

EMERALD PATTERN PIECE ADJUSTMENT GUIDE

Emerald is designed for a height of about 5'6" [1.7 m]. The Emerald top is a cropped top, with its curved hem designed to fall just below the natural (high) waist in front and back. The Emerald dress is designed to fall below the knee in front and back. Adding the sash to the dress raises the hem. Both designs feature a curved hem, with the sides landing higher on the body than the center front/back.

If you would like more or less length, you can easily adjust the skirt by adding or subtracting length to or from the FRONT and BACK pieces.

to add or subtract length

Cut the front and back pattern pieces along one or both lines marked "lengthen or shorten here."

If you are lengthening the top, use the upper line.

If you are lengthening the dress, you may use either or both lines. Using the upper line will raise or lower the pocket position and lengthen or shorten the upper torso portion of the dress. Using the lower line will lengthen or shorten the skirt portion of the dress.

To Lengthen

Move pieces apart parallel to each other by the amount you would like to lengthen the garment, then tape a piece of paper between the two pieces to hold them in place.

If necessary, use a ruler to redraw the side of the pattern piece to smooth out the edge in the area(s) where you have added length. Trim the pattern along these line(s).

To Shorten

Overlap the pieces by the amount you want to shorten the garment, keeping the cut edges parallel. Tape the pieces together to hold them in place.

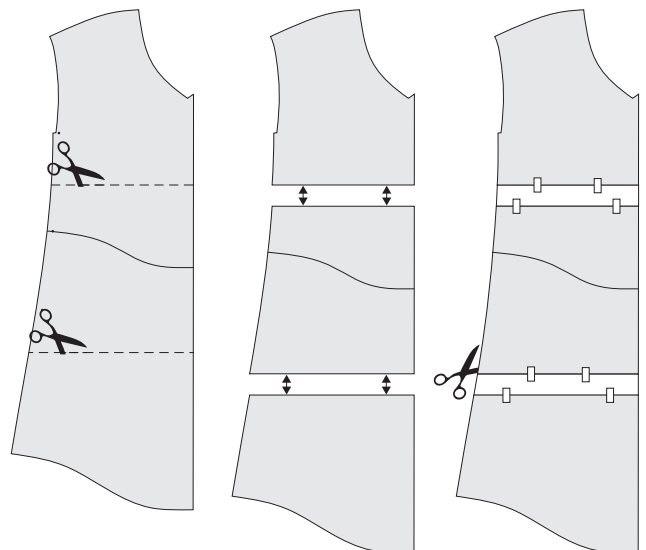
Use a ruler to redraw the side of the pattern piece to smooth out the edge where it is overlapped. Trim the pattern along this line.

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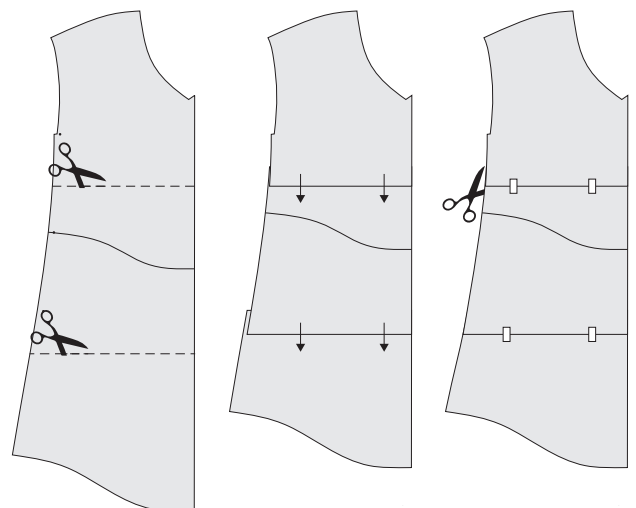
Remember to increase or decrease by the SAME AMOUNT for both the front and back pattern pieces so that the pieces will line up along the side seams.

Once you know what size and adjustments to make and have made notes on your pattern pieces, you can cut into your fabric with confidence! Please note, however, that apparel fabrics quite often have more give than muslin fabrics, so you may still need to make minor adjustments to the fit as you sew the final garment.

to lengthen:



to shorten:



to adjust bicep

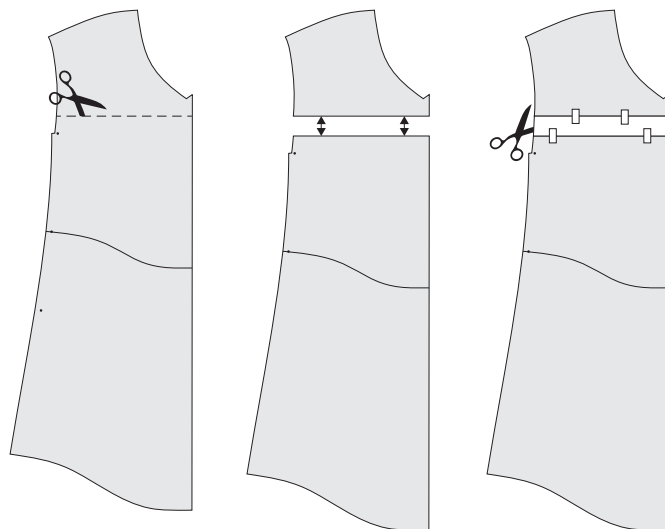
To estimate the fit of the armhole, trace the SLEEVE FACING piece and place it around your shoulder, notch facing out, to see if it fits comfortably around your upper arm. (It will sit slightly off the shoulder, and the ends should meet at the underarm).

If you would like more room for the upper arm, adjust the armhole by adding length to the FRONT, BACK, and SLEEVE FACING pieces.

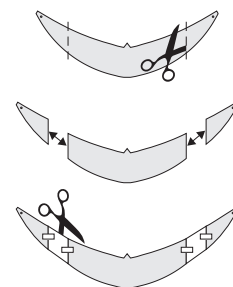
Cut the front and back pattern pieces along the line marked "adjust bicep here." (Note: only front is shown here.)

Move the pieces apart parallel to each other by the amount you would like to lengthen the armhole, then tape a piece of paper between the two pieces to hold them in place. Join and smooth the lines, then trim as needed.

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For the sleeve facing, cut and spread the piece parallel to the grain line, cutting at both ends to correspond with the cuts made on the back and front pattern pieces. Remember to add the same amount of width to the sleeve facing as the total amount added to the front and back pattern pieces combined. Join, and smooth the lines, then trim as needed.



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