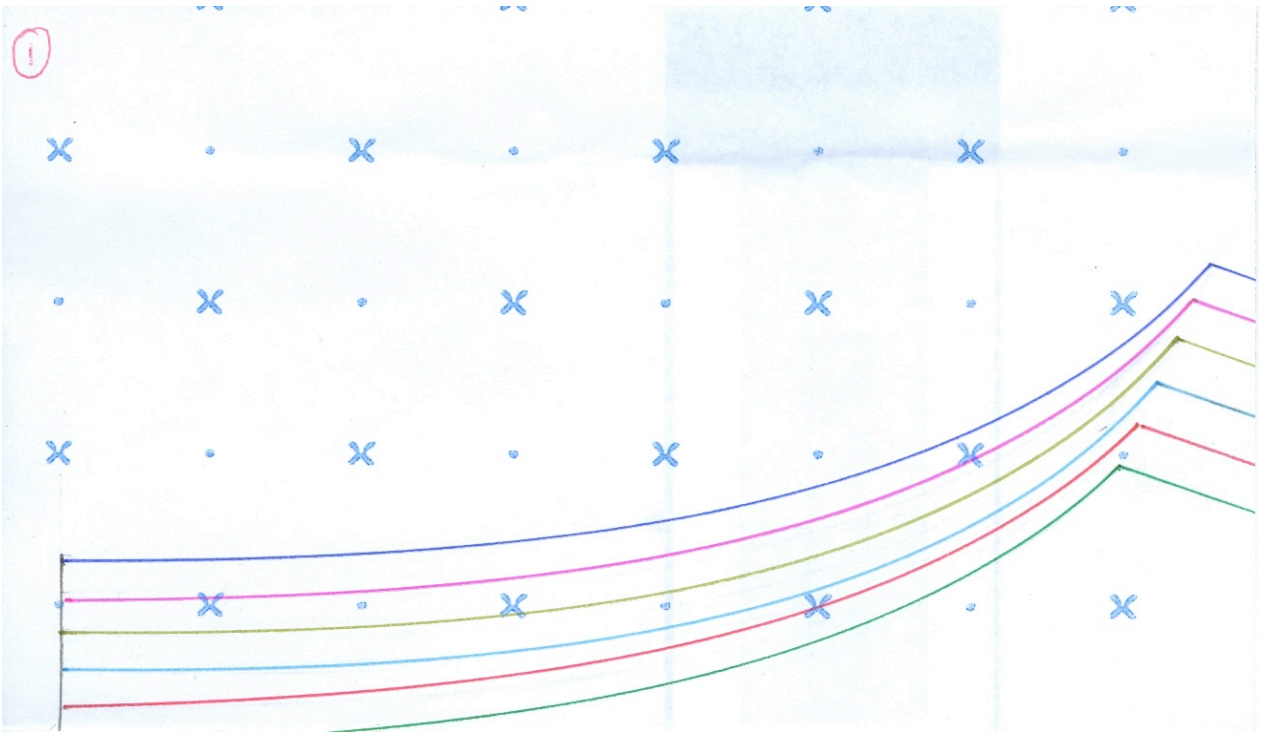
★Cut out your pattern pieces on the seam allowance line and the centre back and centre front lines (the inside line becomes your stitching line).

1	2	7	8
3	4	9	10
5	6	11	12

Instructions (very basic, because it's free!)

- (1) **Wash** your fabric! Don't spend precious time making a beautiful garment, only for it to shrink in the wash! Once washed, press to remove creases.
- (2) Find a large, clean, **flat surface** where you can lay out your fabric (a floor is perfect, if you don't have a table to use). Don't cramp yourself!
- (3) Get your **equipment** together! You will need: pins, cutting out scissors, a tape measure, needle, thread, iron, ironing board and a sewing machine.
- (4) Read the **instructions** and convo me (via Etsy/ Facebook/ email) if you need any help!
- (5) Position your patterns on the fabric, following the symbols, and cut out. Mark the notches on the underarms onto the fabric using chalk.
- (6) Pin the shoulders together, with right sides facing each other, and machine a 1.5 cm or 5/8 inch seam (see photo).
- (7) Press seam open and finish edges with a fell seam or turned seam (see diagrams) or serge, zig-zag or pink edges.
- (8) Finish edges of sides, as above.
- (9) Pin sides together, with right sides facing each other, matching notches and machine a 1.5 cm or 5/8 inch seam from bottom to notch.
- (10) Press side seams open and continue pressing armholes open the same amount.
- (11) Machine around armholes to hem (you could bias bind them instead).
- (12) Attach bias-binding to neckline, following diagrams below.
- (13) Hem the bottom edge by finishing the edge (using a serger, zig-zag or pinking shears) and turn up 2.5 cm or 1 inch. Press this and machine. Alternatively, turn up the hem allowance and then turn the raw edge under before machining.
- (14) Enjoy!





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"Port Elizabeth" Top

Back

Cut 1 on the fold

Bust line

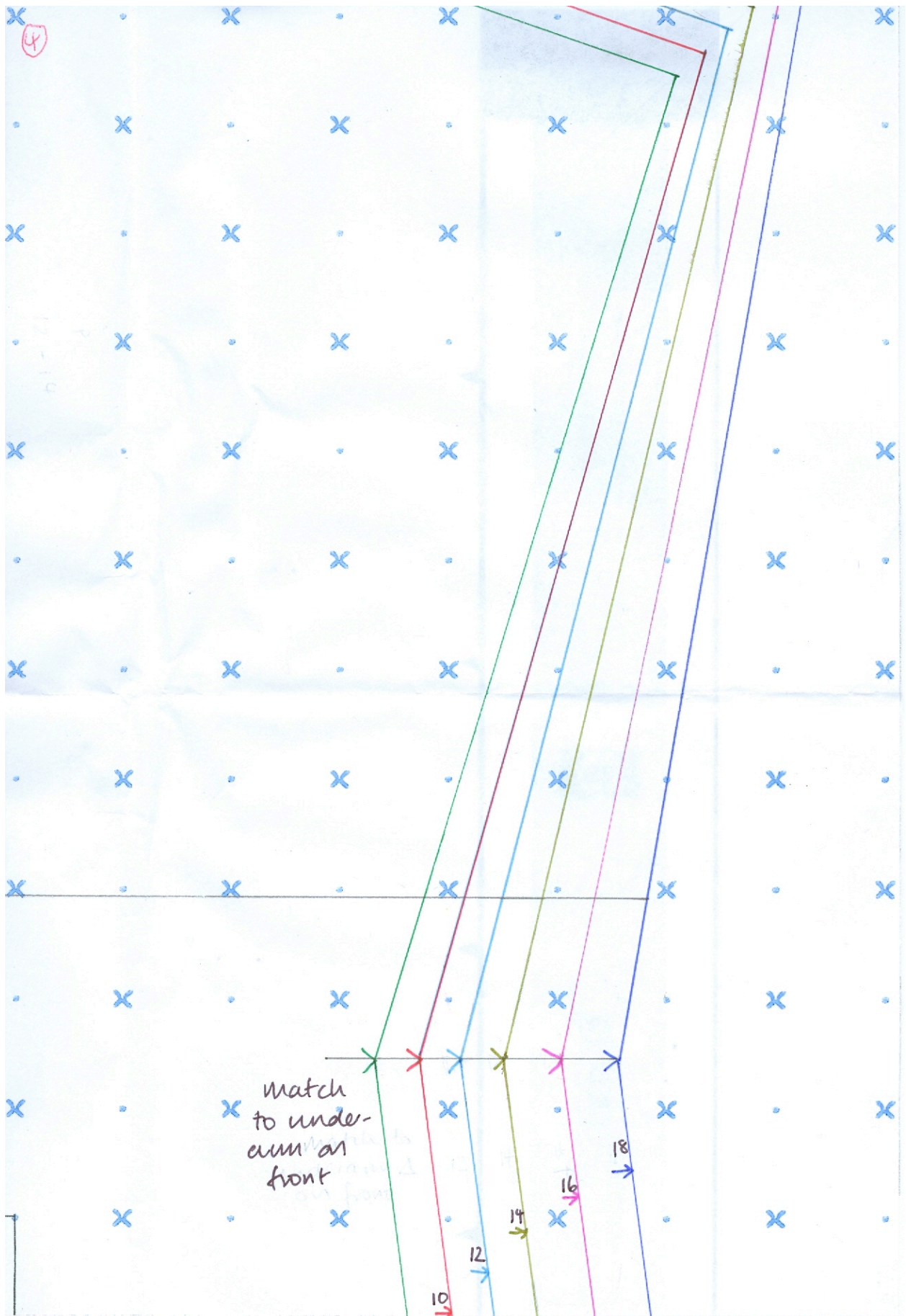
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Centre Back

Back

8cm





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Place on fold

Test square

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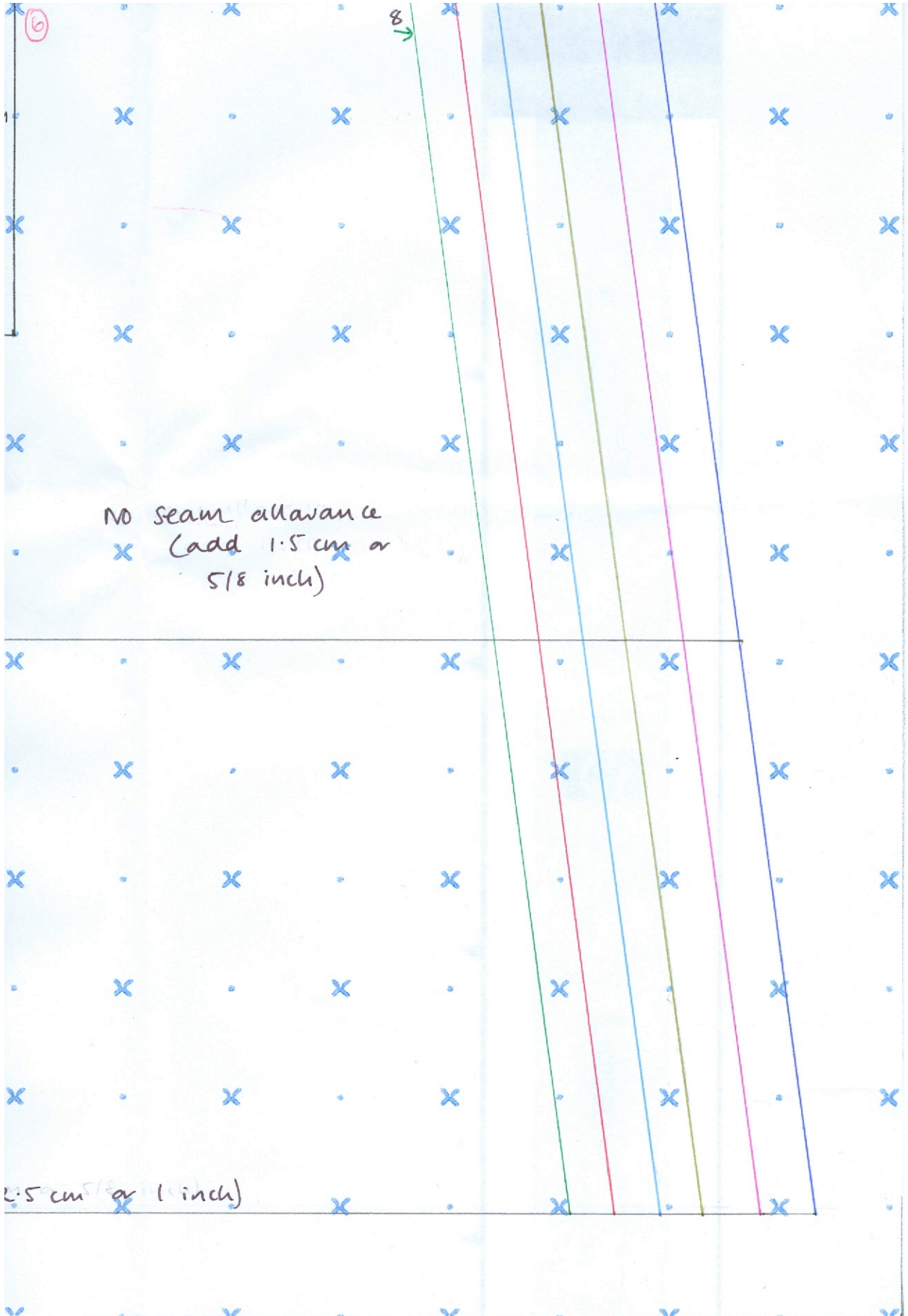
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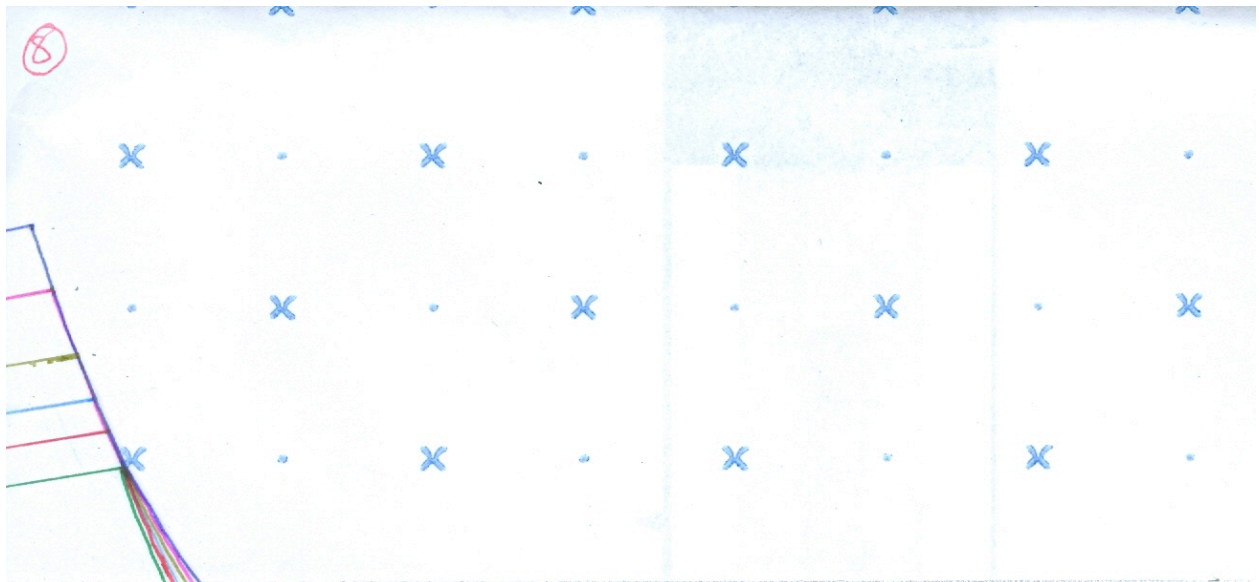
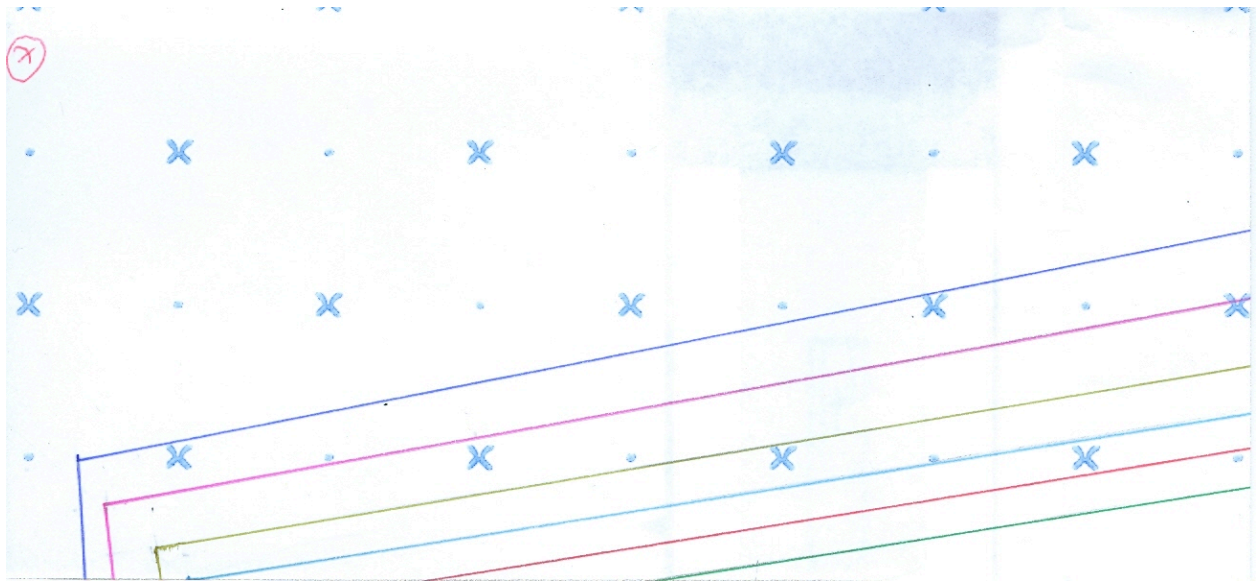
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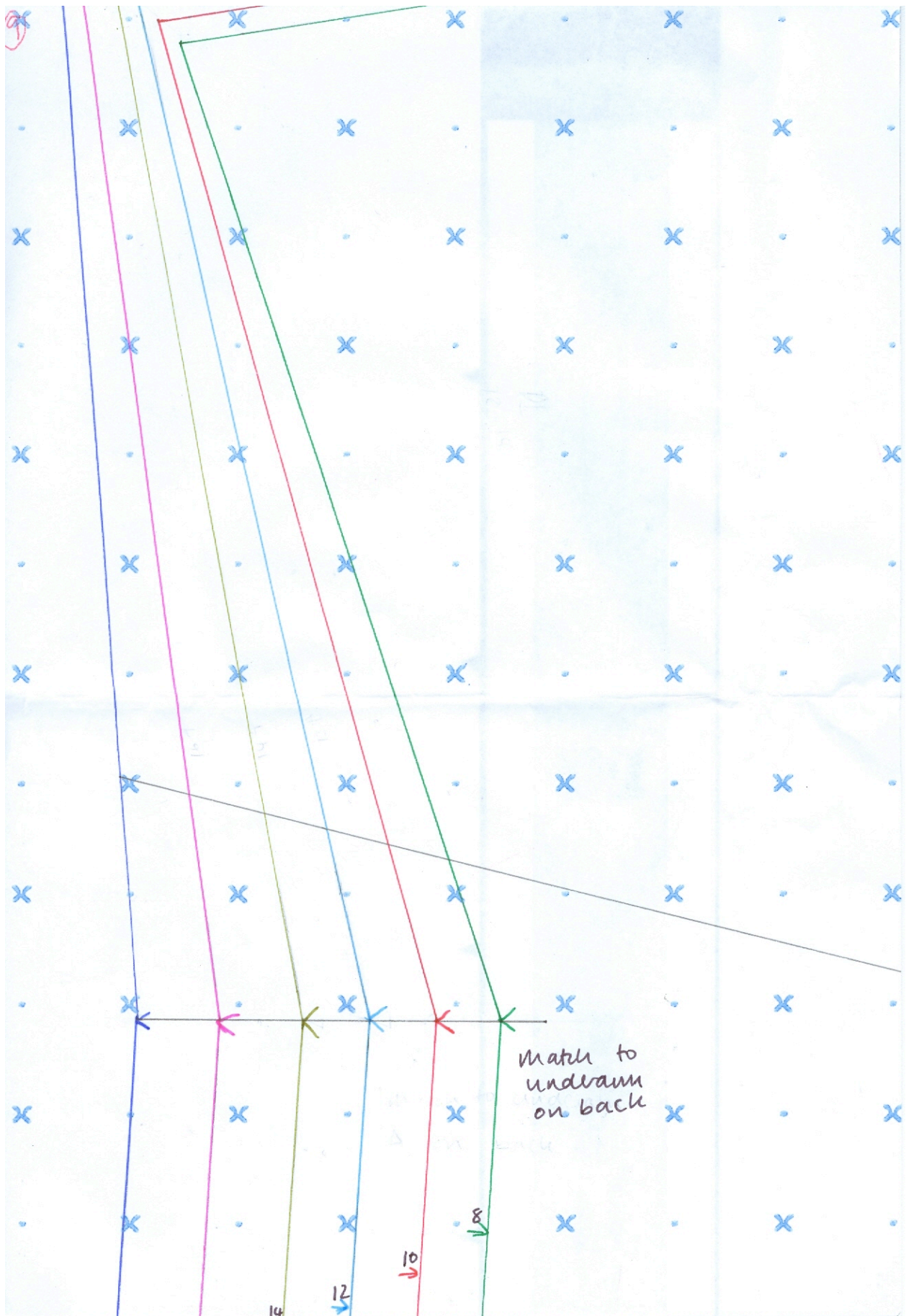
Waist line

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Finished length (no hem allowance - add 5







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"Port Elizabeth" Top

Front

Cut 2

(or 1 on fold for plain front)

Bustline

CF

(11)

18

15

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Finishe

12

Centre
Front

Align
with
straight
of
grain/
edge

No seam allowance (add 1.5 cm
or 5/8 inch)

waist line

10

length (no hem allowance - add 2.5 cm or 1 inch)