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**Guidelines to Follow in Making Dress Sloper**

(read carefully through before beginning)

Using Silhouette Pattern #4200-(bring this dress muslin to class, must be made before class)

1. **Measure another garment that has the amount of ease you like at the bust.** According to the envelope, make that corresponding bust size. The garments that you measure does not have to fit, you just are deciding on how much extra ease you like at the bust. The rest we will do in class. Silhouette patterns are sized by finished garment measurements and do contain the ease, they are not body measurements. Choose the cup size that corresponds with your bra size. You will have a choice of either a B cup, C cup, or D cup.
2. Lay out the tissue pattern on muslin and cut out. The purpose of this paper is to save you time and make this easy. Read the instructions inside the pattern envelope to notice how piece number 1 & 2 align with one another, do not make changes to the original tissue unless you talk to me first. Make only one change: Instead of cutting the center front of the dress with a seam allowance, move the ***center front*** of the dress to the fold, eliminating the seam allowance. This simply saves you from having to sew a seam up the center front, by putting the center front on the fold. This does not change the fit, it just saves you from stitching one seam. Therefore the center front of the dress will be on the fold.
3. Add additional seam allowance to three (3) vertical seams and one (1) horizontal seam, this would include both pieces that make that seam. The seam allowance on the pattern is 3/8", add an additional 5/8" to make the total seam allowance 1". You are to ***machine baste*** on the original stitching lines. The three seams are, the seam that goes from shoulder to hem on the front and the back, both sides of that. Also the side seam, both side back and side front. The shoulder seam should also be added to, both front and back. Do not add to the center front, center back, armhole or neckline. Leave the back of the dress open, this is how you will get into the dress.
4. **Do not backstitch.** We only need one sleeve. Do increase the seam allowance on the two vertical seams to 1" also, in case additional circumference on the sleeve is necessary. The W sizing is used for larger upper arms. If the circumference of your upper arm is 14" or more, use the W sizing. Still stitch on the original stitch line.
5. Machine baste, side seams and shoulders and sleeves. **Do not backstitch.** Do not stitch sleeves into armholes.
6. You're done!! **Approx.** cutting and sewing time: 3 hours.

**Optional:** You may also bring to class any pattern that you may want to make and we will compare the dress sloper you make in class to this pattern so you will know where to make the changes before you cut out the new pattern.

Class Supplies:

Sewing Machine ( if the store does not provide one.), Shoulder pads,( the width you like)  
Pins, scissors, french curve,(you will be shown how to use one as it relates to necklines, armholes, and hiplines), and misc. sewing notions, and the muslin shell.

***Questions?- don't be afraid to call me at 1-800-784-8245.***