

Precious **PETALS**

Create a classic top featuring
surprise sleeve detail with this
charming tutorial

Project **CLAIRE GARSIDE** Simple Sew



Shopping list

Scarlet Elderflower Breeze viscose, £14.90
per metre www.sewisfaction.co.uk



Get the LOOK

Petal sleeves are a great way to dress up a simple top.

- 1 To add this feature to your favourite top, draw the centre line down the sleeve pattern piece.
- 2 Draw a curved diagonal line starting 1 or 2" from the side seam, curving up to the upper part of the sleeve head.
- 3 Repeat for the other direction, ensuring your line crosses at the centre line in the same place.
- 4 Add a narrow seam allowance below each line.
- 5 Now trace a copy of each half and cut out!

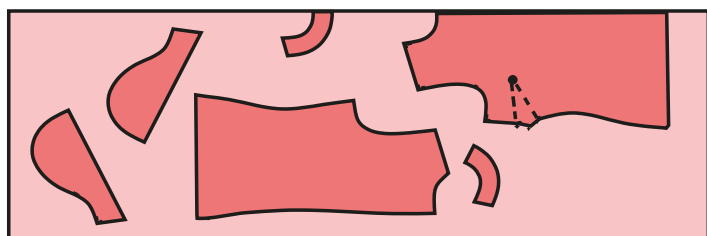
HOW TO MAKE:

- 1 Fuse interfacing onto the WS of facing pieces. With RST join the front and back neck facings at the shoulder seams. Press seams open and zigzag-stitch or overlock the lower edge of the assembled facing.
- 2 Sew darts in on the WS of the bodice front and press downwards.
- 3 With RST join front and back bodices together at the shoulder seams. Press seams open.
- 4 Hem each lower edge of your front and back sleeves with a 1cm hem.
- 5 Align one front and one back sleeve pair (front sleeve on top), matching the notches on the sleeve head and baste together. (See Pic A.)
- 6 Sew a line of gathering stitches along the full sleeve head curve and pull threads to gather sleeve slightly until it will fit the armhole.
- 7 Install the sleeve into the open armhole and sew in place with a 1cm seam. Neaten the raw seam allowance.

LAYPLAN

FOLD

45" LAYPLAN



SIZING:

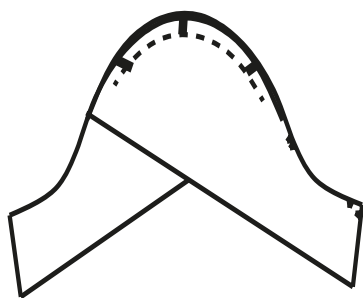
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BUST	33"	35"	37"	39"	41"	43"	45"
WAIST	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"
HIPS	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"

MATERIALS & TOOLS:

- 1.7m 45"-wide or 1.2m 60"-wide fabric such as crepe, viscose or cotton lawn
- 50cm medium-weight fusible interfacing
- co-ordinating thread
- 16" concealed zipper
- templates downloaded from www.lovesewingmag.co.uk

NOTES:

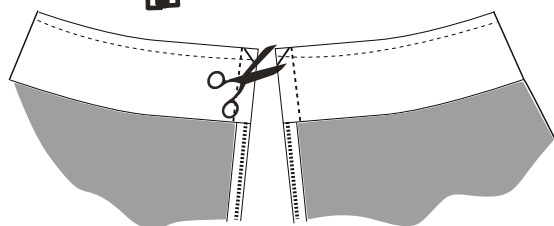
Seam allowance of 1.5cm is included unless otherwise stated



A



B



C

Top tip!

Try wash-out starch spray to get greater control of your fabric during construction. Simply spray well and allow to dry before cutting out your pieces

8 Arrange the top RST and pin together at the underarm point first, then down the rest of the side seams. Sew from the sleeve hem to the top hem in one continuous motion, pivoting at the underarm point.

9 Pin neck facing in place RST with the top. Stitch slowly using a 1cm seam allowance, taking the pins out as you sew.

10 Turn facing through to the inside of the top and press flat.

11 Flip facing up and on the RS of the bodice, pin the zip in place RST. Using the zipper foot on your machine, sew a line of basting stitches along the zip tape, removing pins as you sew. Sew a line of stitches as close to the zip teeth as you

can, as far down as your foot allows. Repeat other side. (See Pic B.)

12 Fold the facing over the top of the zip so that the facing is RST with the back bodice.

13 You can keep your zipper foot on and stitch along the side of the zip tape through the facing and the bodice. Clip the top corners. (See Pic C.)

14 Turn facing through back to the inside of the dress and press flat.

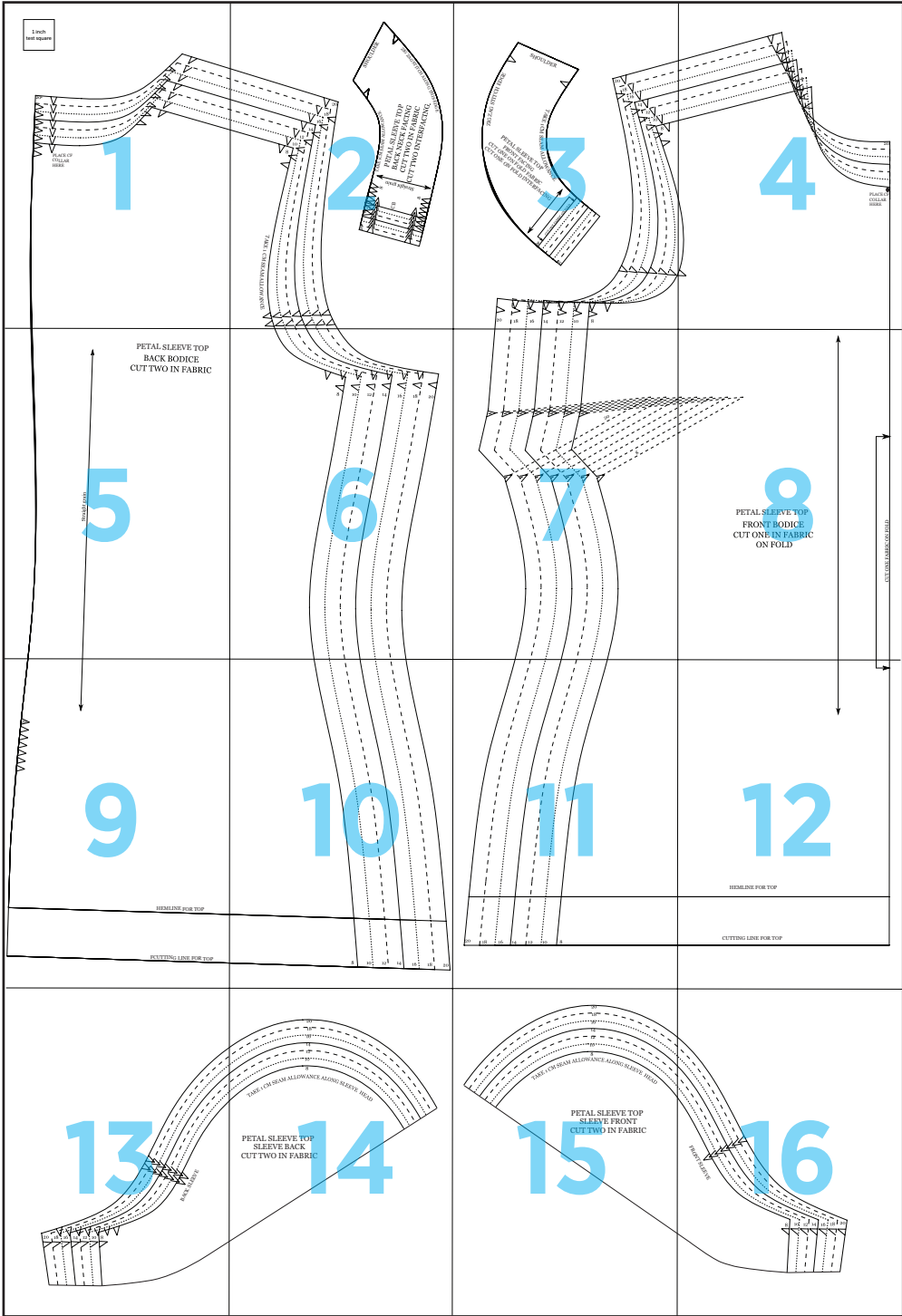
15 Arrange the top RST and, from the last stitch you made on the zip, sew to the hem.

16 Open out the CB seam and press.

17 Turn up a narrow hem, press and stitch in place to finish your top.

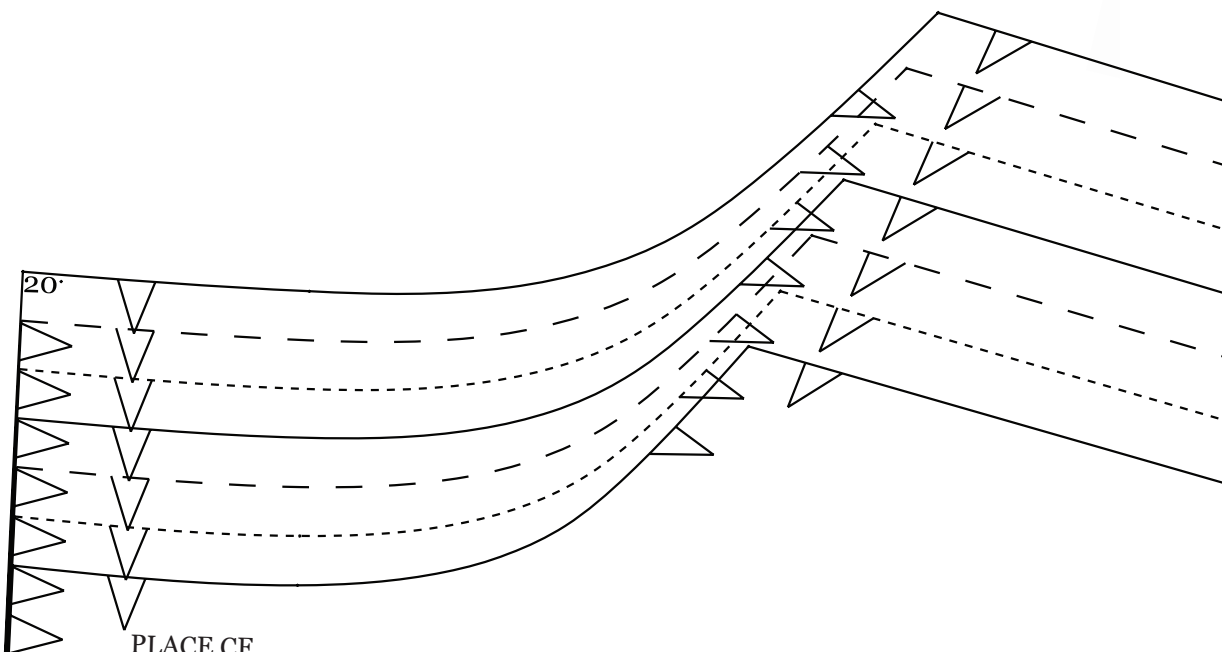


Petal sleeve top

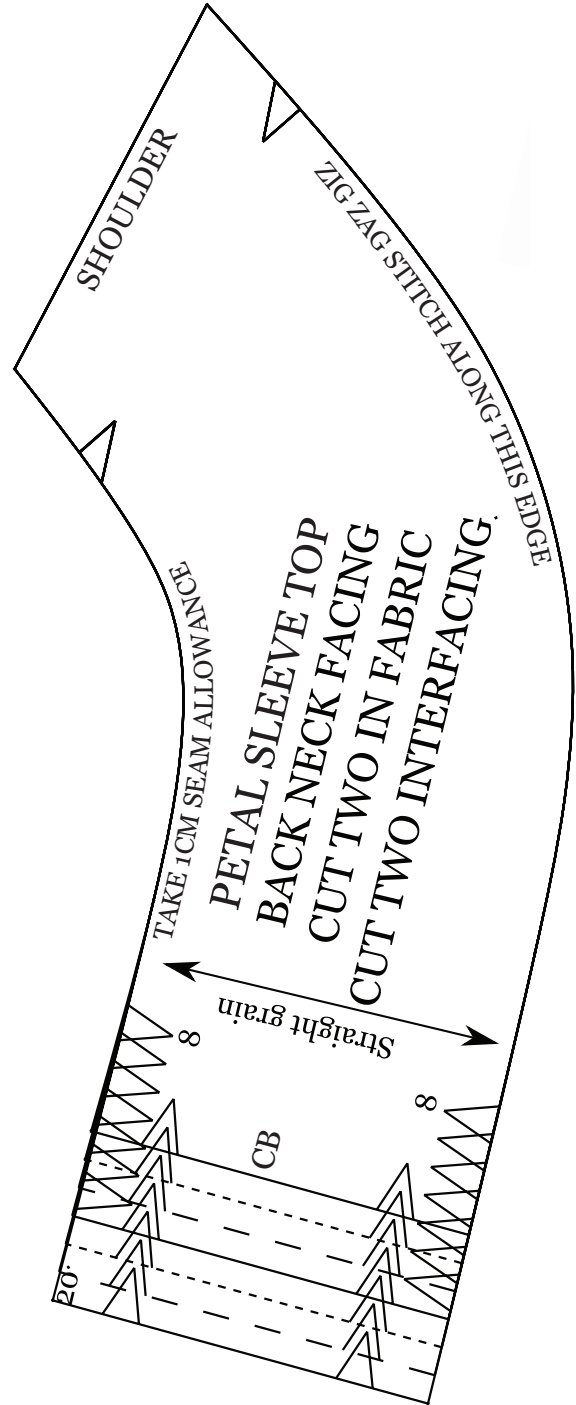
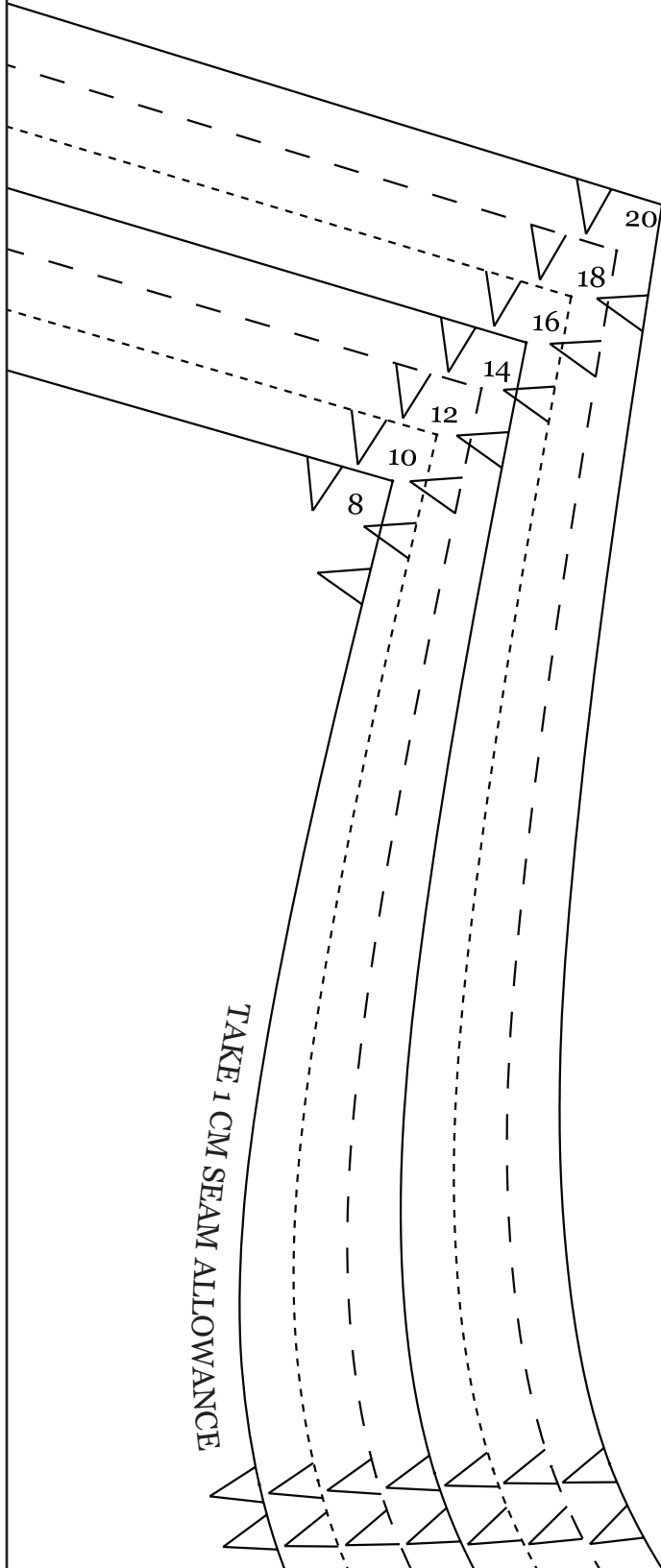


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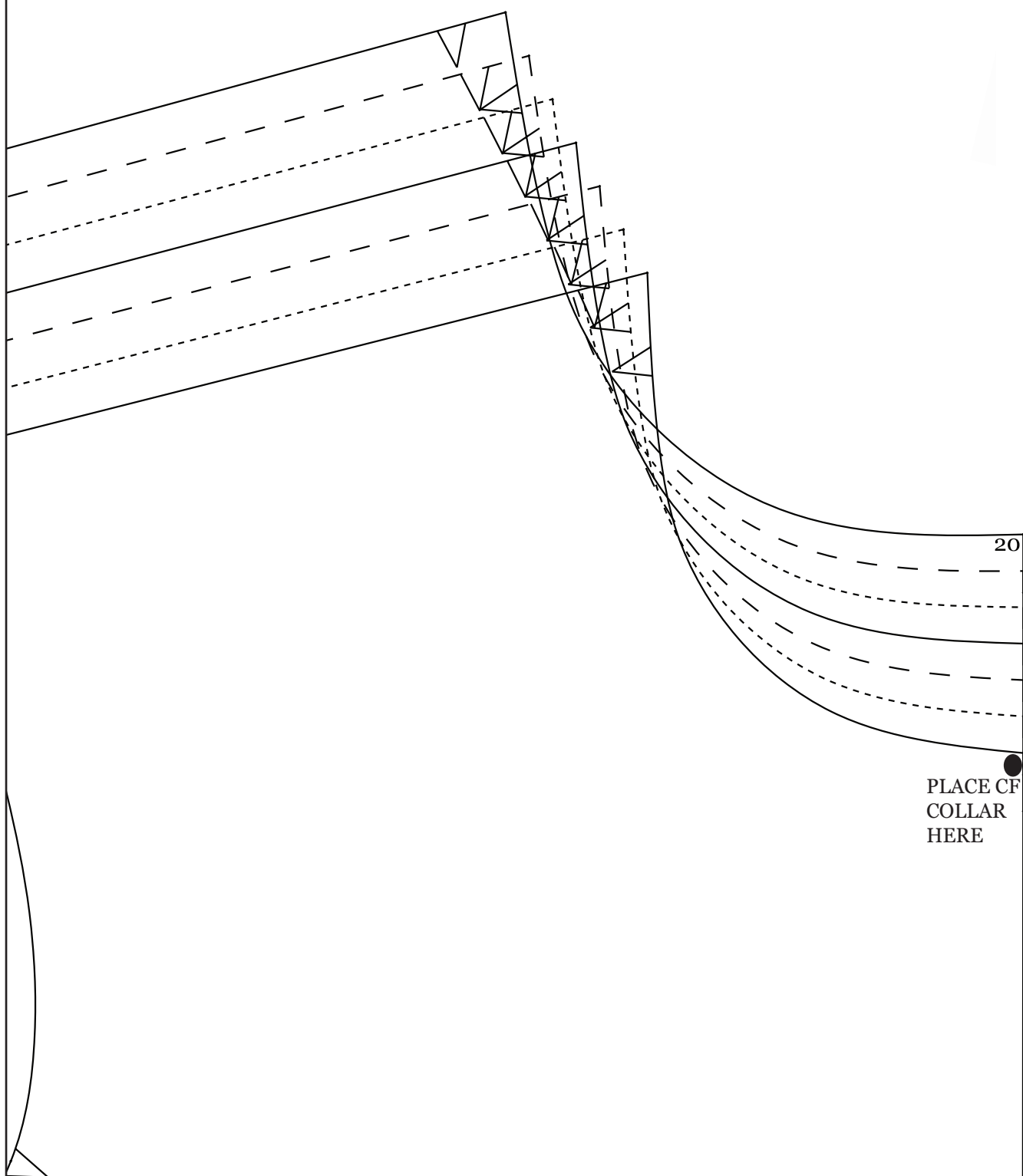
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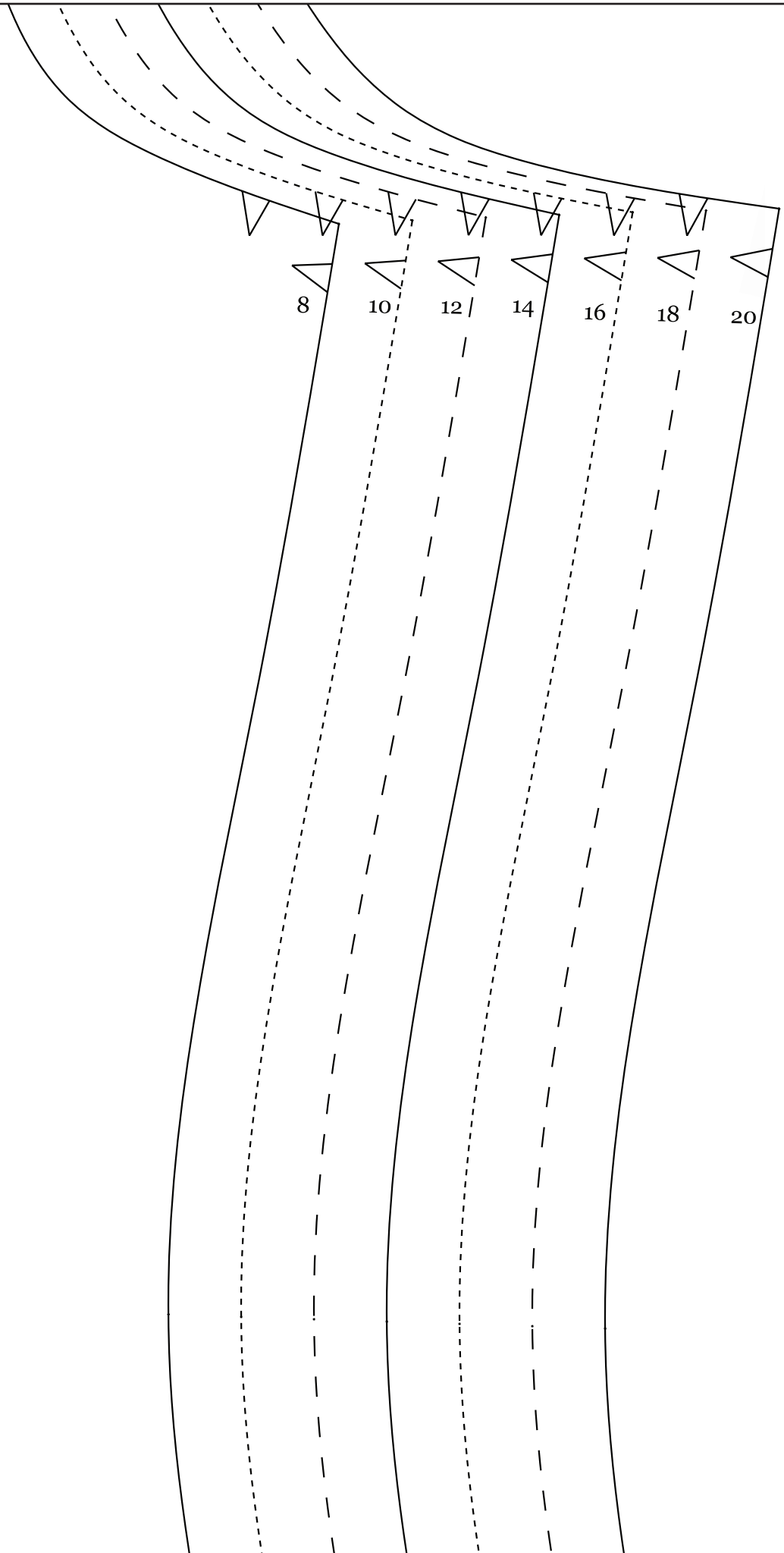
PETAL SLEEVE TOP
BACK BODICE
CUT TWO IN FABRIC



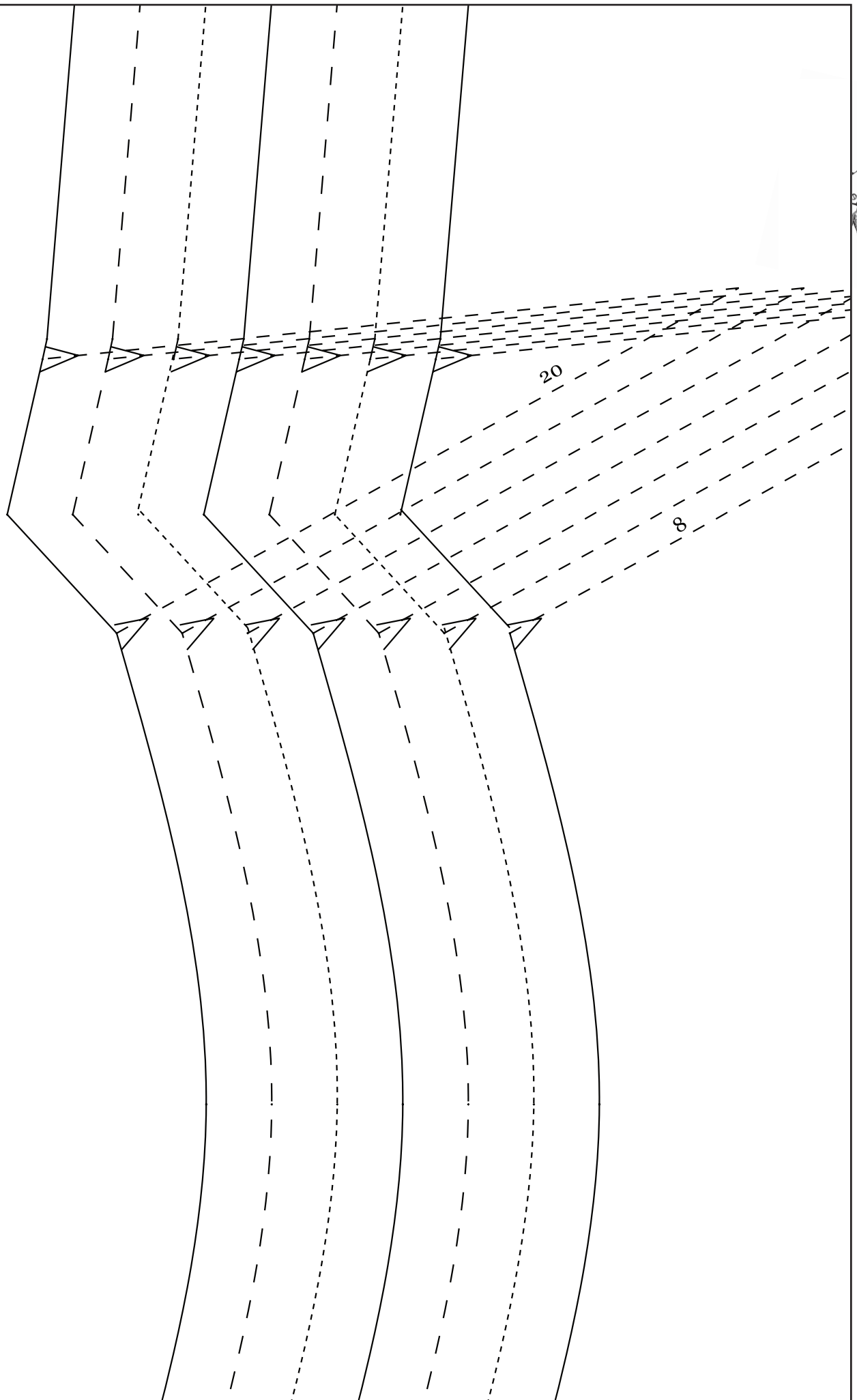
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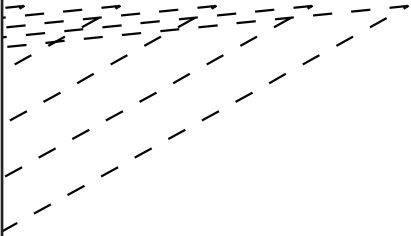
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PETAL SLEEVE TOP
FRONT BODICE
CUT ONE IN FABRIC
ON FOLD

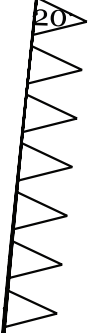
CUT ONE FABRIC ON FOLD



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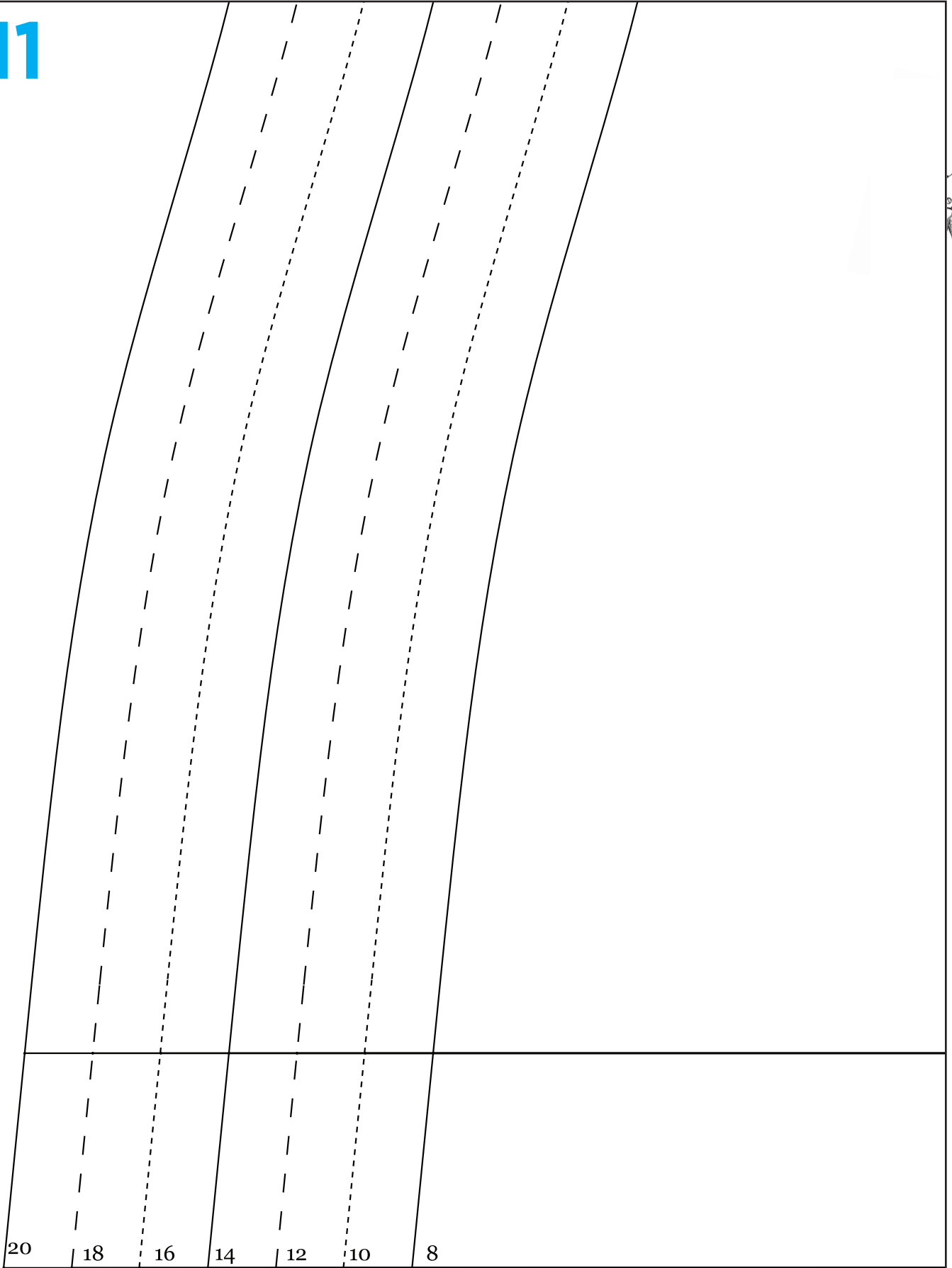
HEMLINE FOR TOP

FCUTTING LINE FOR TOP

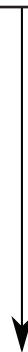
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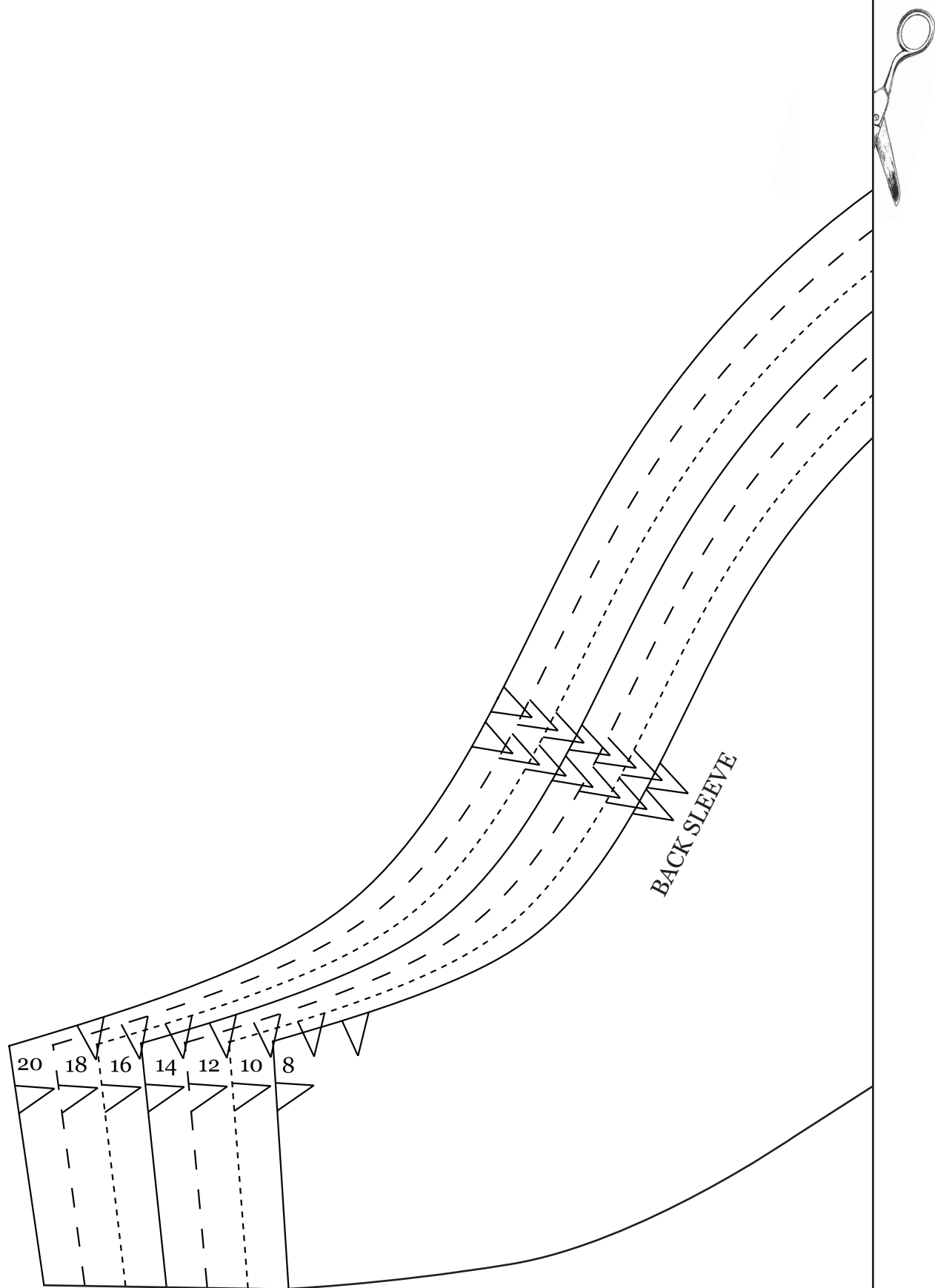


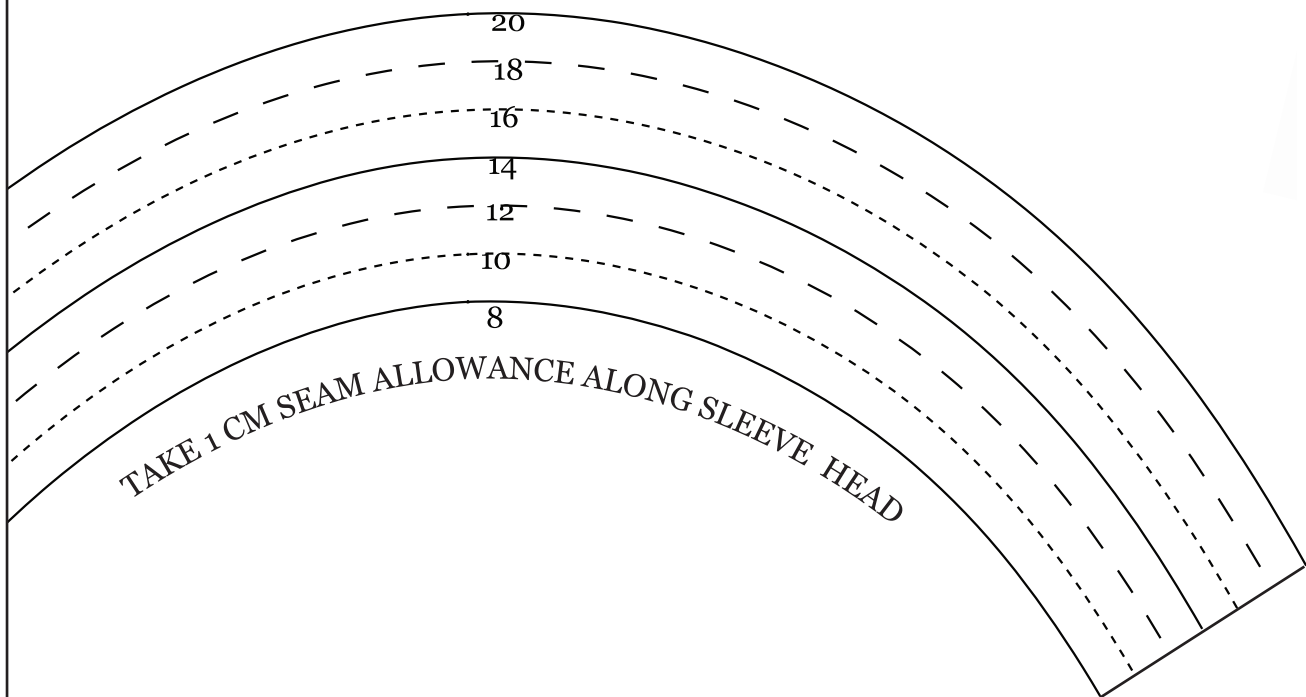
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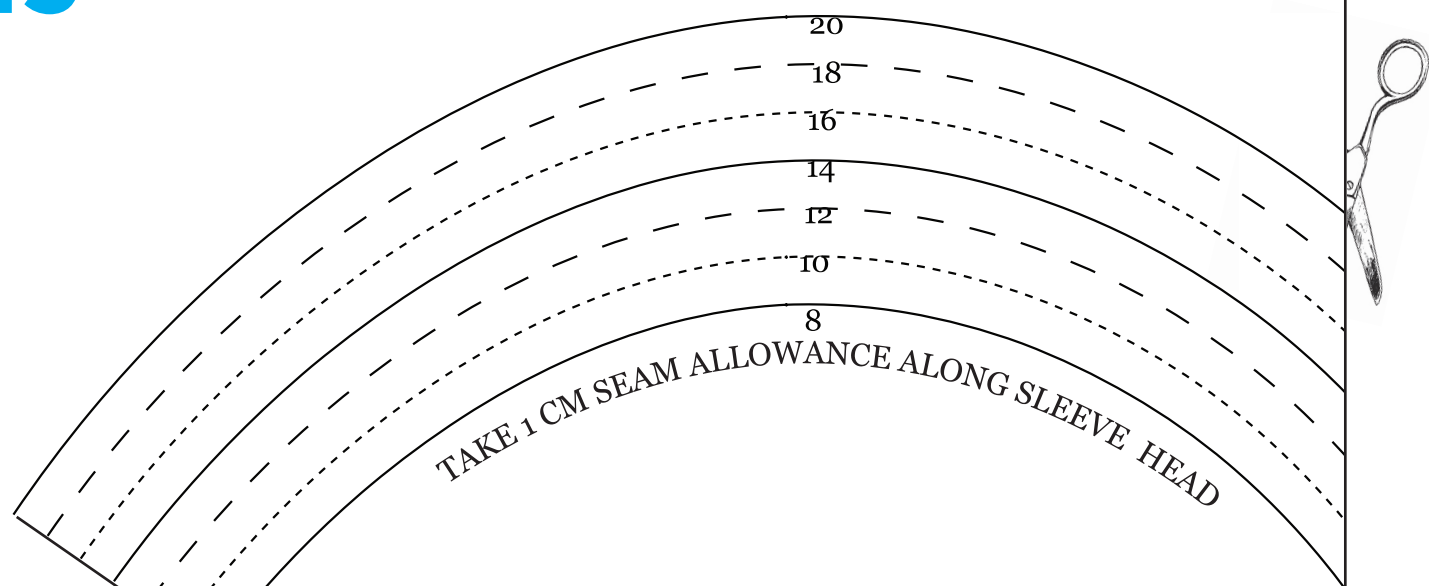
HEMLINE FOR TOP

CUTTING LINE FOR TOP





**PETAL SLEEVE TOP
SLEEVE BACK
CUT TWO IN FABRIC**



TAKE 1 CM SEAM ALLOWANCE ALONG SLEEVE HEAD

PETAL SLEEVE TOP
SLEEVE FRONT
CUT TWO IN FABRIC

