

Series 1413

Felice Regina - Cutting Garment Patterns from Border Prints

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Patterns shown: Simplicity 1208 (left) and Cambie Dress by Sewaholic Patterns (right)



Cutting garment patterns from border prints requires a bit of extra time and fabric. Here are some helpful tips and considerations for working with border prints.

- You will probably need extra yardage when making border print garments because. I suggest purchasing at least a yard more than your pattern suggests.
- Trace your pattern pieces onto Swedish tracing paper. This will enable you to see your fabric through the pattern piece easily and reposition it without worrying about ripping a tissue pattern.
- Lay fabric flat when arranging pattern pieces for cutting, not folded selvedge to selvedge.
- Disregard pattern placement diagrams. Instead, arrange pattern pieces according to what part of the print you would like to feature. Do follow grain direction though!
- Remember to take hem allowance into account when placing pattern pieces on the fabric.
- Because border prints run parallel to the grain, they are not suited for bias-cut garments.
- Skirts and dresses with straight hemlines are best suited to border prints. If your skirt has a curved hem, you can alter the pattern piece to make it into a straight hem.
- Use the trace-and-flip method for cutting pattern pieces that need to be cut on the fold: trace the pattern piece with a removable marking pen, then flip the pattern over the fold line to trace the second half.