

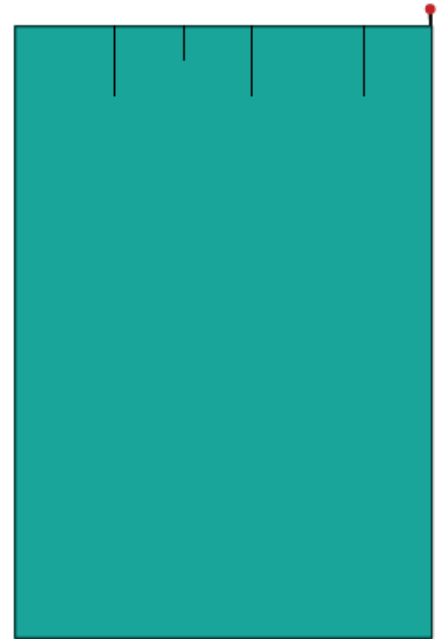


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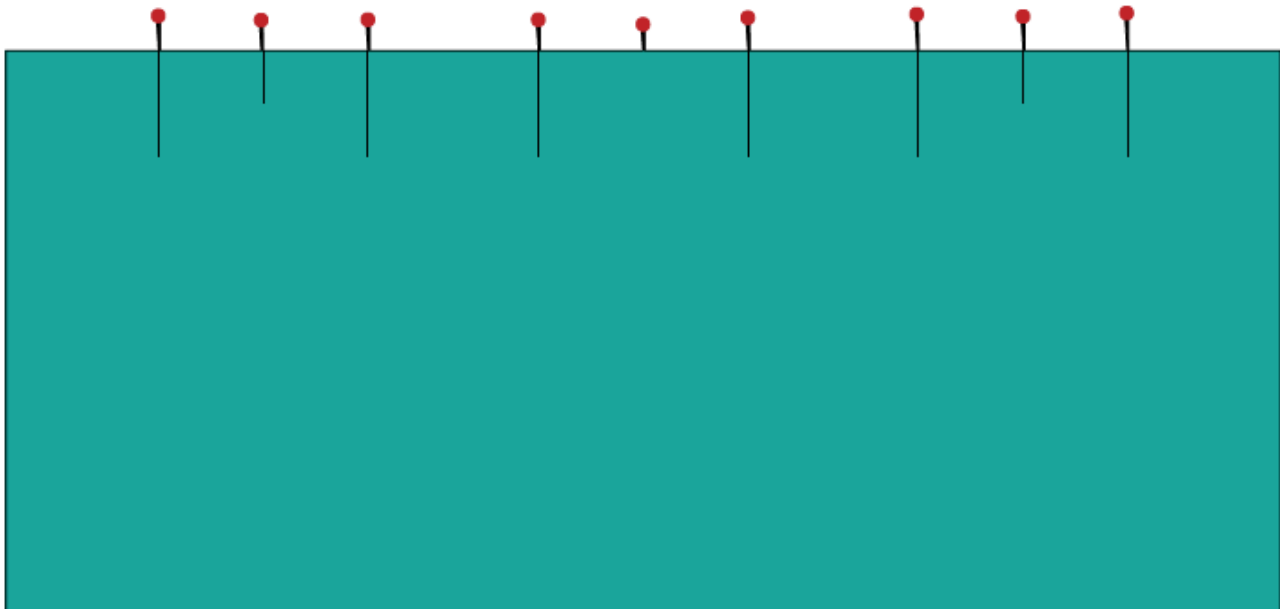
FULL BOX PLEATS

1. ENSURE ALL OF YOUR PLEATS ARE MARKED FROM THE PATTERN PIECES.

Take your Front Skirt and place a pin on the center front fold line.



2. Open your skirt up and lay it right sides up. Place a pin at each pleat mark.

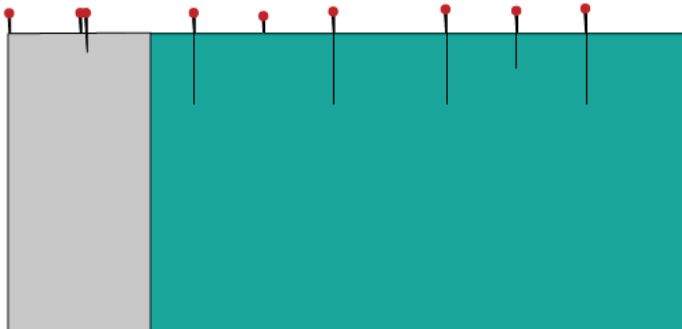




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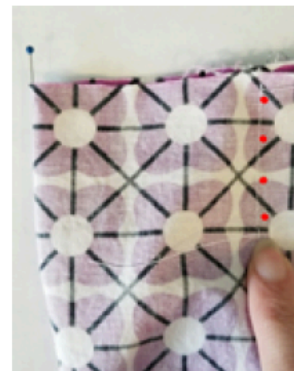
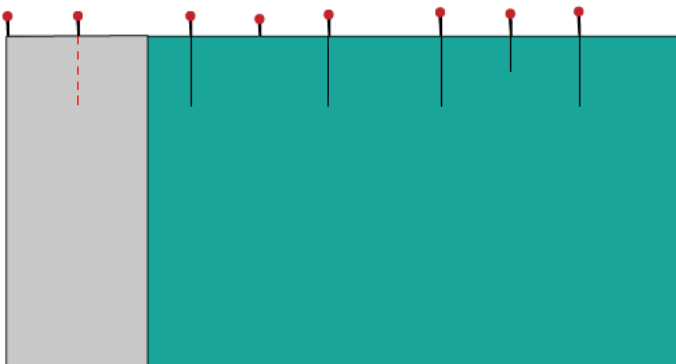
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3. Pick up your first pin and fold the skirt over so that your first pin is on top of your third pin, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER.

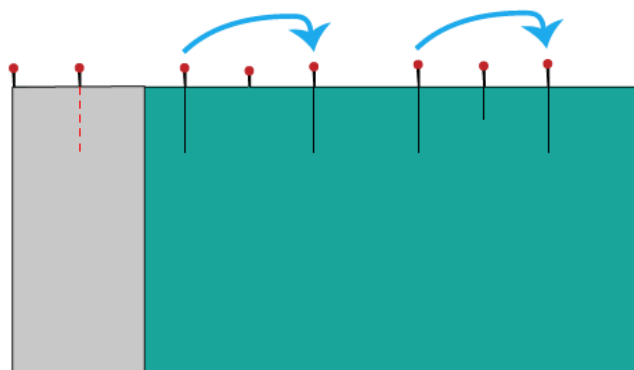


4. Baste down the pleat placement mark at the first/third pin 1-2".

NOTE You may choose to use a permanent stitch that you will not remove at the end. Permanent stitching will result in a pleat that is closed at the top 1-2" that you've sewn and then opens up after the stitching. Make sure you keep how far down you stitch consistent throughout ALL pleats. This method results in flatter waistline and is completely a style choice.



5. Repeat for the other two pleats. Fold the fourth pin to the sixth pin and the seventh pin to the ninth pin. Baste/sew each pleat where the two pins meet.

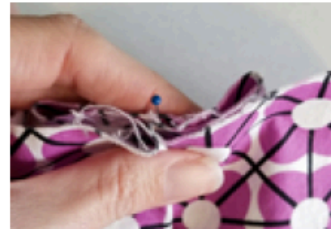
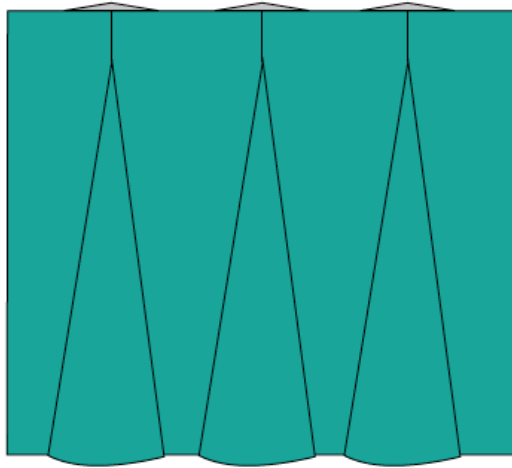




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6. Press each pleat open so that there is an equal amount of fabric on each side of the pleat.

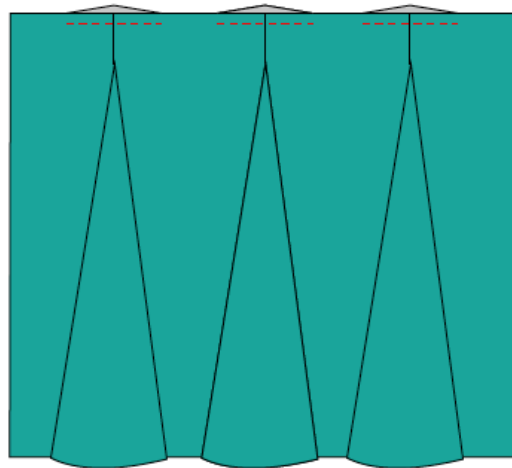


FRONT



BACK

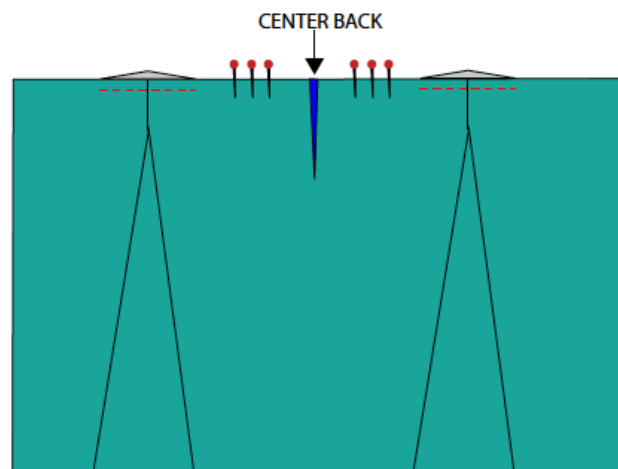
7. Baste across the top of each pressed pleat.



8. Place your Back Skirt right side up. Repeat steps 1-7 to create the two full box pleats on the Back Skirts.

NOTE The full box pleats are the pleats closest to the side seams.

The pleats closest to the center back are half box pleats and we will do those next.



Need a little more help?

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