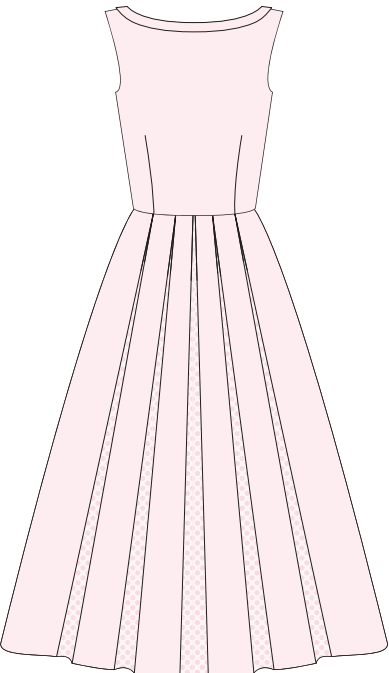


Prom dress: 1950s

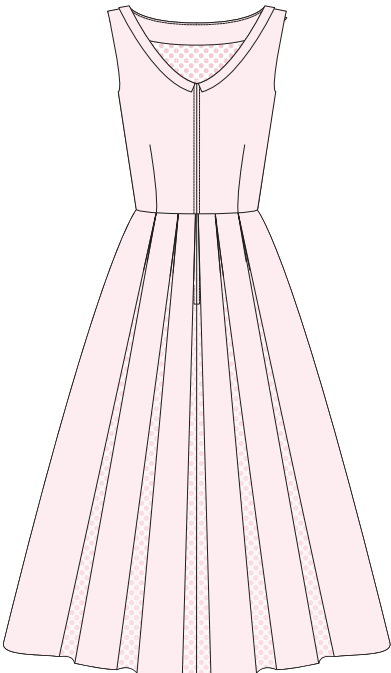


GARMENT SPEC

This dress has a fitted bodice and a box-pleated skirt. Suitable for medium-weight fabrics.



Front



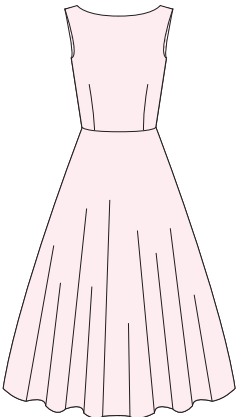
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Sizes	S (in)	S (cm)	M (in)	M (cm)	L (in)	L (cm)	XL (in)	XL (cm)
Bust at armhole	33 ³ / ₄	84.4	35 ³ / ₁₆	89.4	37 ³ / ₁₆	94.4	39 ³ / ₁₆	99.4
Waist	26 ³ / ₁₆	67	28 ³ / ₁₆	72	30 ³ / ₁₆	77	32 ³ / ₁₆	82
Hem on seam	40 ³ / ₁₆	103	42 ¹ / ₂	108	44 ¹ / ₂	113	46 ³ / ₁₆	118
Shoulder	2 ¹ / ₁₆	5.2	2 ¹ / ₁₆	5.5	2 ¹ / ₁₆	5.8	2 ³ / ₁₆	6.1
CB length to hem	24 ³ / ₁₆	61.2	24 ³ / ₁₆	61.8	24 ³ / ₁₆	62.4	24 ¹³ / ₁₆	63
CB length to waistline	8 ³ / ₁₆	20.4	8 ¹ / ₄	21	8 ¹ / ₂	21.6	8 ³ / ₄	22.2
Back neck on seam	8 ³ / ₁₆	21.7	8 ³ / ₄	22.3	9	22.9	9 ³ / ₄	23.5
Front neck on seam	11 ¹ / ₁₆	30.4	12 ³ / ₁₆	31	12 ¹ / ₁₆	31.6	12 ¹ / ₁₆	32.2

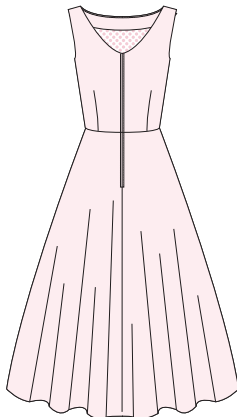


STYLE VARIATIONS

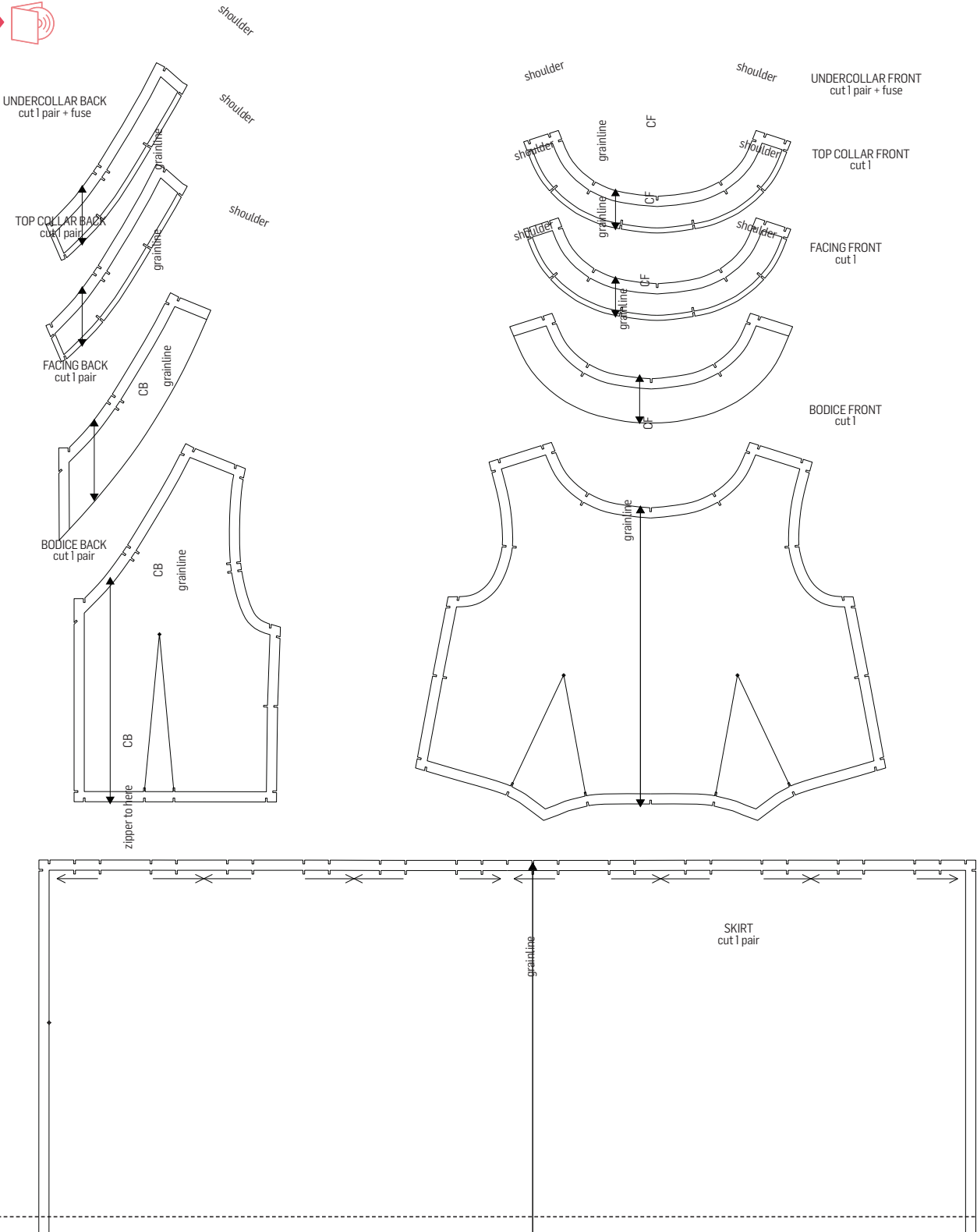
The collar can be cut in contrasting or matching fabric. Consider mounting the top collar with a layer of lace or discarding the collar and decorating the neckline with a bow or embroidery. You could also cut a circle skirt for this style (pattern on page 70). Measure the waist of the bodice and cut a circle skirt to match.



Front



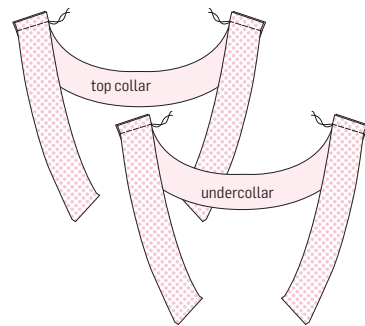
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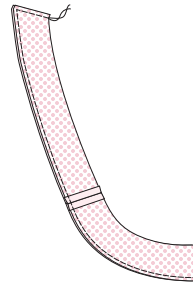
PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

(1) Prepare the collar. With right sides facing, sew the shoulder seams and press the seam allowances open. Repeat for the undercollar. (2) Using a $\frac{1}{4}$ in (6mm) seam allowance, sew the top collar and undercollar with right sides together. Turn the collar to the right side, press, and set aside. (3) Prepare the facing: With RS together, sew the shoulder seams and press the seam allowances open. Neaten the lower edge with an overlock or a zigzag stitch. Set aside. (4) Sew the darts on the back bodice. (5) Sew the darts on the front bodice, then trim the darts (see page 160). (6) With right sides together, sew the shoulder and side seams. (7) Press the seam allowances open. Finish the armholes with a bound facing (see page 169).

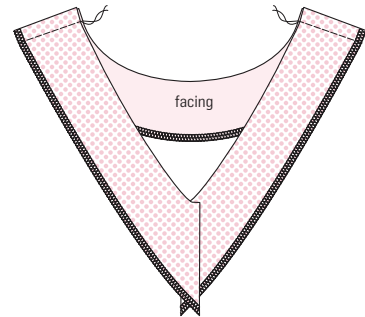
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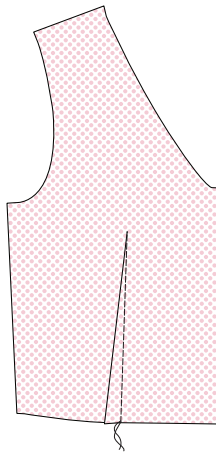
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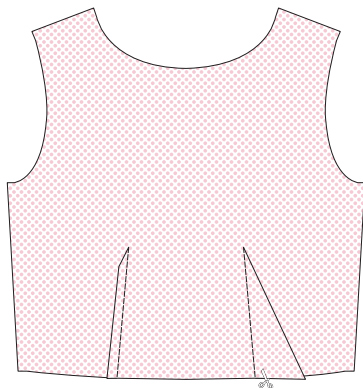
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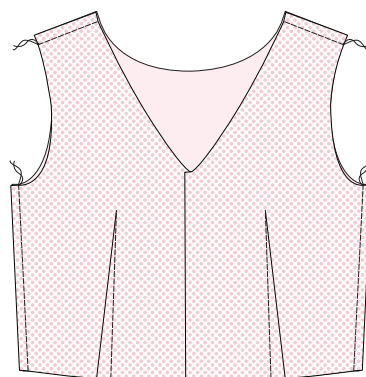
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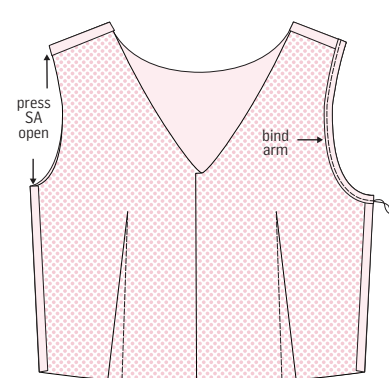
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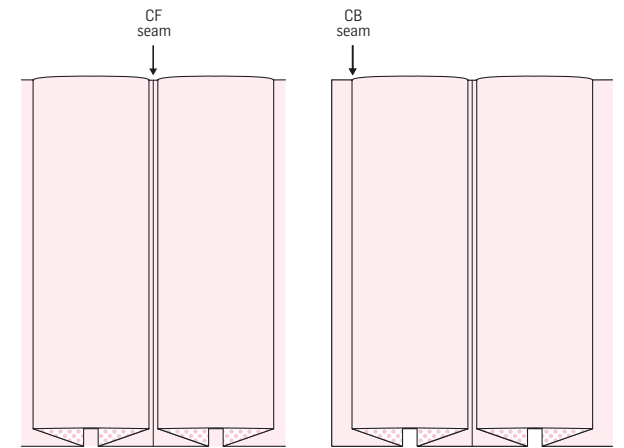


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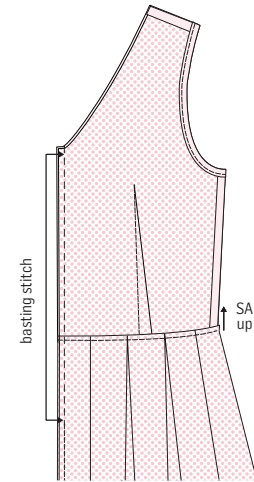


(8) Sew the center front seam on the skirt and press the seam allowances open. Pleat the skirt section, making sure you follow the pleat direction from the pattern piece. With RS together, sew the waist seam and press the seam allowances toward the neckline. Mitre the corners on the bodice and skirt seam at CB to reduce bulk. Hem the skirt. (9) Set the machine to its longest stitch and sew from CB neckline to zipper insertion point. Return the machine stitch to the usual stitch length, make a couple of backstitches to reinforce the opening, and sew to hem. Press the seam allowances open. Insert a concealed zipper (see page 176). Ensure the CB pleats are not caught as the zipper is stitched. You will need to stop stitching at the waist seam, raise the machine foot, and move the pleats clear of the work. Lower the needle and begin sewing below the waist seam. When the zipper is in position, unpick the basting stitches to release the opening. (10) Turn work to the right side and lay the collar, with right sides uppermost, onto the bodice. Lay the facing, with right sides together, on top of the collar and bodice, sandwiching the collar between the bodice and the facing. Pin in place, matching notches. (11) Sew through all layers around the front and back neckline edge, stopping at CB. Press the facing upward and understitch through the facing and seam allowances only. Grade the seam allowances to reduce bulk. Fold the facing into position, trim any excess, and hand-sew the facing edge to the zipper.

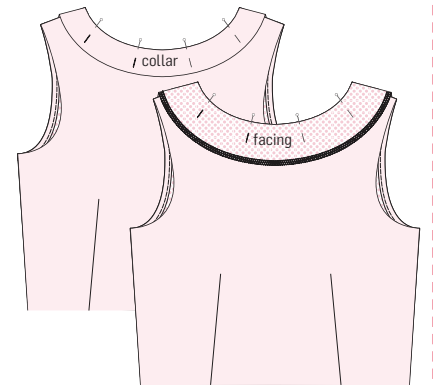
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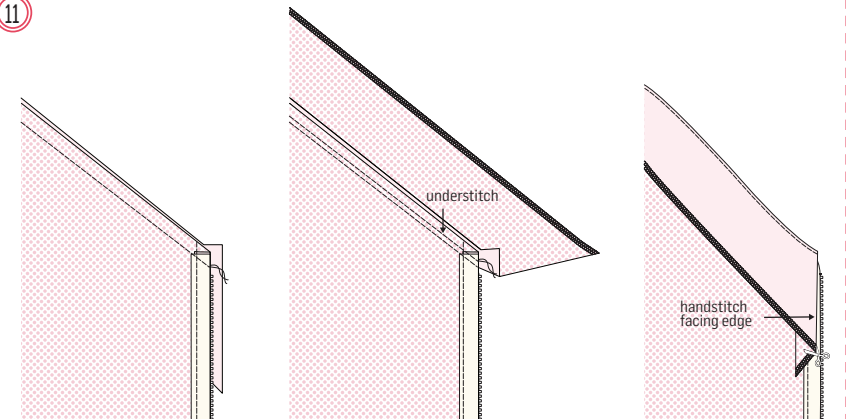
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**PATTERN TIP**

Do not over-press the pleats: steam gently and let the fullness fall through to the hem without constraining volume with rigid pleating.