

Colette
PATTERNS

1012
CINNAMON
MAXI GOWN



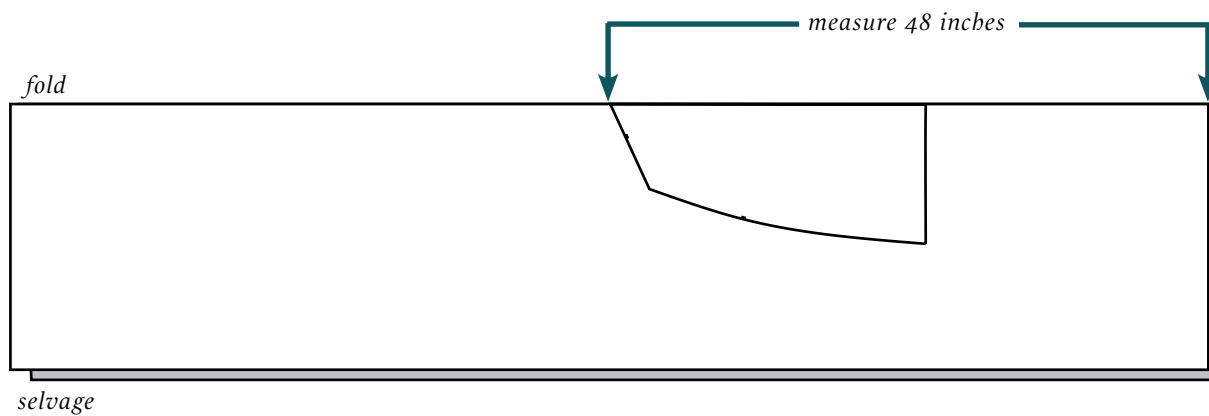
INSTRUCTIONS



YOU WILL NEED:

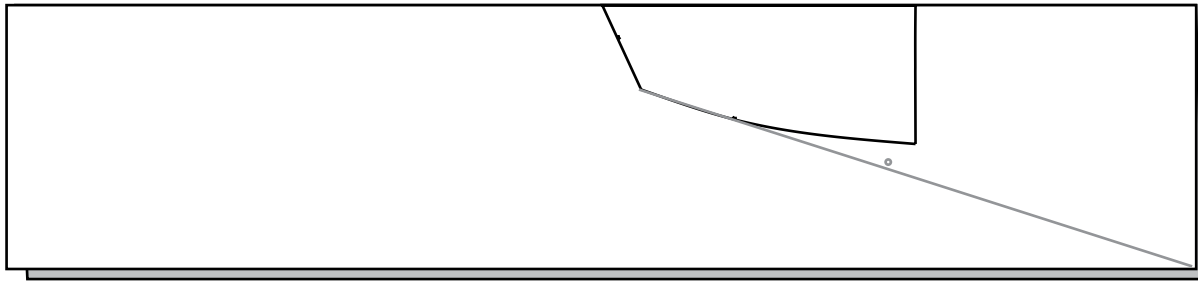
- *Cinnamon*, by Colette Patterns
- Ruler
- Water soluble marking pen, pencil, or chalk.
- 3 - 3 1/2 yards of 60" wide fabric

HOW TO CUT



1. Fold fabric lengthwise with right sides together and selvages aligned.
2. Fold the **skirt front** (C) pattern piece in half lengthwise.
3. Place skirt front on the fold of fabric, 48 inches from the cut edge. This will allow you sufficient fabric to lengthen the skirt for anyone under 5'7" tall. If you are over that height, add extra length for each inch.

fold



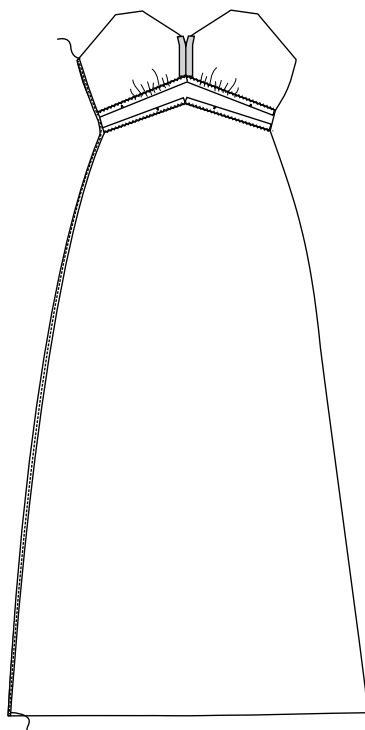
selvage

4. Using a ruler and water soluble marking pen, pencil, or chalk, draw a line from the top of the side seam to the outer edge of the fabric, as shown. This is the new side seam.
5. Cut the skirt front from the fabric.
6. Repeat for the skirt back.
7. Mark a point on each side seam, 21 inches from the waist. This will mark the side slit.
8. Cut the remaining pieces from your fabric, following the pattern instructions and grainlines.

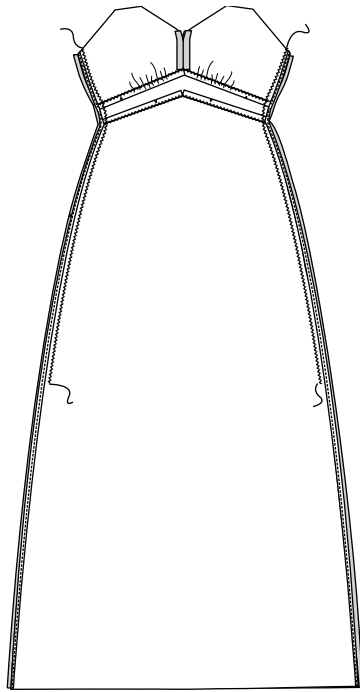
LEVELING THE HEM

This method of lengthening the skirt will result in an extra long, uneven hem at first. Later, you will level the hem and shorten to your desired length.

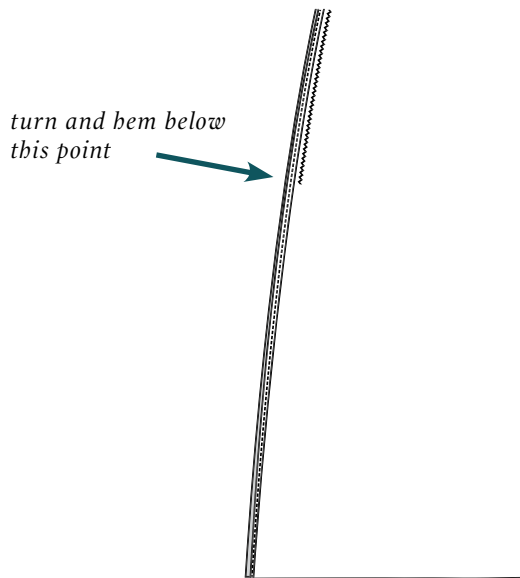
HOW TO SEW



1. Follow the original pattern instructions to assemble the front upper bodice, join the front bodice to the front skirt, and join the back bodice to the skirt back (through "Join skirt back" section of the instructions).
2. Finish each of the four side seams separately by turning under $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Press in place, then stitch to form a narrow turned-under hem.



3. With right sides together, pin dress back to front at the side seams, matching notches, and aligning the lower bodice front (A) seam with the lower bodice back (B) seam.
4. Stitch, using a narrow (1 mm width) zigzag stitch. Stop when you reach the side slit point that you marked and backstitch to secure.



5. Finish side slit edges below the mark by turning the edge again $\frac{3}{8}$ ". Press and edgestitch in place to form a finished hem along each slit below the mark.
6. Follow the remaining original pattern instructions to finish the dress. After adjusting the hem length to your preference, take care to level the hem before stitching.

LEVEL THE HEM

Leveling the hem is a process that ensures your hem hangs straight and parallel to the floor. For more on how to do it, visit:

[COLETTEPATTERNS.COM/GO/LEVEL-HEM](https://colettepatterns.com/go/level-hem)

STILL NEED YOUR PATTERN? PICK IT UP AT [COLETTEPATTERNS.COM/SHOP/CINNAMON](https://colettepatterns.com/shop/cinnamon)