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# Topic 22-2 Pattern Layout, Cutting, and Marking

- In this topic, you will learn how to work with your pattern guide sheet, as well as
  - \* Pattern layout
  - **Pinning**
  - **\*** Cutting the fabric
  - **\*** Marking the fabric

# Pattern Layout, Cutting, and Marking

#### **Objectives for Topic 22-2**

After studying this topic, you will be able to

- choose the appropriate cutting layout
- pin the pattern pieces to the fabric correctly
- cut the fabric and transfer pattern markings

## Topic 22-2 Terms

- cutting layout
- \* selvage

#### The Pattern Layout

- The pattern guide sheet shows many cutting layouts
  - \* A *cutting layout* is a drawing that shows how to fold fabric and place pattern pieces for cutting
  - You need to find the layout for the specific pattern version you will use
  - Circle the layout for your size and fabric width

#### Folding the Fabric

- Fabric is usually folded with the right sides together
  - \* A *lengthwise fold* brings the two selvages together
    - Selvage is one of two finished
       lengthwise edges of a piece of fabric
  - \* A *crosswise fold* brings the two cut edges together
  - \* A *doublefold* brings each selvage edge toward the center

#### Placing Pattern Pieces

- Most pattern pieces are placed on the fabric with the printed side up
  - Pattern pieces that are shaded on the guide sheet are placed printed side down
- Lay all pieces on the fabric before pinning any in place
  - Plaids, stripes, and checks should be placed so designs will match at seamlines and front openings

#### Pinning

■ Pin ends of the grainline arrow to the fabric at a uniform distance from the selvage edge

Place pins about six inches apart along the

stitching lines

■ Place pins

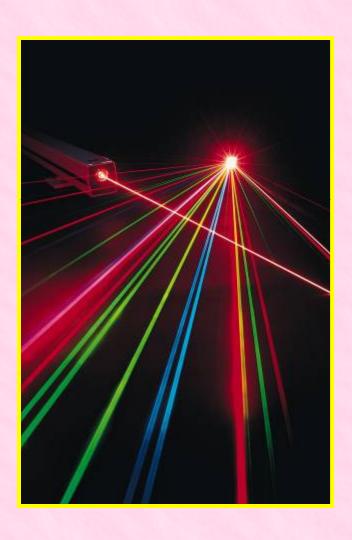
- at right angles to edges
- diagonally in corners
- Keep pins off cutting lines



### Cutting the Fabric

- Dressmaker shears are recommended for cutting out pieces
  - Cut fabric flat on a table
  - Follow the cutting lines for your size
  - Pay attention to any size adjustments you have made to the pattern and follow the correct cutting lines

#### Did You Know...



- In the textile industry, laser cutting machines are used to cut fabric
- Lasers seal the edges of fabrics that fray easily
- Lasers are also used for detailed cutting designs

Source: leather-skirt.net

### Marking the Fabric

■ Several markings on the pattern guide should be transferred to the fabric

center front

center back

darts

buttons

buttonholes

dots

pockets

### Using Tracing Paper

- Tracing paper and a tracing wheel are often used to transfer pattern markings to fabric
  - Test the tracing paper on a scrap of fabric first
  - \* Make sure it is visible on the wrong side of the fabric and that it does not show on the right side

#### Did You Know...

Too much pressure on a tracing wheel may mar the fabric with holes or transfer color from tracing paper to the right side of the fabric

#### Summary for Topic 22-2

- Locate the appropriate cutting layout on the guide sheet
- Place pattern pieces following the grain of the fabric
- Pin all pattern pieces securely to the fabric, keeping pins off markings and seamlines
- Leave the fabric flat on the table as you cut
- After you transfer the markings, you can begin constructing your project