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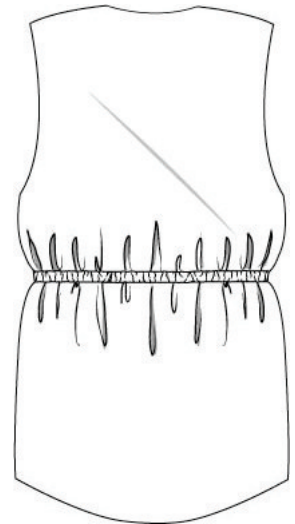
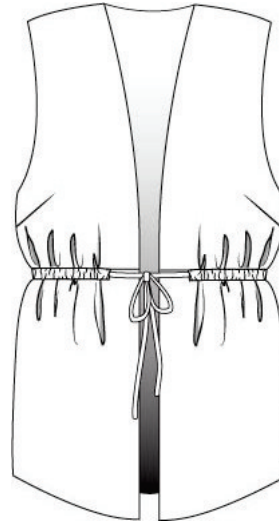


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Slinky-Slouchy Drawstring Vest



A fabulous layering piece and a year-round wardrobe essential, this gorgeously relaxed style is designed for lightweight drape-y fabrics...think beaded chiffon or tulle, vintage sari fabrics or try a silk velvet, soft cotton lace, or embroidered semi-sheers. Semi-fitted edge-to-edge vest has a low V-neck with drawstring closure and French darts. Finish the vest with a narrow hem for a polished look, or leave the edges raw for BoHo fabulousness. You can instantly update your favorite basics...a T-shirt, plain blouse, simple skirt or classic pants...with this glamorous piece, guaranteed to add a totally on-trend slinky, slouchy look.

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SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances are 5/8" or 1.5 cm wide;
all seams are sewn right sides together unless
OR you can sew French seams if you wish.

The neckline, hem and armholes have a 5/8" or 1.5cm
deep hem allowance...you can finish these edges with
a narrow hem, or leave them raw for a deconstructed look.

Skills needed include: making & applying a drawstring casing;
working a hem; sewing French seams.

ABOUT THIS STYLE

The Vest has an semi-fitted, slightly relaxed silhouette,
with French darts and a drawstring waist for shaping.

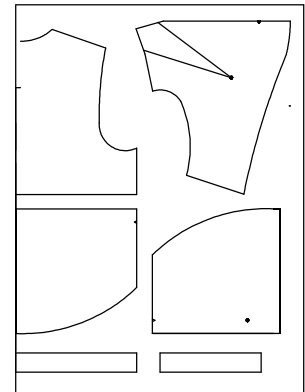
Oh yes, as always, make & fit a muslin before
you cut into your fabric...in this case, use a
cheap fabric with a similar drape to your chosen fabric.

SUGGESTED CUTTING LAYOUT FOR THE VEST

fold fabric in half, with selvedge
to selvedge for this layout

FABRIC REQUIRED

All sizes need around
1 1/4 yards/115 cm of
60"/150cm wide fabric
for the vest. You'll also
need enough 5/8" or 1.5 cm
wide ribbon to circle
your waist 1 & 1/2 times.



SEWING FRENCH SEAMS

French seams are easy-peasy to do, and they give a great
finish on sheer, semi-sheer or lightweight fabrics...
here's how you do them.

WRONG SIDES TOGETHER sew your seam using a
1/4" or 0.65cm seam allowance. Press this seam open.
Now, **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER**, sew another seam
parallel to the first, this time using a 3/8" or 1 cm
seam allowance. Press the seam allowance to one side.

Voila!! Now all the raw edges of the seam are encased. Beautiful!

NARROW HEM Vs RAW EDGE FINISH

To finish the armholes, hem and neckline on this garment, you can
EITHER work a narrow hem around these edges OR do a 'raw edge' finish.

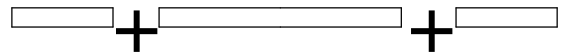
For a narrow hemmed edge: sew a line of straight stitches along the edge
of the fabric, about 1/4" or 0.65cm in from the cut edge. Press the edges
under along this line of stitching, then press this folded edge under 3/8" or 1cm.
Hem along this double-folded edge. Press flat, and you're done!

For a raw edge finish: sew a line of straight stitches along the edge
of the fabric, about 3/4" or 2cm in from the cut edge. Trim about 1/2" or
1.25cm from the edges...use pinking shears for a deconstructed look.
Press flat, and you're done!

- 1 Join the front drawstring casings to the back drawstring casing
along the side seams, and press the seams open.

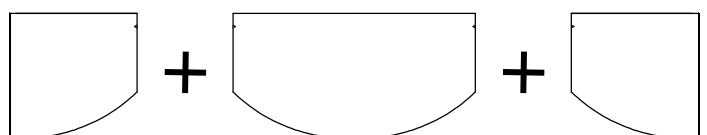
Press and stitch the short ends under 5/8" or 1.5cm.

Set aside until step 3.



- 2a Work a narrow hem OR a raw edge finish along the front edges;
then do the same finish on the bottom curved edges of the
lower fronts & back.

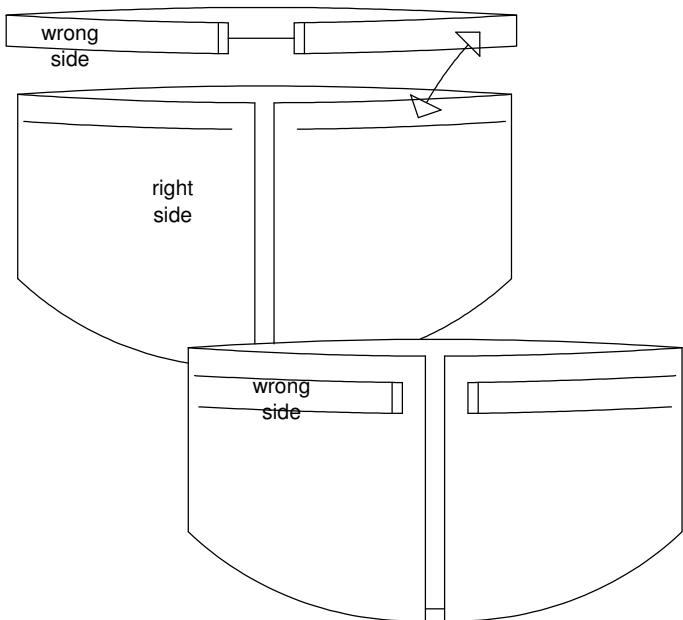
- 2b Using a standard seam with a 5/8" or 1.5cm seam allowance, OR
using French seams, join the lower fronts to the lower back along
the side seams, and press the seams open (for French seams, to the back).



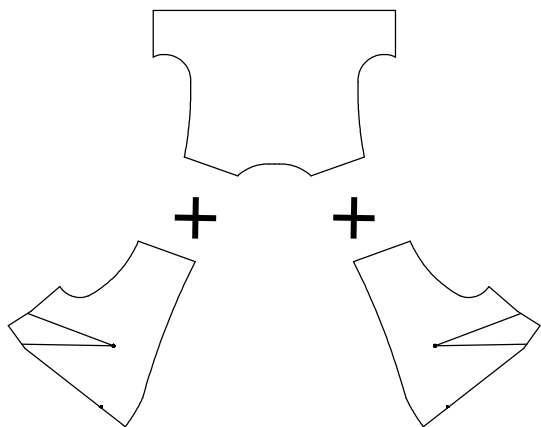
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Following the stitchline marked on the pattern, stitch the bottom edge of the casing to the lower front & back. Press this casing upwards... the raw edge of the casing should align with the raw edge of the lower back & front.

- 3** Baste or pin the upper edges of the casing and the lower front & back together.



- 4a** Using a standard seam with a 5/8" or 1.5cm seam allowance, OR using French seams, join the upper fronts to the upper back along the shoulder seams, and press the seams open (for French seams, to the back).



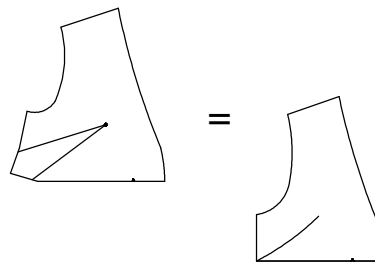
- 4b** Work a narrow hem OR a raw edge finish along the armhole, neckline and front edges.

- 5** Sew out the French darts on the fronts. You can sew them as usual, OR you can use a French seam, in which case you'll do it this way:

Fold the dart out **WRONG SIDES TOGETHER**, then sew the dart about 1/4" or 0.65cm away from the dart seamline...the seam should be inside the dart.

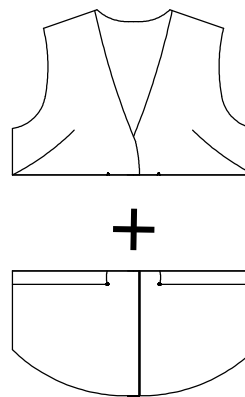
Trim off the excess very close to the seamline, then press the dart seam open.

Complete your French seam as usual, folding the dart **RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER** and sewing along the dart seam about 3/8" or 1cm out.



- 6** Using a standard seam with a 5/8" or 1.5cm seam allowance, OR using French seams, join the upper fronts to the upper back along the side seams, and press the seams open (for French seams, to the back).

- 7** Using a standard seam with a 5/8" or 1.5cm seam allowance, OR using French seams, join the upper fronts to the upper back along the side seams, and press the seams open (for French seams, towards the hem).



- 8** Complete the vest by threading your drawstring through the casing... do this by pinning a safety pin through the drawstring and threading it in one opening, along the casing and out the other opening.

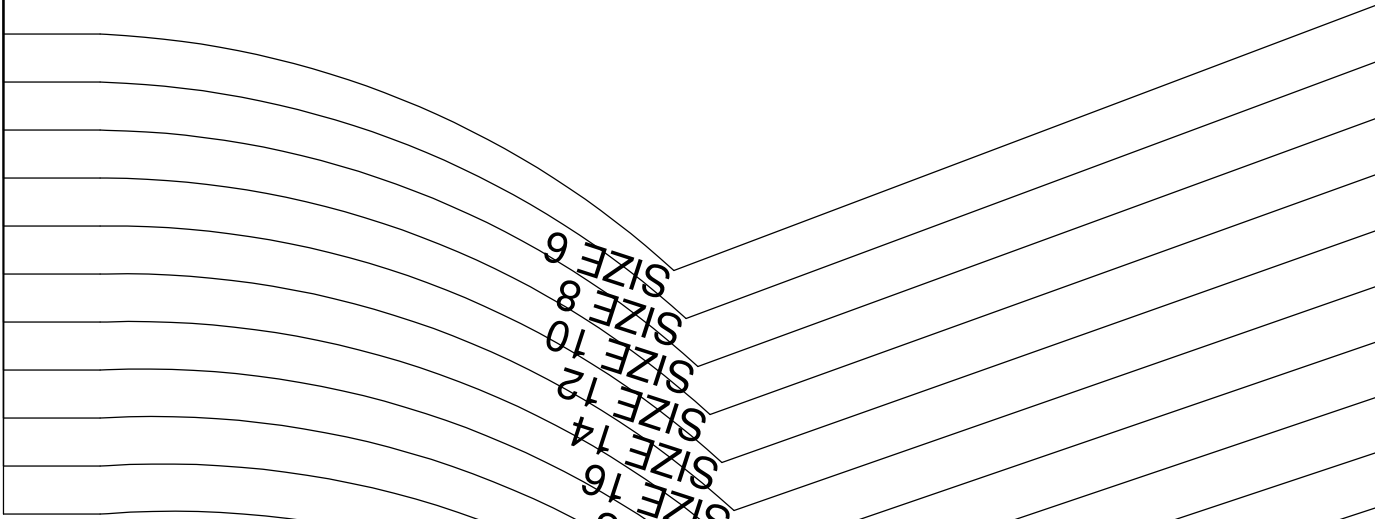
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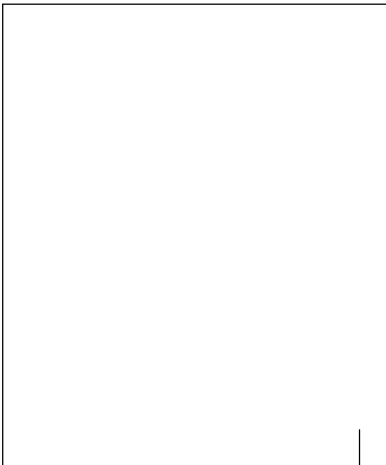
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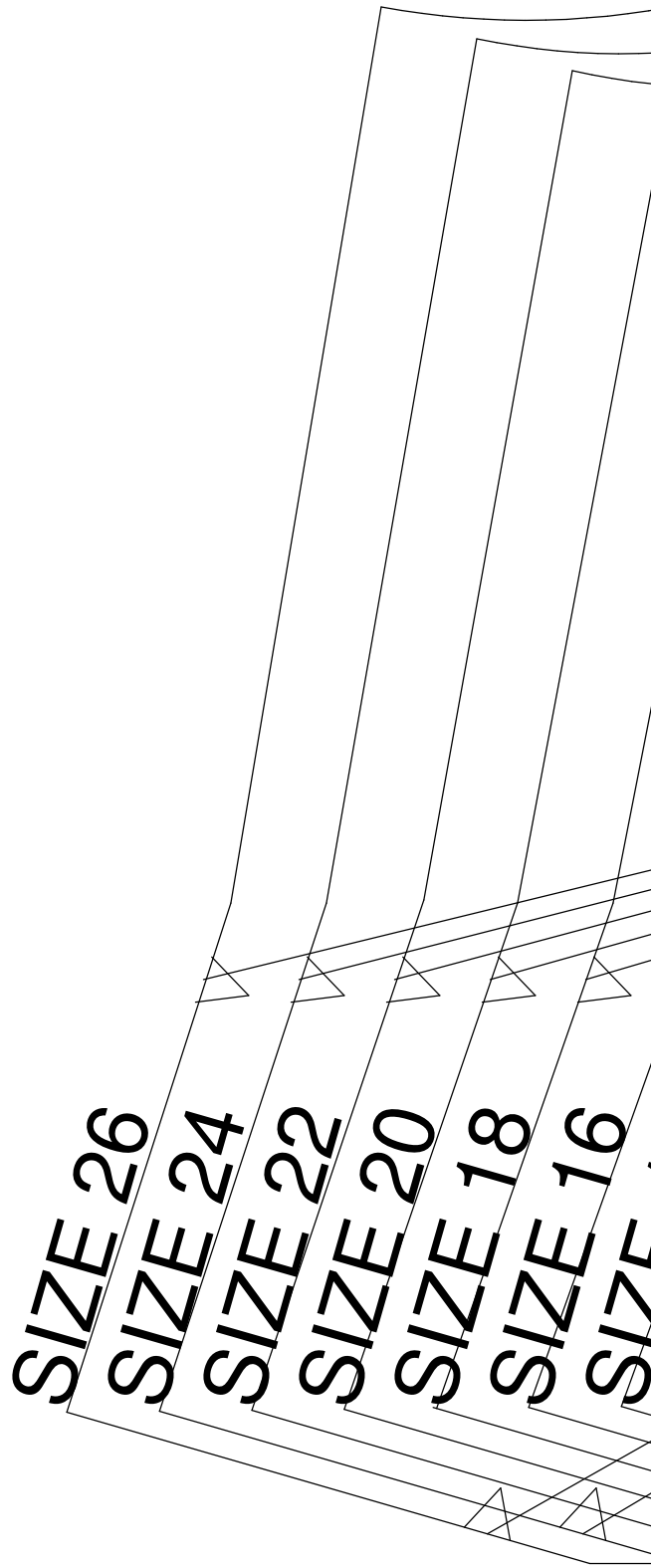


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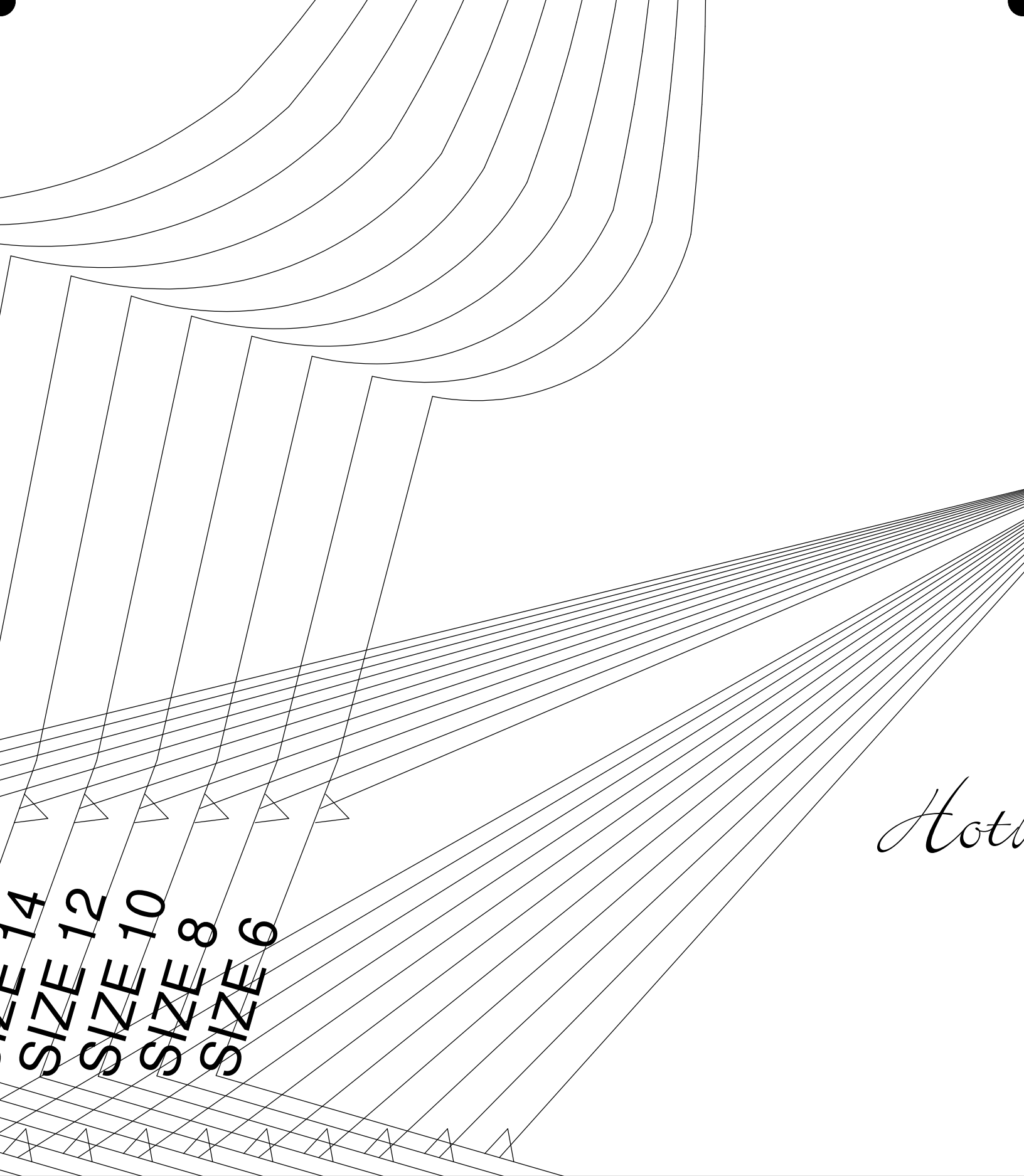
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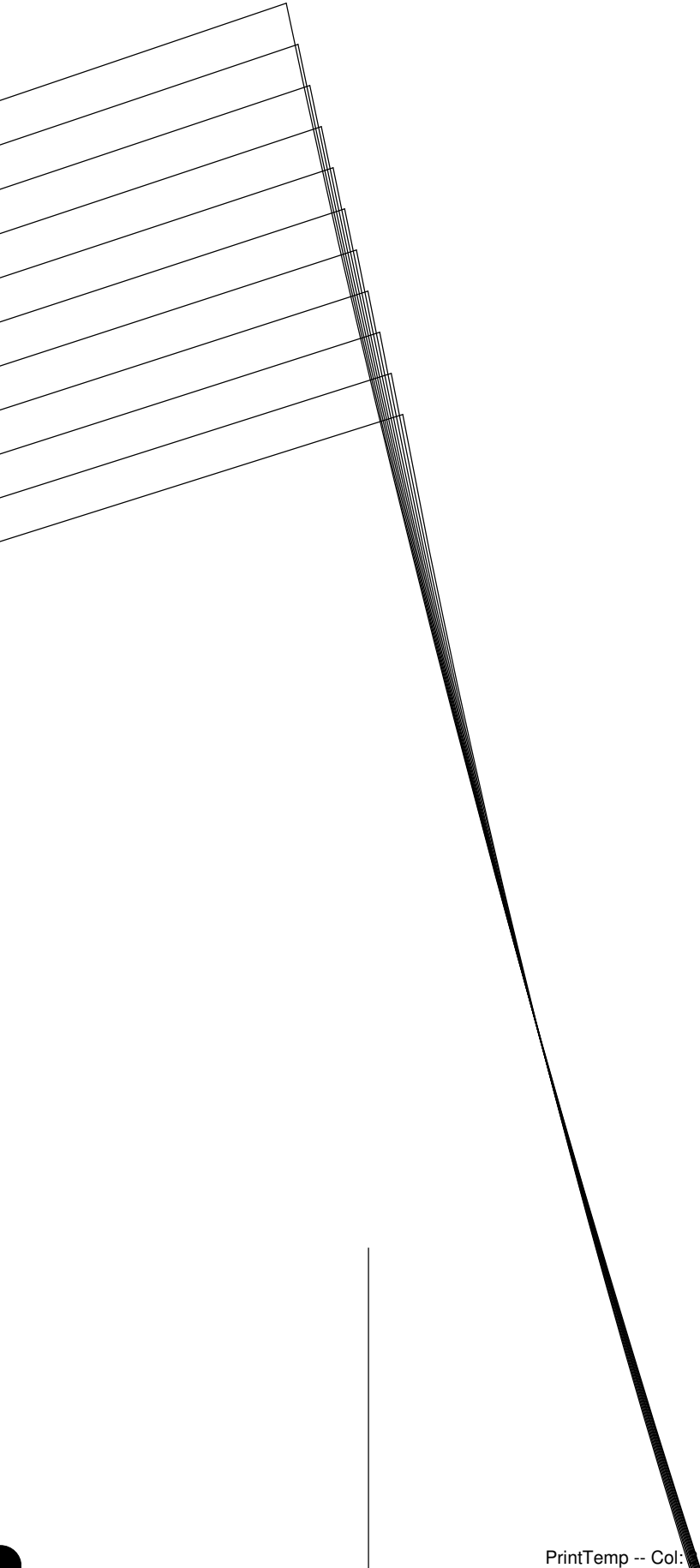
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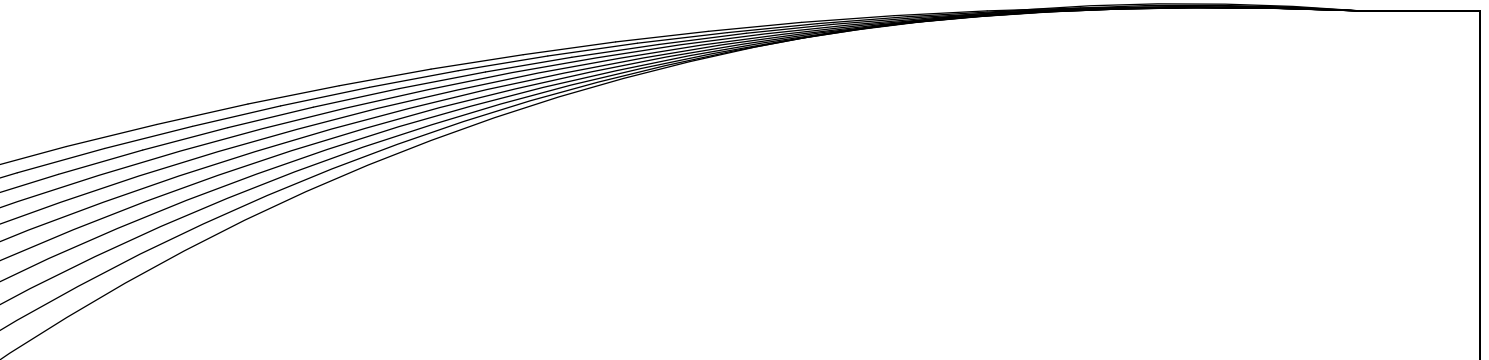
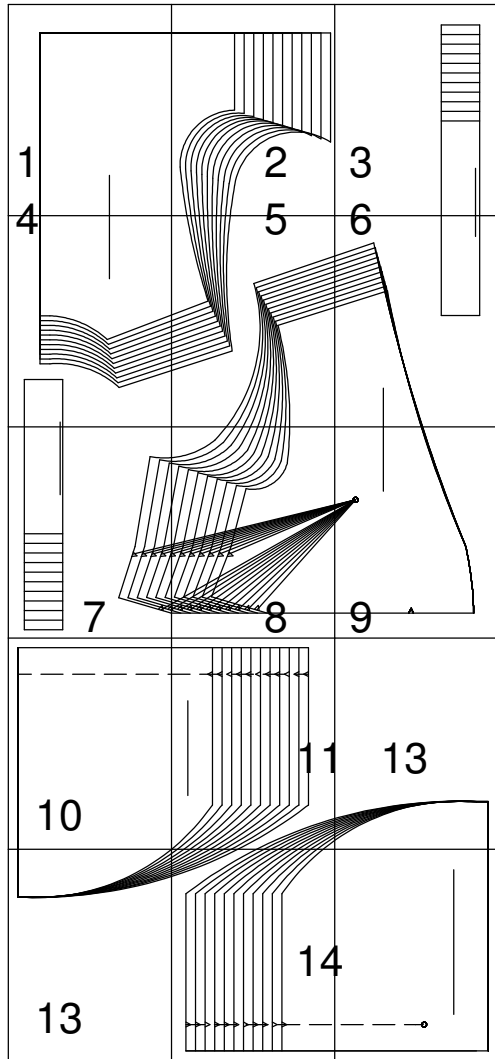
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