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Class time*****_*****

Here we go cheesy.

Starting with the 5 basic blocks.its believed that our clothing should cover our body and so 5 areas have been identified as the major parts that should be covered

1, chest 2,back 3,arm 4 front part bombom ,5 back bombom

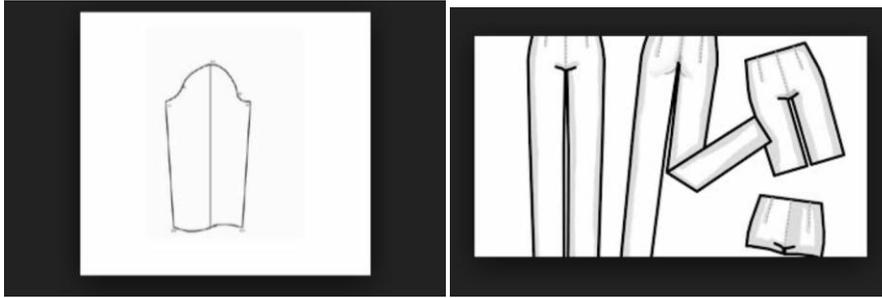


In the above diagram all the body parts are placed on fold.

When they are spread open they look like this.

Also the principle of the 5 basic blocks applies to male and female outfit.





Its very important to note that the number of blocks on an outfit sometimes determines they type of name its called.

Eg tops..... are called that coz they cover the upper part of our body.

an outfit with no sleeve block is called sleeveless

Generally side seam lines are used to tell if a block is present or not..

See the following pics and let's have fun counting the blocks on them

Tell me how many blocks you see on these outfits.

This dress has 4 blocks: front bodice, back bodice, front skirt and back skirt



This dress has 3 blocks: front bodice, front skirt and back skirt

This dress has 4 blocks: front bodice, arm, front skirt and back skirt



NOTE:Lining is expected to go all the way on a fabric.while the facing stops around the neck.but basically they perform similar functions which is to give weight to the main fabric.prevent fading in certain parts of the outfit.help make seam edges neat.etc.

Now its time to move to our next topic which is the FREE DRESS

Measurement areas needed are

Shoulder

Sleeve

Bust

Waist

Hip

Length

So u need to take the measurement of these areas b4 we can transfer these measurement on to our fabric

Let me place the measurement I will be working with.

It's for a pretty big lady. wink

Shoulder 17
Sleeve 14
Bust 46
Waist 39
Hip 52
Length 43

Time to divide our measurement into blocks. (Front block and back block)
I will divide the bust waist and hip into two.

bust $46 \div 2 = 23$
Waist $39 \div 2 = 19.5$
Hip $53 \div 2 = 26$

Because it's a free dress I need to add extra inches to make it free.
I will be using the biggest part to place my fabric on fold
Which is $26 + 4$ to make it free, that's- 30. I also must add seam allowance 1 inch.

So I have 31 inch placed on fold

Now let's talk about the length of the dress

The length of the dress is 43. but I will have to factor the different colours into the length. The dress we are using as a guide has two different colours but I want to make this one 3 colours. All I need to do is identify the inches I want to make each colour. I also factor in seam allowance and deduct it from the 43 inch of the length. What ever is left will be part of the dominant colour of the dress.

I want to make my main dress 30 while the added fabric will be 13.

Now coz I am dividing 13 into 3, I will have it as $4+4+5 = 13$.

On each piece I must add 1 inch seam allowance to join it together.

This is the theoretical explanation

Now let do the placement on fabric so we can cut.

So for my fabric on fold I will be working with 31 inch on fold by 30 inch length+1 inch for seam.



Next I shape out my dress using the bust waist and hip also I shape out my shoulder, neck and arm hole area. my shoulder is 17 since my fabric is on fold it will be $17 \div 2 = 8.5$

Neck is 4 by 4

Arm hole is 10 inch



So I cut out the unwanted parts.

The same thing is done to the back only I add seam allowance for the zip and the neck is higher



Here is my combination part



Next is my sleeve.14 + 1 inch for seam allowance

Now we are ready to join all the parts together. grin
It's work time people.





Doing their projects I hope.anyways we hope to see urs soon too.

The joining part of this dress is pretty basic.join shoulder to shoulder . side to side.fix the zip the sleeve and the combination part.at the end this is what u get.

Note that it's like this on this Manequin because was was made for a big person.go back to the measurement to see it.



What I do is I measure the upper bust length the bust length and the under bust length from the shoulder down . usually my arm hole area is around my upper bust
U can put Dart if u want. But the one I made didn't have dart

Eg bust length , bust circumference

Upper 8 36

bust 10 38

Under 13 32

with this if our upper bust length is 8 then then my arm hold would be around 7,8 maximum 9.8 is perfect.it can never be 10 because that would mean it would expose the bust area and the arm hole will be too big