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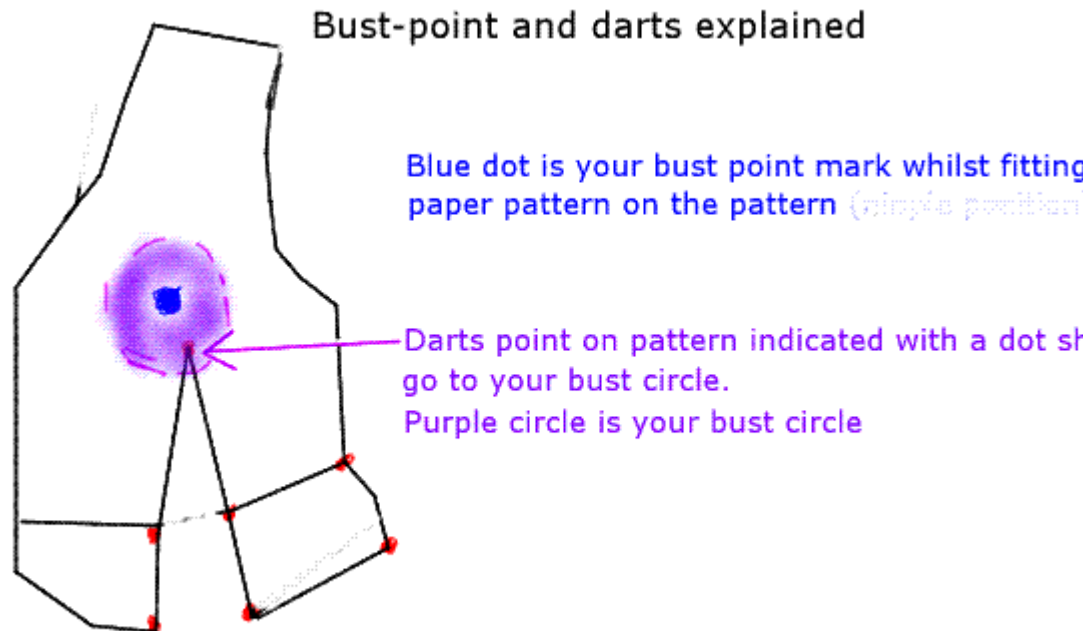
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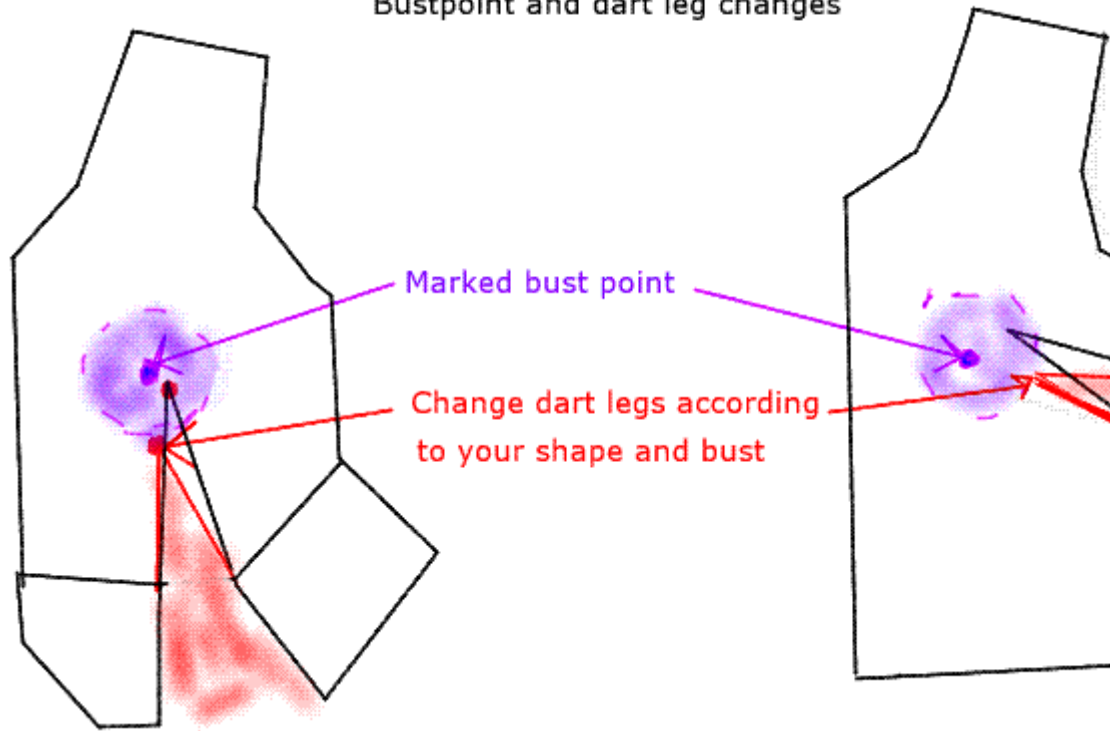
Fitting Darts

Figuring the dart length on skirts or trousers if there is no indication of a bottom dart pattern. FIT the paper pattern, flatten the paper on your body whilst fitting the pattern. The dart will automatically shape to your body contours. Mark clearly on the paper pattern.

Bust darts should point to your bust circle. Sometimes we need to lower/higher the bust dart. We are all different in our shapes to get it perfect for everybody!

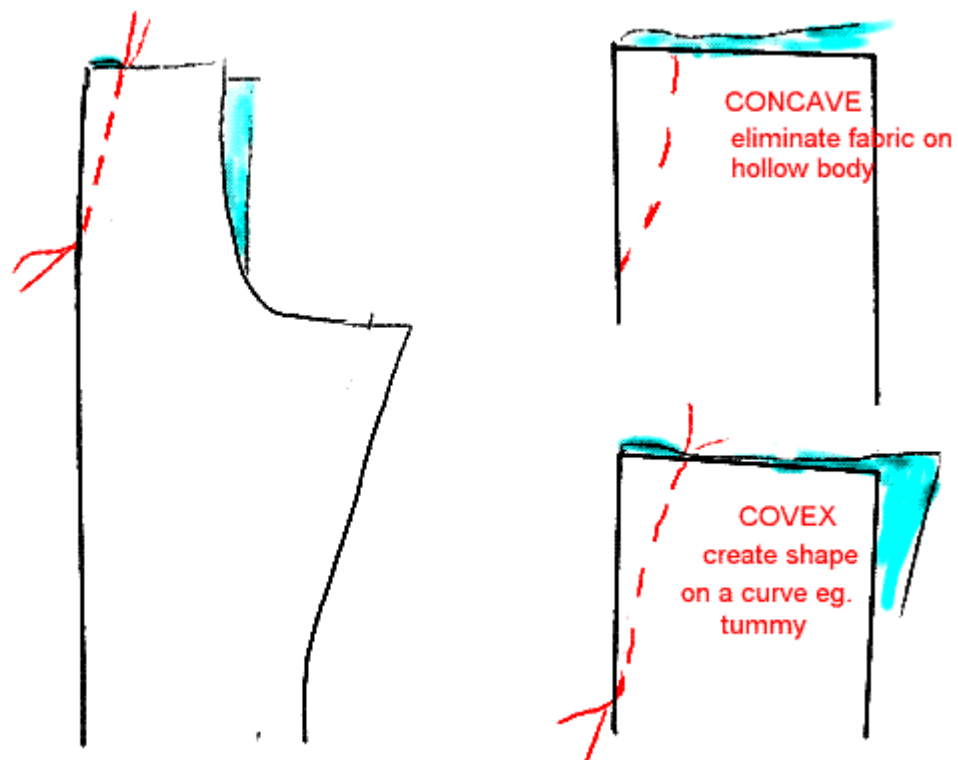


Bustpoint and dart leg changes



Shaping Darts

When sewing darts on skirts and trousers, check the length and shape according to your body shape. Shorten/lengthen the dart if needed. Shape it either to be concave/convex according to your shape.



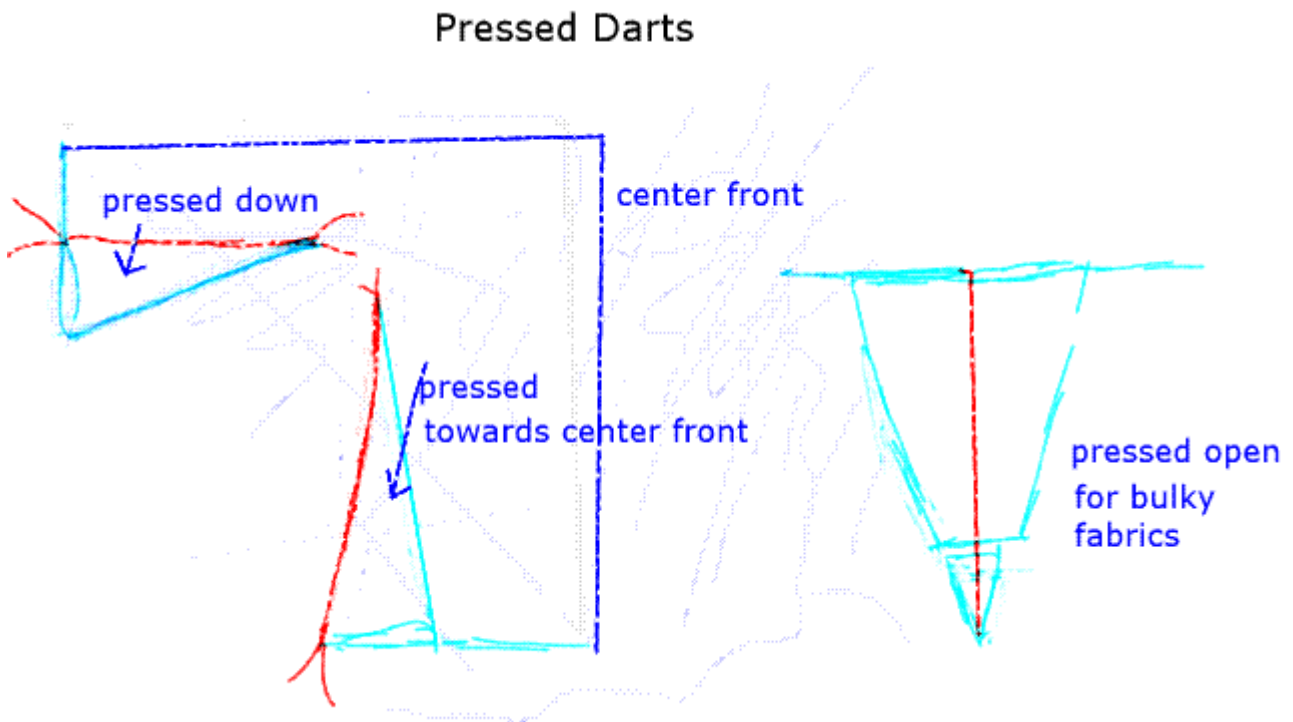
Stitching Darts

Start from the widest part going to the narrowest point of the dart. When stitching a dart, slightly curve the stitching line towards the fold at the tip and run your last few stitches down the fold. This will avoid "pointed" or "puckered" dart tips.

Pressing Darts

Always press darts over a shaped surface, such as a tailor's ham. Darts are usually pressed toward center and/or down, as shown below. Although this is not a hard and fast rule it usually looks best on the garment. Generally, darts pressed this way will be pressed away from the bulging areas of the body, somewhat filling concave curves.

Bulky fabrics are usually split along the dart fold, nearly to the tip and pressed open, with the tip of the dart pressed to one side or flat as shown below. This helps balance the fabric on each side of the dart.



Online Classes/Projects

Due to numerous requests from our customers, we have decided to market all our Classes and Projects in **format**. So with immediate effect you can order any Class and/or Project from us and we will ship it to you immediately in a CD format. This will allow you to work through the classes and projects in your own time (whenever and where-ever you want to). We will then post three or four time frames per annum on our Website. During these time frames you can post any questions relating to the Classes/Projects you have enrolled for to Sonja.

The prices of our Classes/Projects quoted on our website will include packaging and shipment across the globe. If you want to order any of the classes/projects, just click on the ORDER link and follow the easy payment instructions on our secure website.

The time frames for 2009 - when you can pose questions to Sonja - will be as follows:

- 14 April - 4 May
- 13 July - 2 August
- 14 September - 4 October

We will be introducing two additional Projects during 2009 namely:

- Blouse designing

- Maternity designing

Will keep you posted on the progress

For more information and costs regarding these Classes/Projects please go to [ONLINE CLASSES](#) or [ONLINE PROJECTS](#)

Supplement #272

The most recent Supplement number 272 (Spring) is now available.

If you click on the following link on our website: http://www.dressmaking.co.nz/lutt_patterns.htm and then click on the "**Model Preview**" you can view the patterns in this supplement

The 40 patterns are available for US\$20 plus shipment. You can also subscribe for a full year and receive supplements of 40 patterns each for US\$60 plus postage. To order please go to [ORDER](#) and follow the instructions.

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