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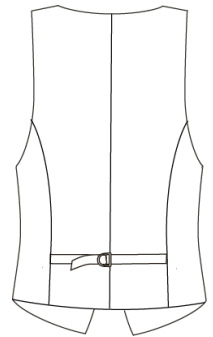
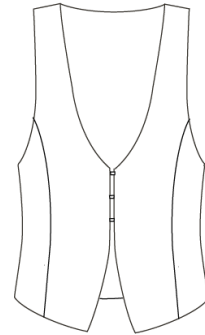
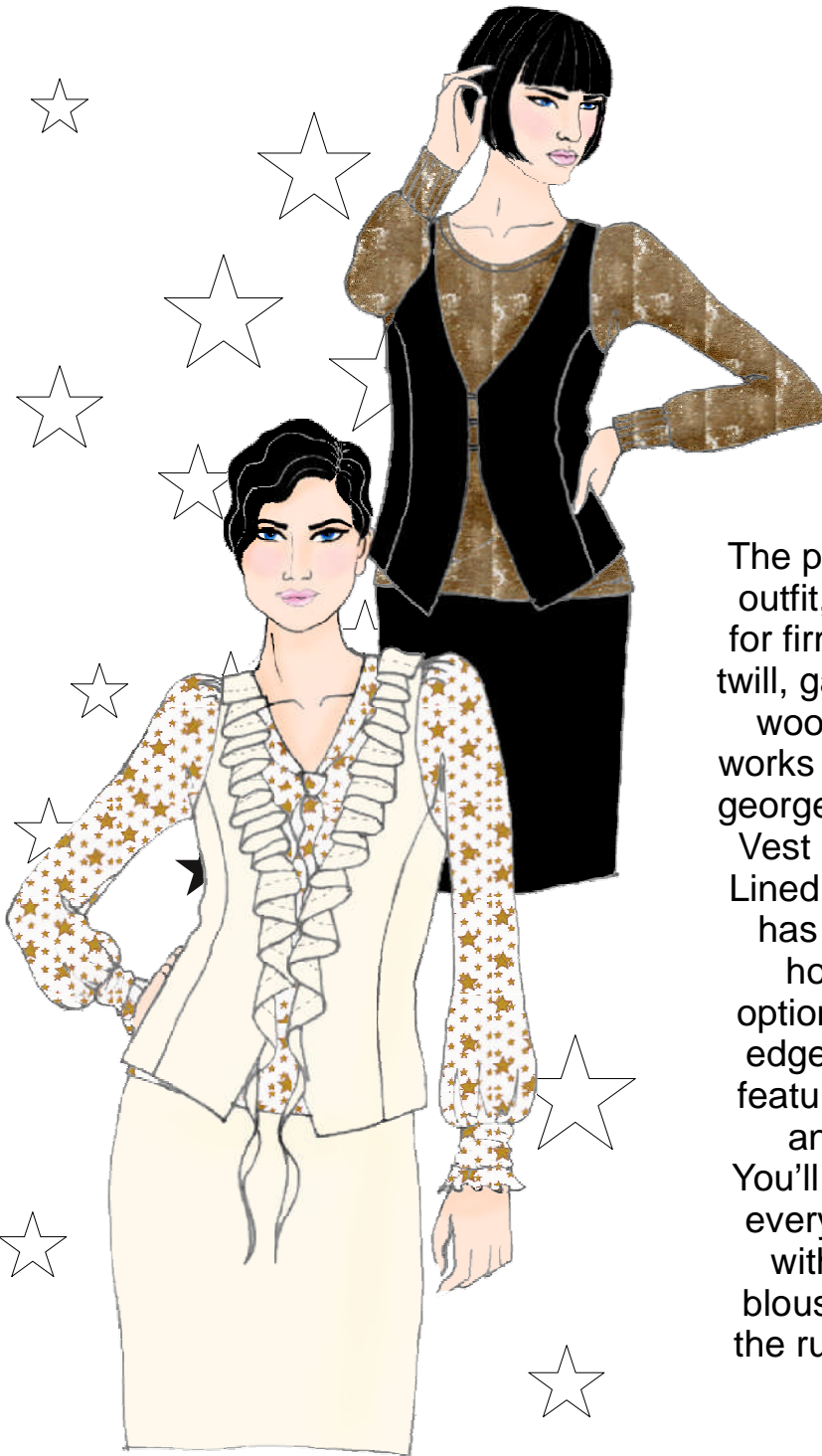


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Shining Star Waistcoat



The perfect way to sharpen up your outfit, this stylish Vest is designed for firm, medium weight fabrics like twill, gabardine, denim, brocade and wool suitings; the optional ruffle works best in fluid fabrics like crepe, georgette or chiffon. The back of the Vest can be in self fabric or lining. Lined, fitted Princess-seamed Vest has a V-neckline, edge-to-edge hook & eye closures and an optional, detachable contrast raw-edged ruffle at the neckline. Vest features a back tie or buckled belt and classic V-front hemline. You'll wear this fabulous style over every top, blouse or T-shirt...try it without the ruffle over a pretty blouse and dressy jeans, or wear the ruffled version with a simple T-shirt and pencil skirt...glamour is guaranteed!

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SEAM ALLOWANCES & OTHER INFO

Seam allowances are 5/8" wide.
All seams are sewn right sides
together unless otherwise stated.

Skills needed include: joining pieces along curved seams;
making a lining; inserting a bagged out lining (don't worry,
we'll tell you how!); turning belt strips; applying hooks & eyes.

OPTIONAL: joining & hemming ruffles; making & applying
elastic loops and buttons.

ABOUT THIS STYLE

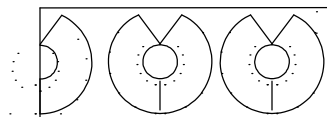
This Vest is shapely without being tight;
the back belt can have a buckle or just be tied.

The neck ruffles are optional, but totally gorgeous...
but if you don't want to have them, then don't!
It's your vest after all...

Oh yes...don't forget to make and fit a muslin for
this style before you cut into your 'real' fabric:
this makes the difference between a good
garment and a fabulous one!

SUGGESTED CONTRAST CUTTING LAYOUT

fold fabric in half from selvedge to selvedge
for this layout

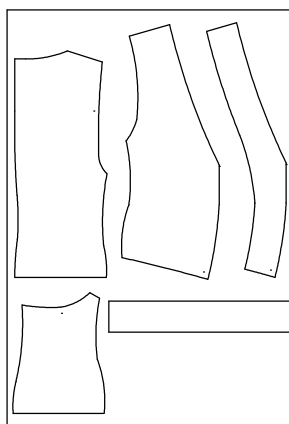


FABRIC & NOTION REQUIREMENTS

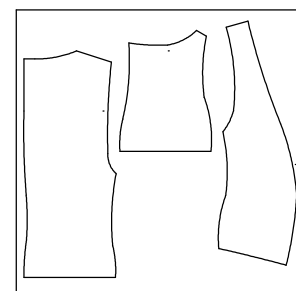
You'll need about 1 1/4 yards of fabric, 1 yard of
lining and around 1/2 yard of contrast fabric.
(We're assuming here that your fabric is 60" wide.)

You'll also need around 1/4 yard of interfacing,
3 x hook & eye closures, 9 x 1/2" buttons and about
1 yard of shirring or very thin elastic.

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SUGGESTED LINING CUTTING LAYOUT fold lining in half from selvedge to selvedge for this layout



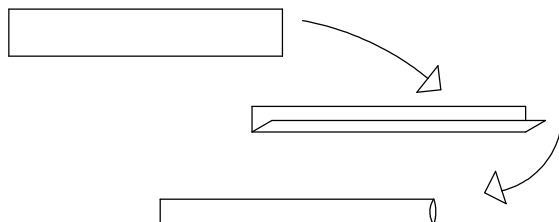
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Interface the front facings.

Prepare the back belt strips:

Fold each strip in half lengthways, then sew one of
2 the short ends and the long edge together,
so you have a tube, closed at one end.

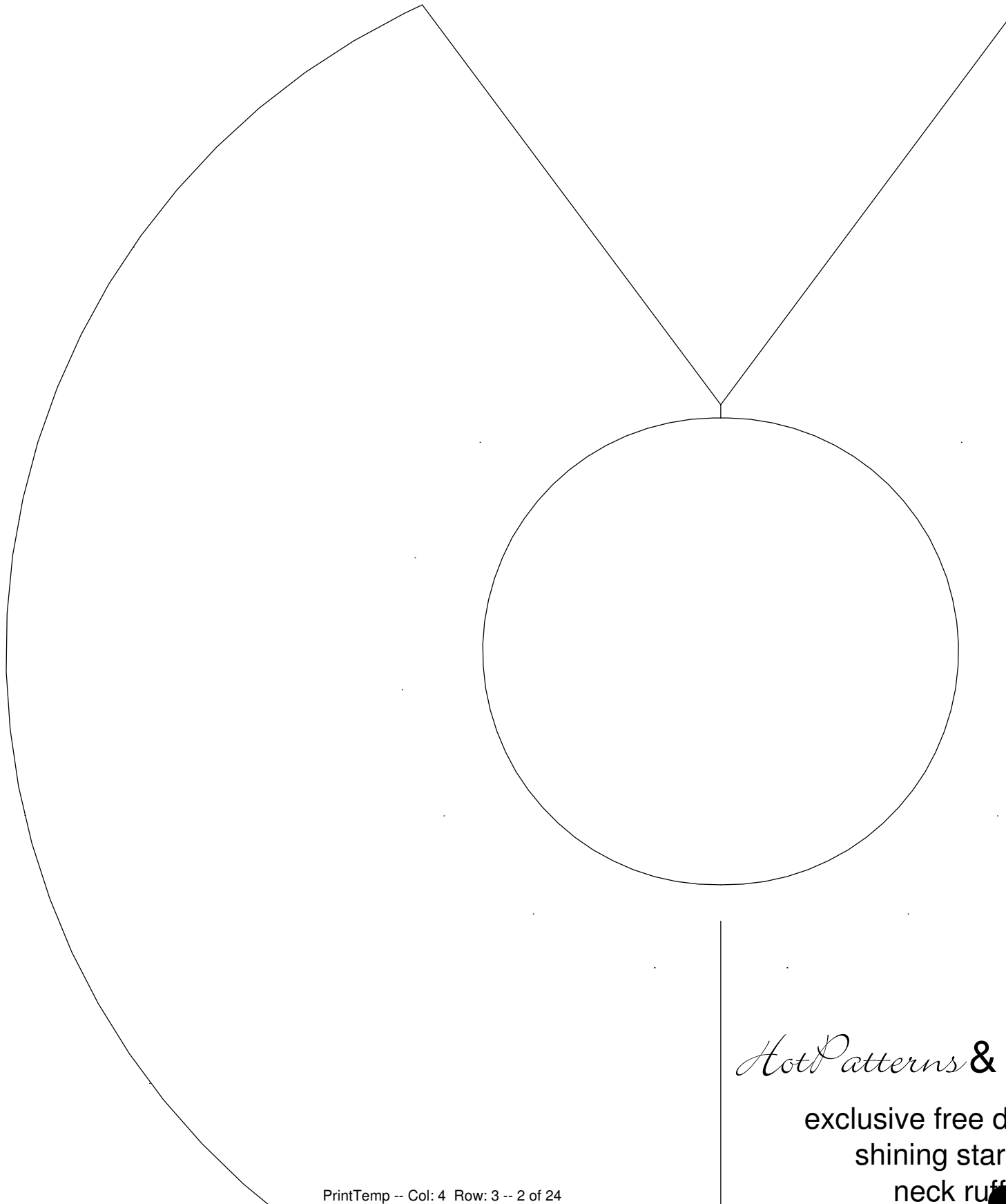
Press the seam allowances open, and turn out,
then press the strips flat.



If you want to use a buckle for your back belt,
now's the time! Slide the buckle onto one of the
3 belt strips and stitch the buckle into place.

Slide the remaining belt strip through the buckle,
and position the buckle so it will sit in the middle
of the center back panel.

If you'd rather just tie the belt at the back,
you're good!



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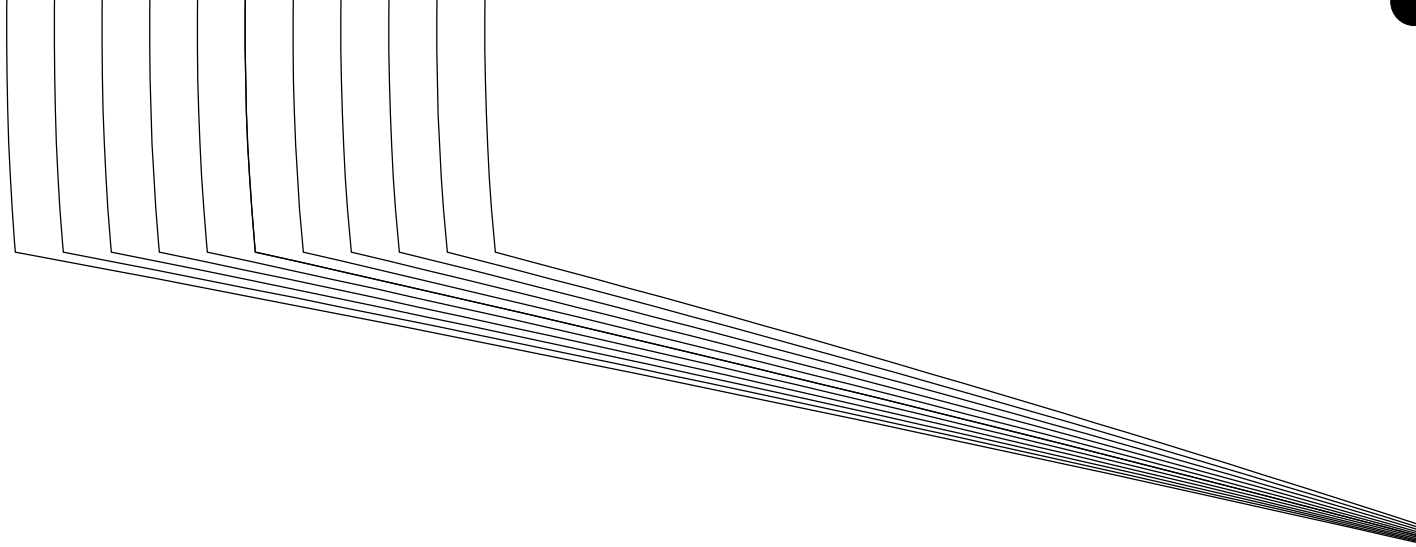
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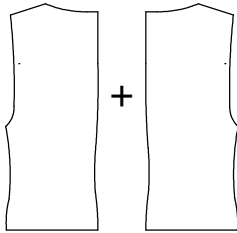
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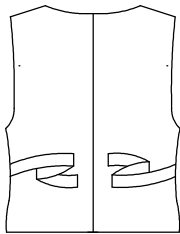
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- 4 Join the backs along the center back seam;
repeat this on the back linings.

Press all the seams open.



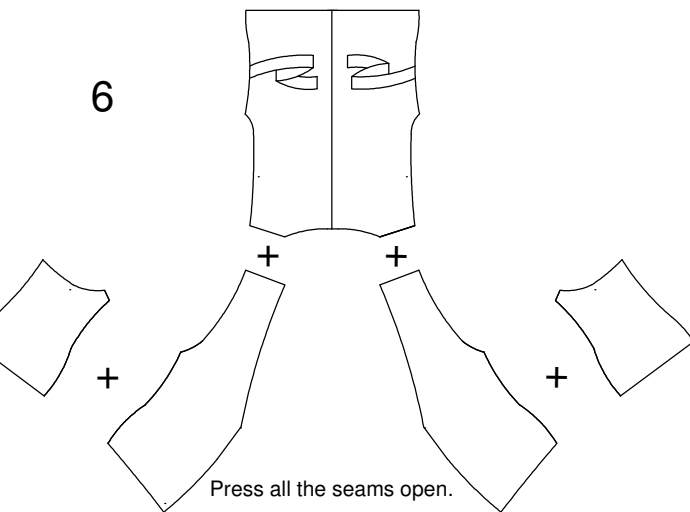
- 5 Baste the back belt onto the center back...
you'll see 2 notches on the center back panel,
just line the belt strips up with those.



Time to prepare the vest body...

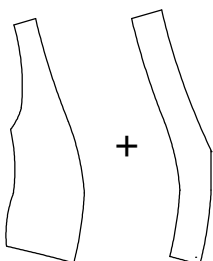
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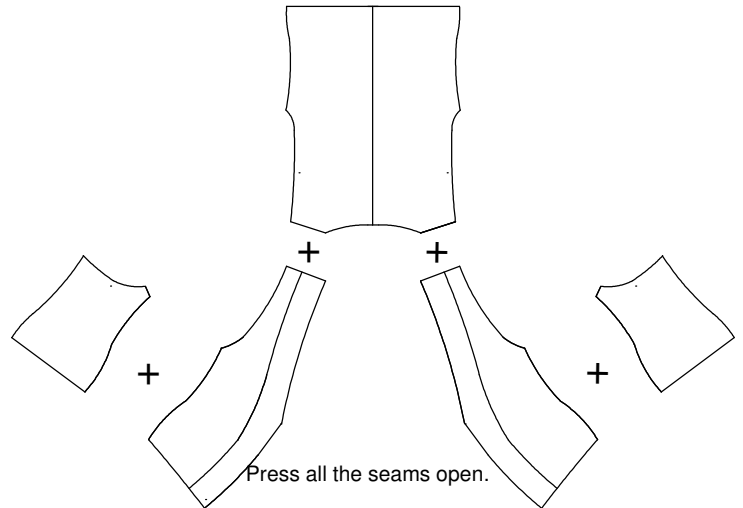
Now we're ready to prepare the lining...

- 7 Join the front lining to the front facing,
and press the seams open.



- 8 Now complete the lining assembly...

Join the fronts to the side panels; join the back
to the fronts at the shoulder seams.



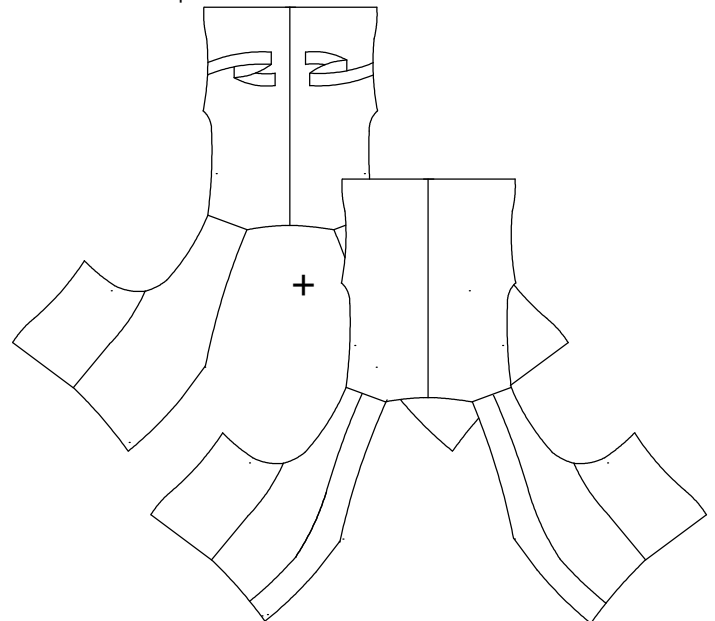
So far so good...now we're going to join both layers,
know as 'bagging out'.

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RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER:

Join the lining to the vest, starting at the center back neck.
Sew around the neckline, down the front and across the
front hem to the edge of the side panel.

Repeat this on the other side.



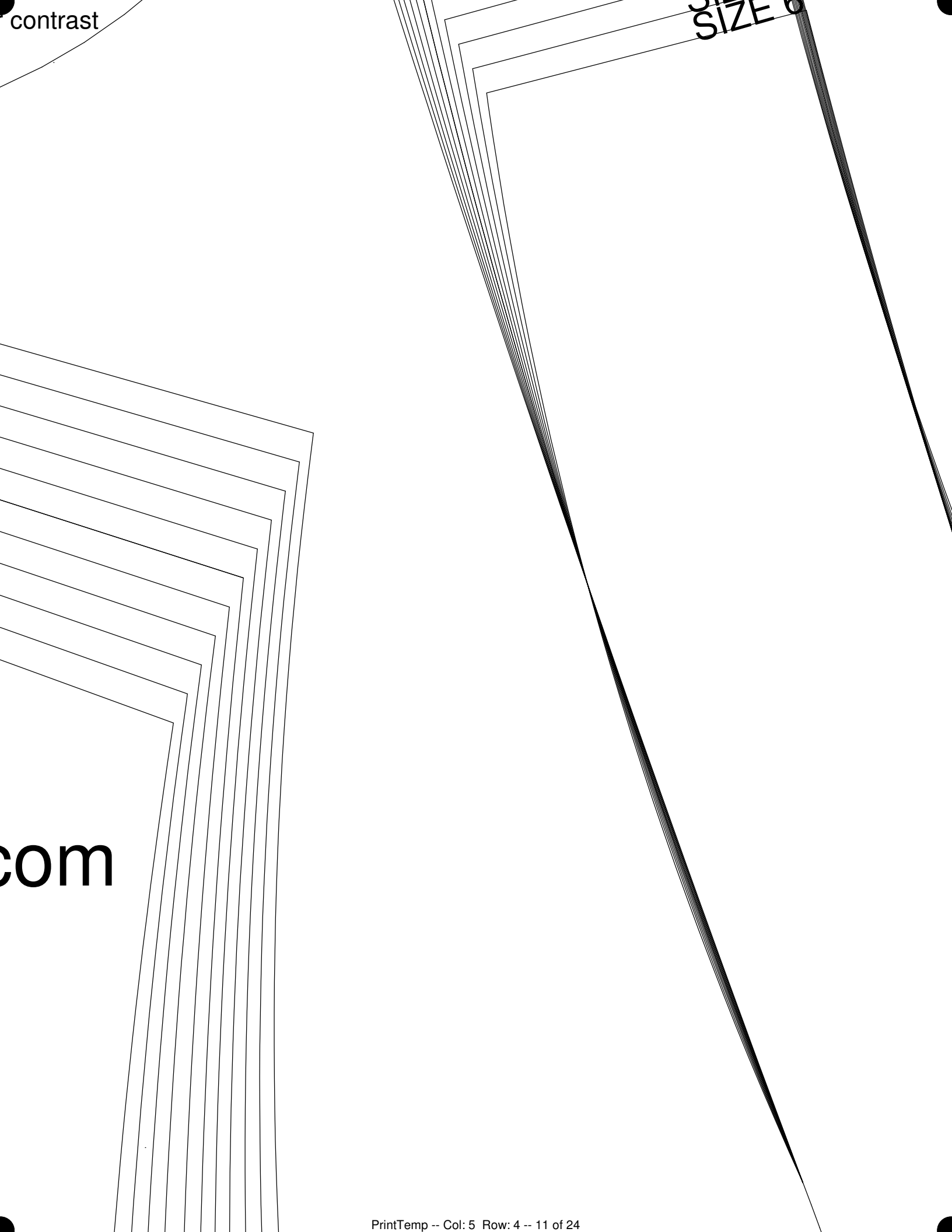
Join the lining to the vest along the back hemline.

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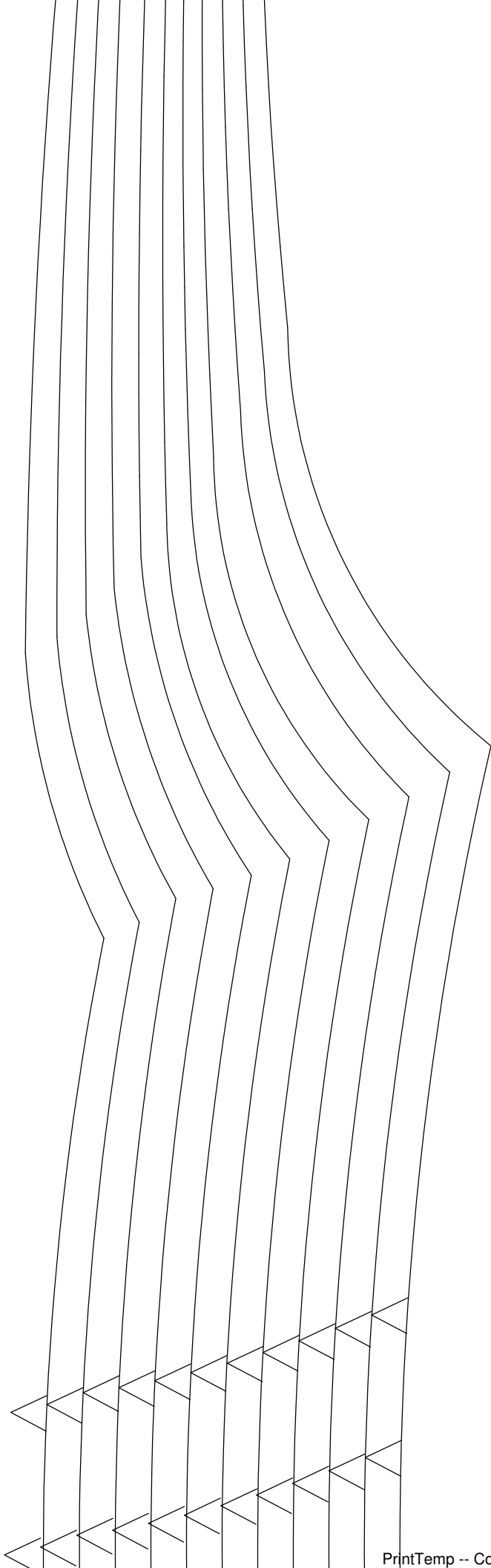
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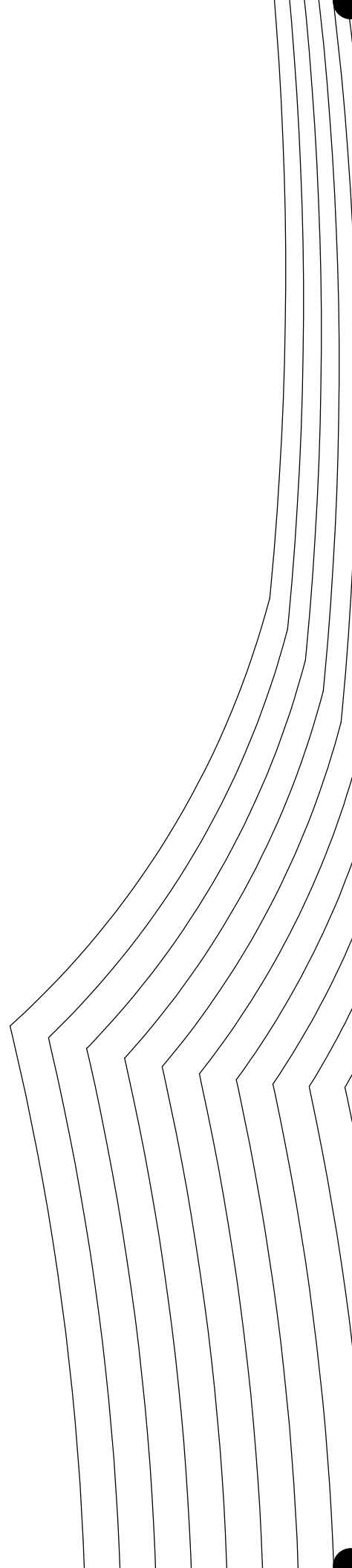
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Complete 'bagging out' the lining by joining the lining to the vest at the armholes.

Press all the seams open, then clip the corners and notch the curves. Understitch all the seams... don't worry if you can't get right around the armholes, they can be a tight fit, so just understitch as far around them as you can.

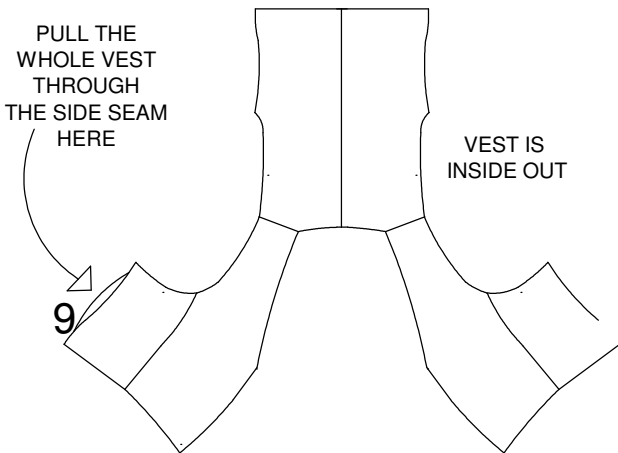
Turn the vest out...you'll need to pull the vest through one of the shoulder seams.

Keep going, it looks strange but it works!

Now join the side seams...pin or baste the back to the side panels. Start your seaming on the side seam of the lining, about 1" down from the armhole.

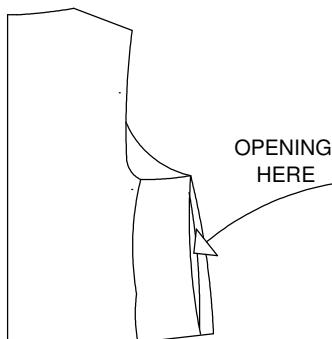
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Sew up to the armhole, then down to the hem on the fabric side, then back onto the lining side for another inch.



You'll end up with the side seams on the vest closed, and an opening along the side seams on the lining.

Press the seams open, then close the lining seams by hand or machine.



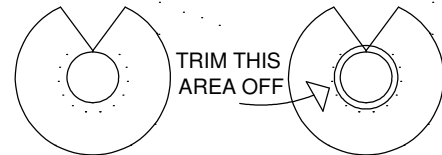
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How easy was that? Just give your vest a final press, and apply 3 hook & eye closures to the front, so the vest closes edge-to-edge.

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If you want to make the ruffles (and why wouldn't you, they're totally gorgeous!), here's how you do it...

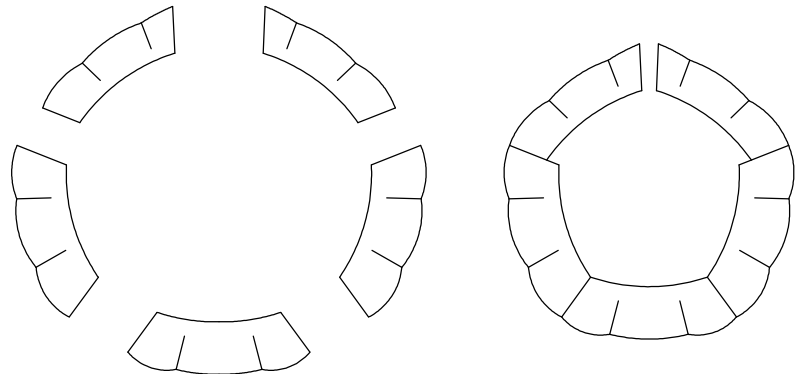
Take 2 of the ruffle pieces, and trim 5/8" off the inner edge.



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Now join all 5 of the ruffle pieces, making sure that your trimmed pieces are used at each end.

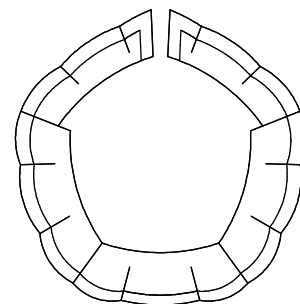
For sheer or lightweight fabrics, use a French seam; for heavier fabrics, seam the ruffles together then serge, overlock or trim off almost all of the seam allowances.



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Double turn the inner edge of the ruffle strip under...just turn the middle 3 ruffle pieces, leaving the trimmed parts alone!. First turn it under 1/4", trim off any excess, then turn under 3/8".

Finish the ruffle edges by working a row of long but narrow zig-zag stitches along the outer edges, about 1/2" from the cut edge.

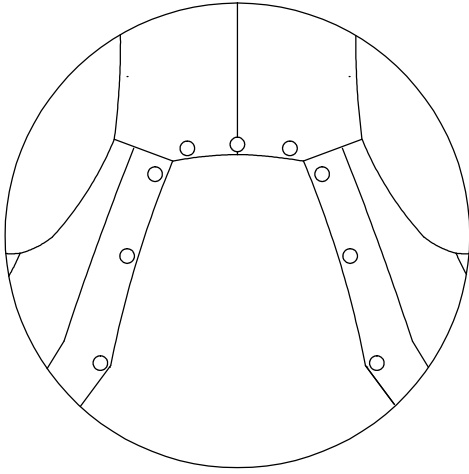


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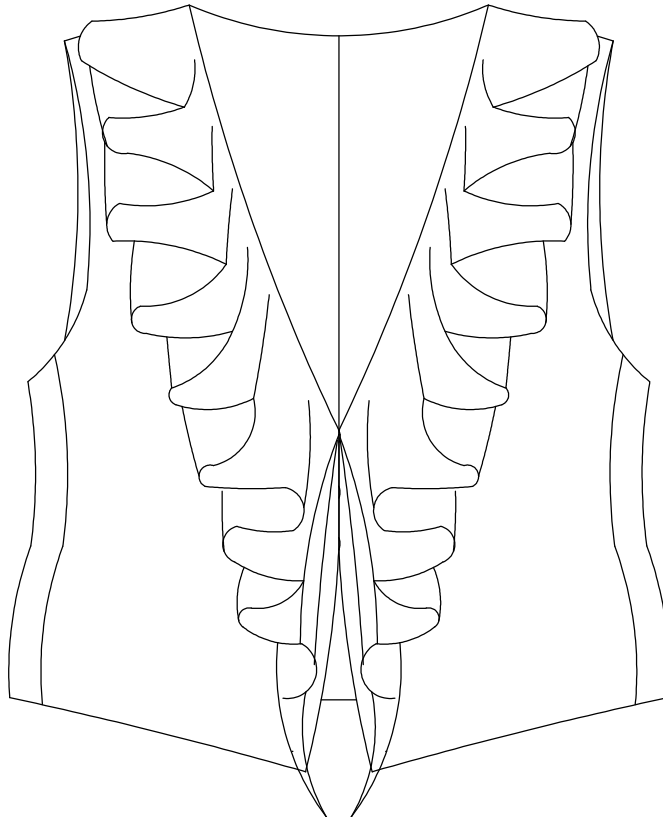
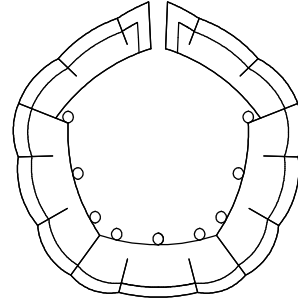
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Make nine small loops from your thin elastic, and
sew them to the inner edge of the ruffle.

Make sure that they match up to the buttons on the vest!



Button your ruffle on, then try on your vest,
and have a look in the mirror...

GORGEOUS!

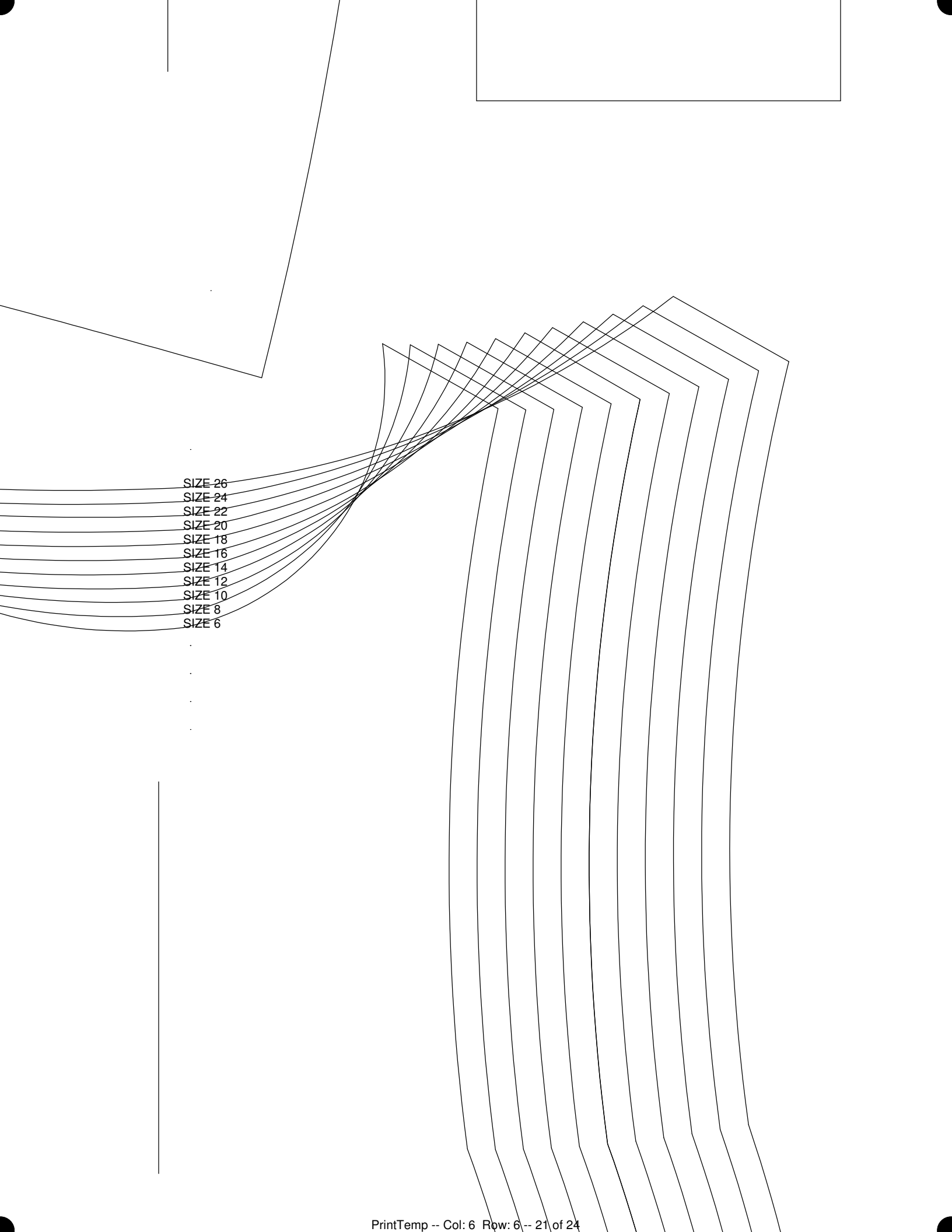
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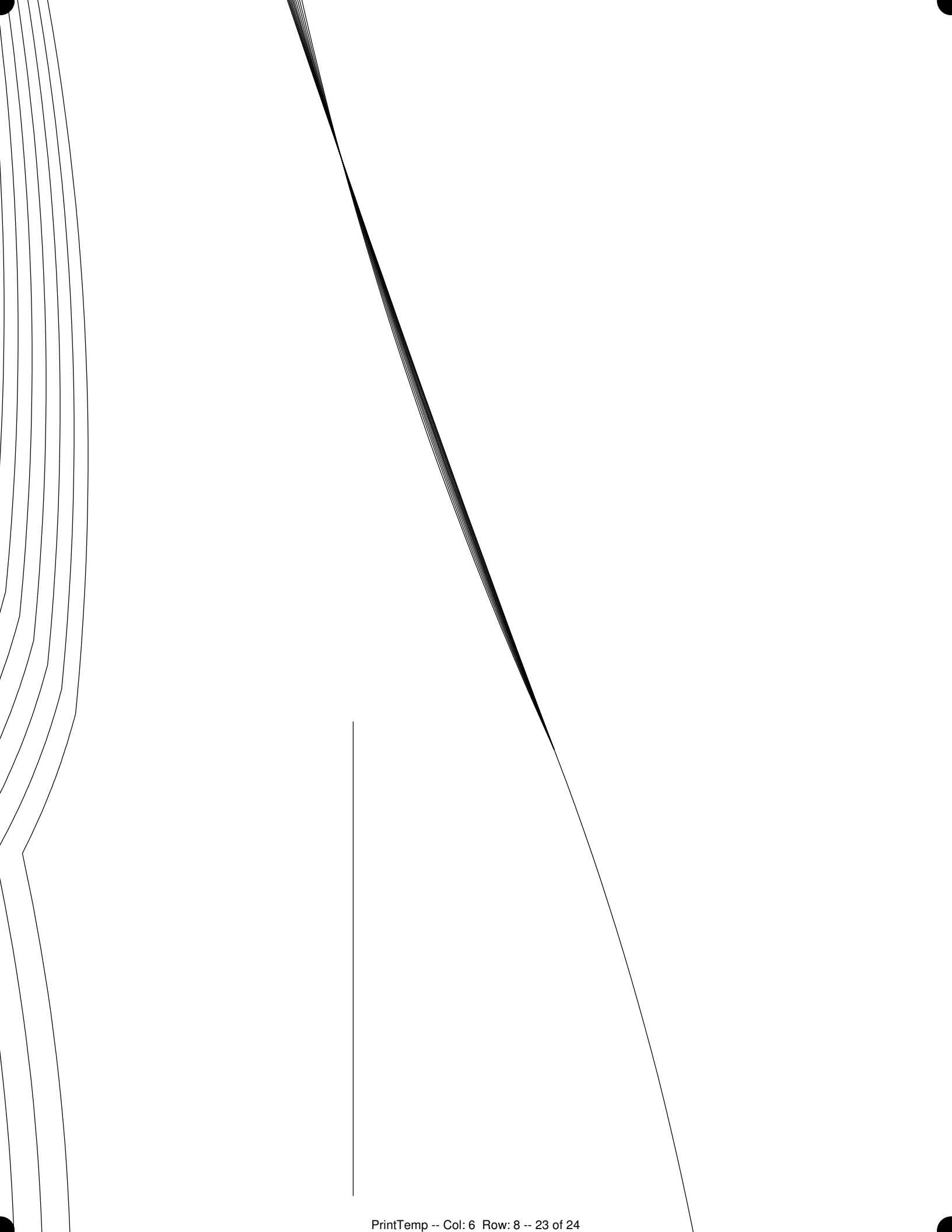


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