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SHOULDER YOKE
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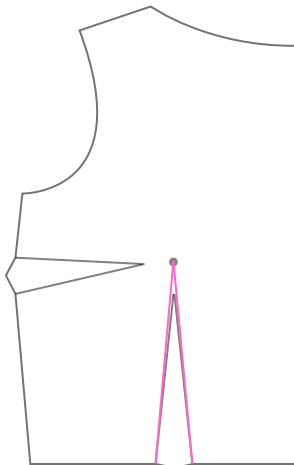
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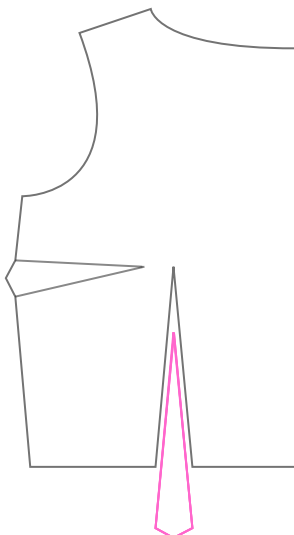
YOU WILL NEED:

- [*Peony pattern*](#), by Colette Patterns
- Large paper for tracing
- Clear tape
- Pencil or pen
- Ruler

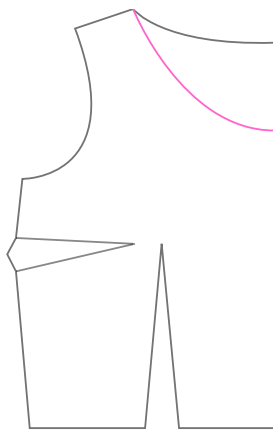
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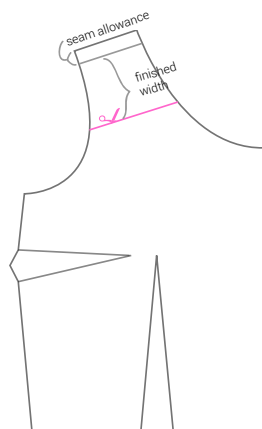
1. Mark your bust apex on your pattern piece by placing the pattern piece over your body and aligning the center front and side seam. Mark the fullest point.
2. Draw a line from the base of each waist dart leg to the bust apex.



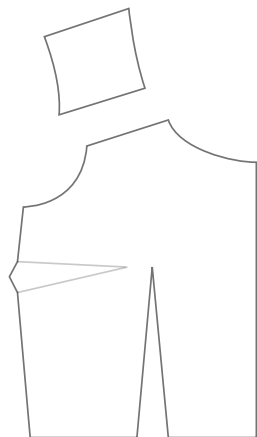
3. Cut along both lines and remove wedge.



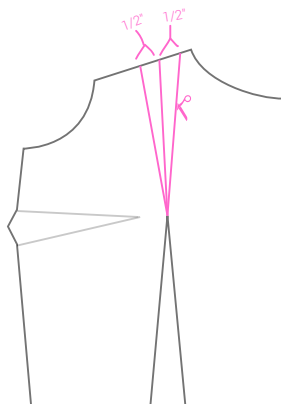
4. At the center front, lower the neckline by 3 inches, or to your desired depth. Use a curved ruler to redraw the neckline in a scoop shape, making sure that the neckline forms a 90 degree angle at the center front.



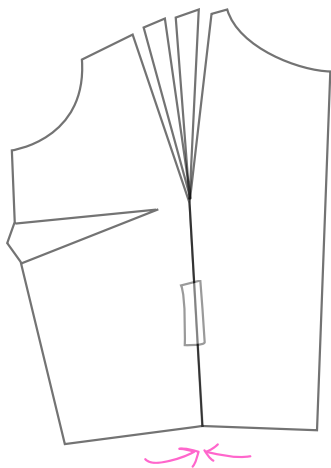
5. Determine where you'd like your shoulder yoke seam to be by measuring from the top of your shoulder down towards your bust. Add the seam allowance of the shoulder seam to this measurement. Draw a line this distance below and parallel to the shoulder seam edge.



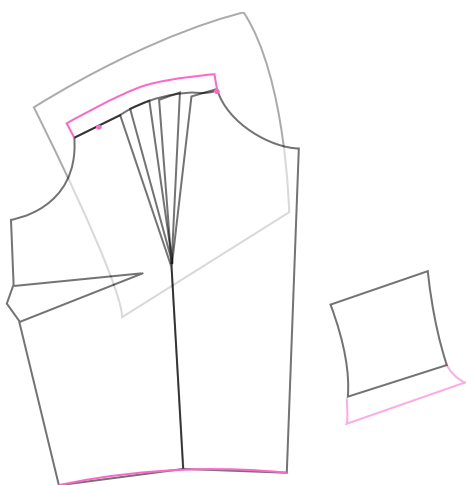
6. Cut along the line.



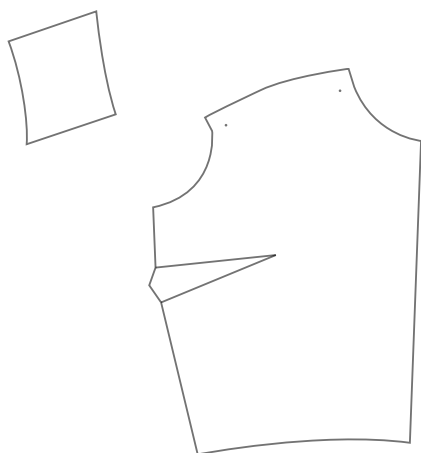
7. On the lower half, draw a line from the bust apex to the middle of the newly cut edge. Draw two more lines, one to each side of it, ending 1/2" away from the first line.



8. Cut along all three lines to but not through the bust point. Pivot the pieces to close the waist dart, and distribute the pieces evenly at the top.



9. Place extra paper behind the pattern piece. Spread the hinged wedges so that they are evenly distributed and tape them down. Use a curved ruler to redraw the edge, following the contours of the wedges. The edge should now curve outwards in the center.
10. Add $\frac{5}{8}$ inch seam allowance at the shoulder seam of both the bodice and yoke pieces.



11. Mark gathering dots 1" out from each side of the wedges.
12. Retrace pattern pieces if desired.
13. Trace neckline to redraw facing, or use bias tape to finish.

14. To cut your fabric, cut one front bodice on the fold, and two shoulder yokes (a left and a right).
15. To construct bodice, sew bust dart as usual. Sew two rows of basting stitches between dots and gather bodice to fit shoulder yoke. Stitch bodice to yoke right sides together, finish seam and press up. Finish garment as indicated.

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