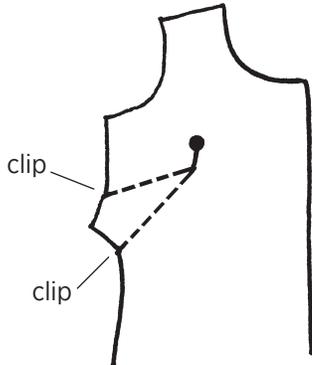


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# SEWING A PERFECT DART



## Mark and Pin the Dart:

**Tip:** If using a multi-size pattern, highlight the appropriate dart size before you cut out the pattern.

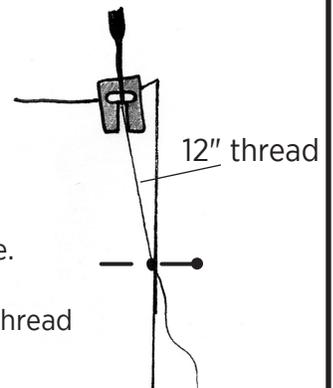
Make ¼" clips at the end of each dart line.

Push a pin through the bust point. On the wrong side of the fabric, mark where the pin goes in and out with a chalk or fabric marker.

Pin the dart, RST (right sides together), so that the clips meet and the bust point is right on the edge of the fabric. Place a pin horizontal at the dart point dot.

## Stitching the Dart:

Place fabric under the presser foot. Pull out about 12" of thread through the needle. Lower the needle into the fabric. Stitch a couple of stitches into the dart. Raise the presser foot, take the 12" thread, and position it to the bust point mark. Wrap the thread around the pin to secure. You now have a perfect guide to follow!



Stitch next to the thread line, right to the bust point, but not off the fabric. Lower the needle. Lift up the presser foot and straighten the fabric so that you can stitch 2-3 stitches very close to the fold. This makes the end of the dart very smooth with no puckers!

Chain off the end of the fabric by "sewing in air" until you get 1" - 2" of a thread chain. Attach the thread chain by sewing a couple stitches into the fold of the dart.

## Pressing the Dart:

Darts must always be pressed over a curved surface like a dressmaker's ham. Put the bust point, wrong side up, over the curved end of the ham. Push the dart to one side and steam generously. Use your hands to "press" the dart along the stitching line.

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