

# TRAPEZE ADAPTATION FOR BACK BUTTON OPENING

## INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions are for buttons measuring 2cms in diameter. For larger buttons increase the allowance from the centre back. We are using 10 buttons, though you may decide to use more or less.

I.

On the DRESS BACK, Extend the existing cutting line an extra 1.5cms. Curve off the corner at both neck and hem (shown with a black dashed line). This will be the new cutting line for the NEW BACK.

2.

Mark the CENTRE BACK line, which is 1.5cms in from the existing cutting line. Decide on the quantity of buttons, and space evenly on the centre back line. The first button hole should be 2.5cms or more from the top cutting line. The button position is on the centre back and the buttonhole position is 3mms from the centre front and should also be 3mms larger than the button. When cutting out, mark the buttonhole position on the right back and the button position on the left back.

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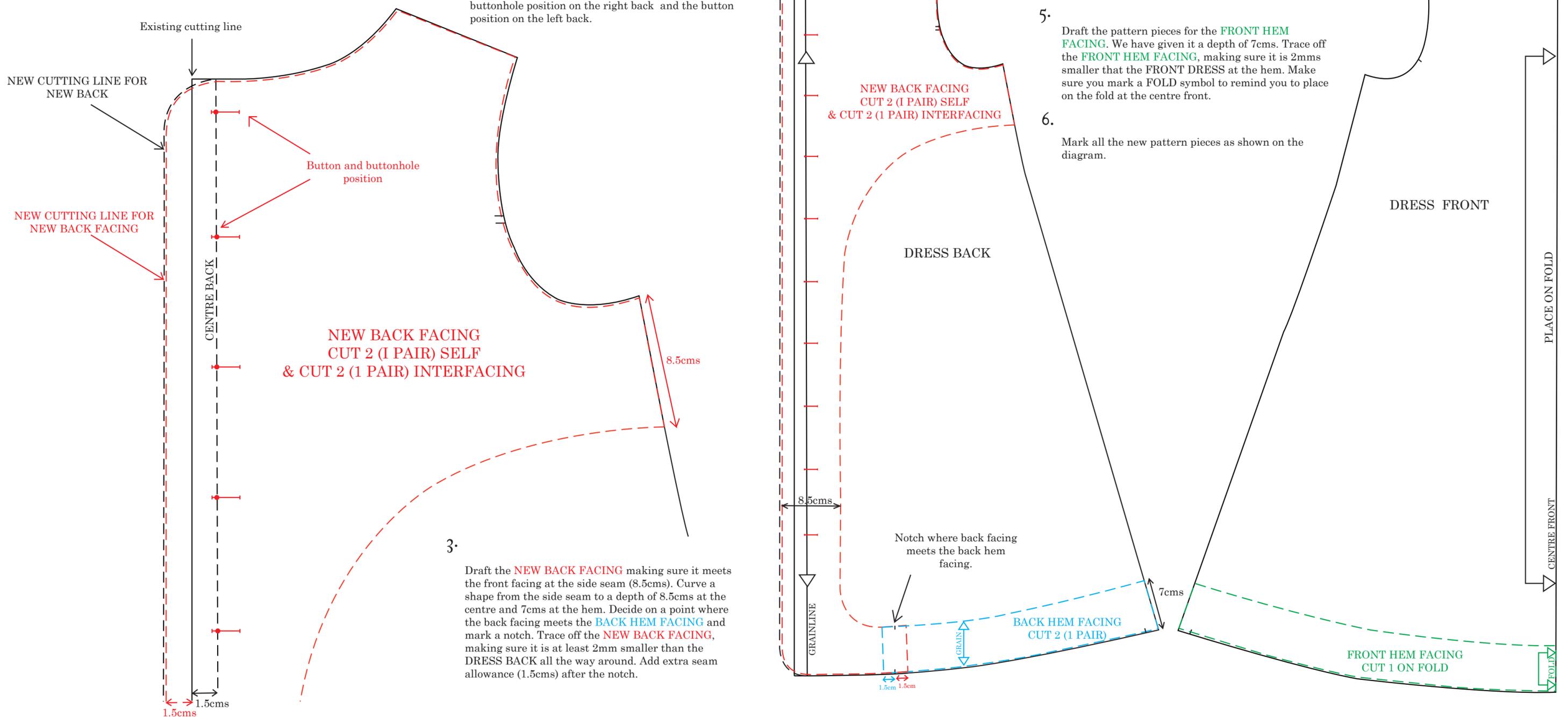
Draft the pattern pieces for the BACK HEM FACING. We have given it a depth of 7cms. Trace off the BACK HEM FACING, making sure it is 2mms smaller than the BACK DRESS at the hem and adding 1.5cms seam allowance after the notch. Make sure you mark a grainline which is parallel to the original grainline at the centre back.

5.

Draft the pattern pieces for the FRONT HEM FACING. We have given it a depth of 7cms. Trace off the FRONT HEM FACING, making sure it is 2mms smaller than the FRONT DRESS at the hem. Make sure you mark a FOLD symbol to remind you to place on the fold at the centre front.

6.

Mark all the new pattern pieces as shown on the diagram.



3.

Draft the NEW BACK FACING making sure it meets the front facing at the side seam (8.5cms). Curve a shape from the side seam to a depth of 8.5cms at the centre and 7cms at the hem. Decide on a point where the back facing meets the BACK HEM FACING and mark a notch. Trace off the NEW BACK FACING, making sure it is at least 2mm smaller than the DRESS BACK all the way around. Add extra seam allowance (1.5cms) after the notch.