

Cashmerette

SEWING FOR CURVES

CONVERT DARTS TO PRINCESS SEAMS

SUPPLIES

- [Cashmerette Upton Dress sewing pattern](#), or another two darted bodice sewing pattern.
- Tracing paper, pencil, ruler.

ABOUT CASHMERETTE PATTERNS

- [Cashmerette Patterns](#) celebrates curves, confidence and limitless style. Created by a plus size seamstress, our sewing patterns are made exclusively for sizes 12 - 28 and cup sizes C - H. We believe in changing bodies and mindsets, rather than being told we should change our bodies. We believe the notion that beauty can be measured in numbers is way past its expiration date - and that we are undeniable proof. We design modern, elegant sewing patterns that make you look amazing, just as you are. You deserve a wardrobe that exudes personality and style, and you are just the person to make it.

WANT TO LEARN MORE PATTERN HACKING?

- Our online video workshop "[Pattern Hacking for Curves: 1 Top, 10 Ways](#)" teaches you the secrets of how pattern designers adapt a simple pattern to create lots of different styles. Endlessly altering patterns to fit your curves can be frustrating, but using this technique you only have to make your base pattern fit once – and then every variation you create will fit you! Watch from your own home, as many times as you like - it never expires!

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ALTER THE PATTERN PIECES

- Draw line through the bust dart, and line through waist dart. Where they cross is the bust apex.
- Mark armhole about 1/3 of the way up from the side seam.
- Draw a curved line using a French curve, from the armhole to the bust apex. Continue two lines down from apex to either side of the waist dart.
- Create new notch markings across the curved line, including one at end of dart.
- Cut pieces apart: you now have a side princess seam piece and a middle princess seam piece.
- Cut out dart on side princess seam piece. Snip into seam allowance at end of dart, creating a hinge. Swivel the dart closed and tape closed. Snip through the hinge to allow to lay flat.
- Measure how far hinge has spread (at seam allowance).
- Cut across middle princess piece at the height of the dart notch. Spread piece apart by the distance that the hinge has spread. Add tissue, tape and even out the edges.
- Add seam allowance onto the princess seam on both pieces.

SEW PRINCESS SEAMS

- Cut 2 side princess pieces and 1 middle princess seam (on the fold). Snip notches.
- Pin 1 side to 1 middle, right sides together, with side piece underneath.
- Carefully sew seam, making sure there are no tucks.
- Finish seam allowance, and press towards center front.
- Repeat with second side.



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