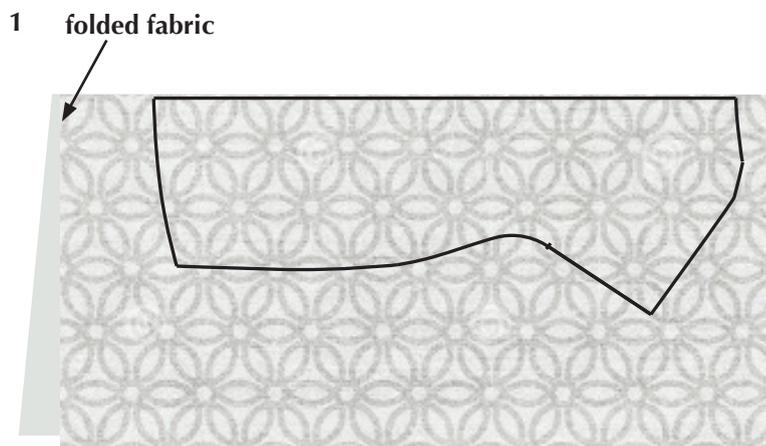


Tulip Dress

Step-by-step guide

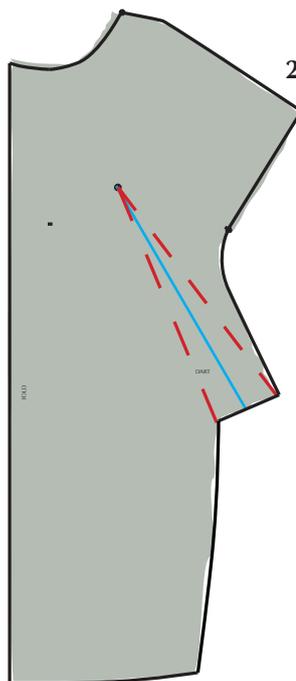
1 - Cutting your fabric

Lay out your fabric and pin your pattern in place. Cut 1 front and 1 back - the double FOLD line on the pattern needs to be on folded fabric so you get a mirror image.



2 - Putting in the darts

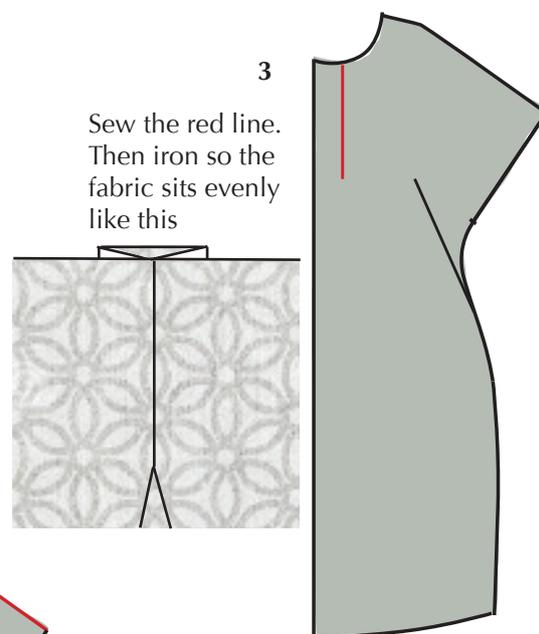
On the FRONT, draw the darts onto the wrong side of the fabric in tailors chalk. Pin and then stitch the fabric.



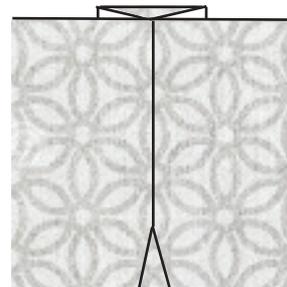
2 Draw on these red dart lines. Then fold in half (along the blue line). Your red lines should line up on top of each other. Sew the red line.

3 - Putting in the front pleat

Fold the front in half down the middle and draw on the pleat in tailors chalk. Sew in place/ Iron the pleat into place so that the fabric lies equally on either side of the sewn line.



3 Sew the red line. Then iron so the fabric sits evenly like this



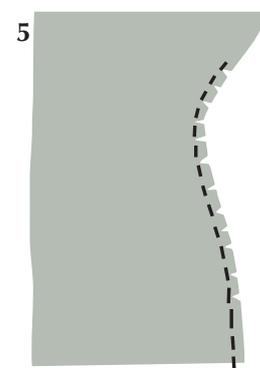
4 - Attaching the front and back

Attach the FRONT and BACK along the shoulder seams from the green to the pink dot. Sew the FRONT to the BACK along the sides, from the yellow dot down to the blue, making sure that the flap of the dart is folded down (not up).



5 - Clip your seams inside for a smooth curve

See my clipping tutorial for why and how you do this.



6 - Back vent

To allow your head to fit through you will need to cut a vent down the centre back where marked in red. Finish this with bias binding and a small button on shearing elastic.

darts going downwards!

6 - Finishing your neckline

Finish your neck line with bias binding. See my tutorial for how to make it if you are unsure.

7 - Finishing your sleeves

Your sleeves can just be hemmed with a small roll hem. Alternatively you can finish them with a wide bias binding that works as a decorative edging as I have done on the red check dress.

