



Fun fur is one hot material for fall/winter and for the vest I used the long pile luxury shag fur sponsored by [www.shannonfabrics.com/](http://www.shannonfabrics.com/) . The fiber content is 80% acrylic/ 20% poly. You can use any fun or faux fur that you like! It's available at most local retail fabric stores!

Other great materials are any kind of high pile fur, plush, novelty fleece (the thicker kind). On the inside is regular cotton to offset the unruly pile of the fur ☺

The fit of this vest has 2 lengths, a shorter version and a longer version. The shorter version sits appr. at mid torso, similar to a bolero. The longer version sits appr. at the waist. To extend the length please view tip below on page 3.

**Handling and sewing fun fur and other fuzzy materials:** you want to have a lint roller or sticky brush ready for catching any shedding fibers which is normal when sewing with high pile materials. A vacuum cleaner is essential for cleanup to prevent fibers from manifesting into your sewing machine, or to travel outside of your work room and cause allergy like symptoms in children and pets.

**Sewing tip:** use lots of straight pins in short distances when pinning long pile materials to keep it from shifting while sewing!

**Seam allowance:** 5/8" unless stated otherwise

**List of required materials:**

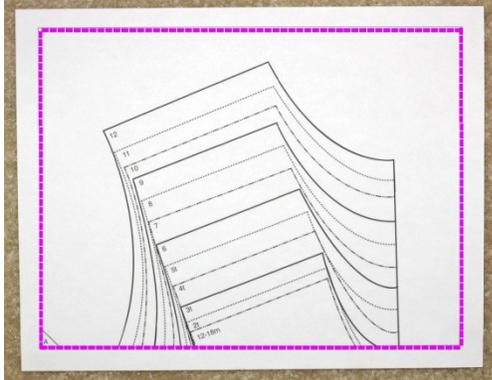
- Furry material
- Cotton
- Ribbon – grosgrain or satin in 0.5-1" width
- Fray check or lighter
- Lots of straight pins
- Safety pin
- Scissors
- Measuring tape
- Lint roller or other sticky brush
- Vacuum cleaner

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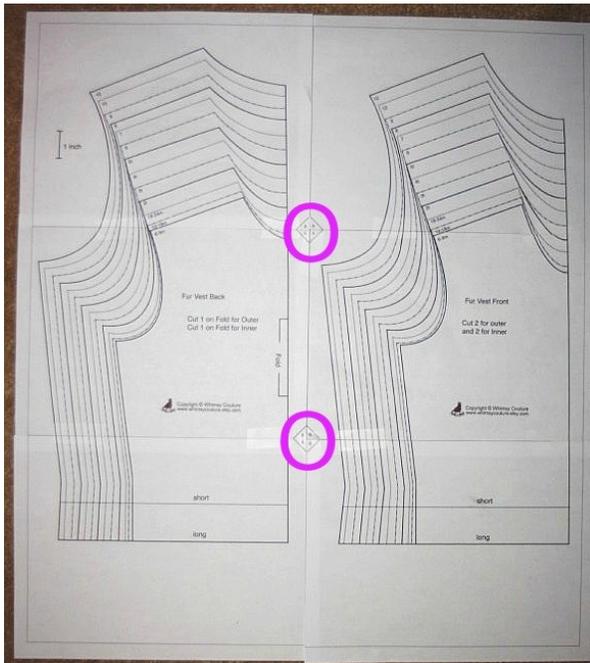
**To print the templates:**

Print the first page and check the 1 inch print scale to make sure your printer printed the templates correctly without scaling.

Cut around the perimeter of each page as shown with pink dashes:



Piece pages together by matching the diamonds with the letters A and B as shown with pink circles:

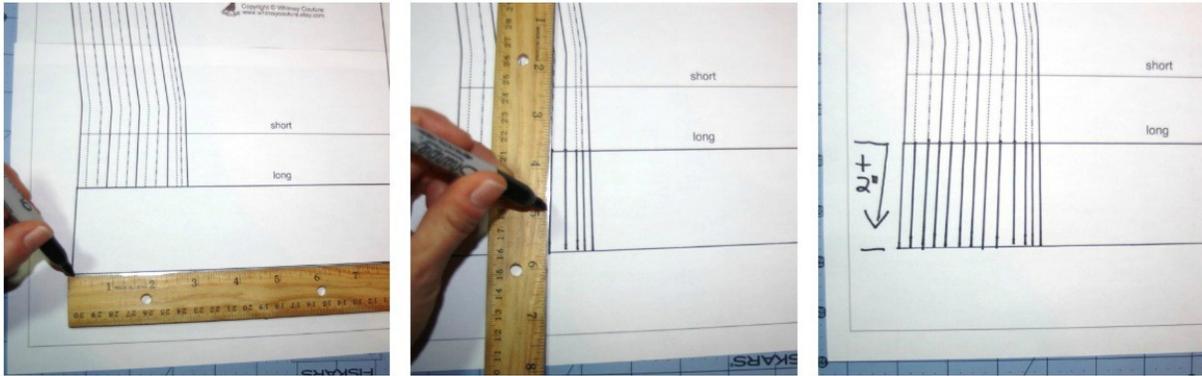


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TIP: If you prefer the vest to be even longer than the “long” version then do the following steps:

Extend the lines to desired length: Extend the diff.sizes:

My example is now 2” longer:



Cut out the desired size or trace the taped together pieces onto a larger piece of paper (a poster roll from Office Depot works great), if desired, as shown below on a different template:



**Sizing chart:**

Size	Outer fabric	Inner fabric	Ribbon
6-9m	1/3 yd	1/3 yd	2x pieces 13" long
12-18m	1/3 yd	1/3 yd	2x pieces 15" long
2t	1/3 yd	1/3 yd	2x pieces 16" long
3t	1/3 yd	1/3 yd	2x pieces 17" long
4t	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 18" long
5t	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 19" long
6	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 20" long
7	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 20.5" long
8	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 21" long
9	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 21.5" long
10	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 22" long
11	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 22.5" long
12	½ yd	½ yd	2x pieces 23" long

**To cut your fabric:**

Fold your lining fabric over from side to side and place your BACK template onto the fabric aligning the template fold with the fabric fold:



This is now your BACK lining piece:



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Repeat this step with the FRONT template and cut out 2 corresponding FRONT's. These are your 2 FRONT lining pieces:



For a fun effect I used the fur with the pile direction going up instead of down. It gives this vest a crazier look that way.

Place your furry material with right side down and place the back lining piece onto the material. Pin and place and trim around it.



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Repeat with the 2 front lining pieces.

These should now be the total pieces you have cut out:

1x furry back piece & 1x lining back piece

2x opposite furry front pieces & 2x lining pieces



It's getting furry now so have your lint roller handy!

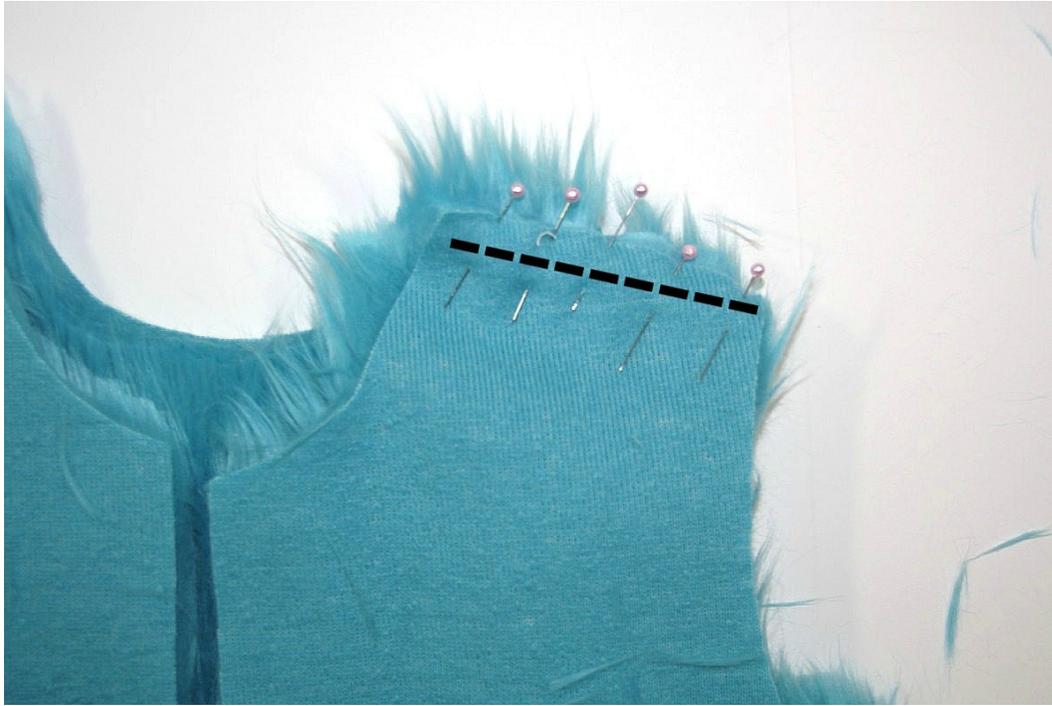
**To sew front pieces to the back piece:**

Place the furry back piece with right side up in front of you.....

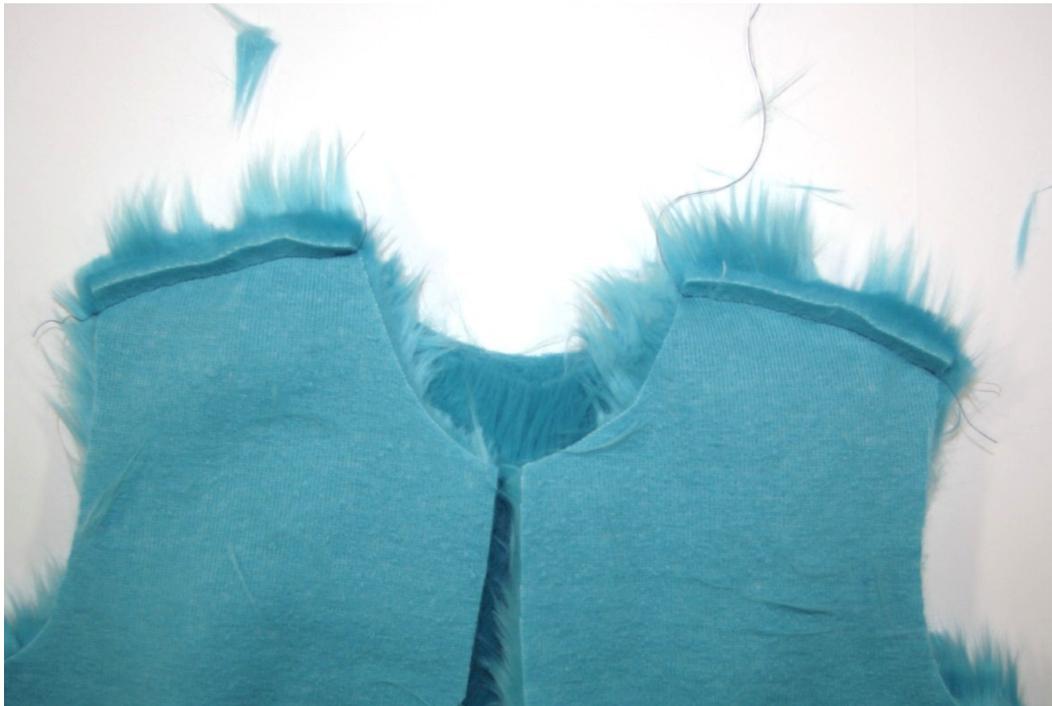


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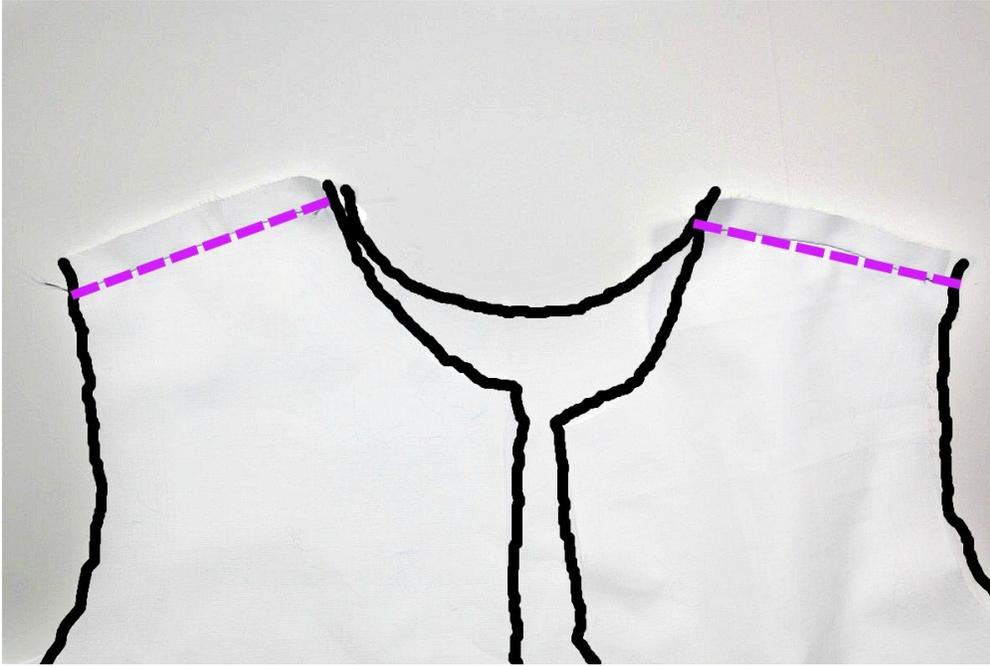
.....and place the corresponding front piece onto the back piece. Pin on shoulder and sew along dashed lines. Backstitch beginning and end:



Repeat with other front piece:

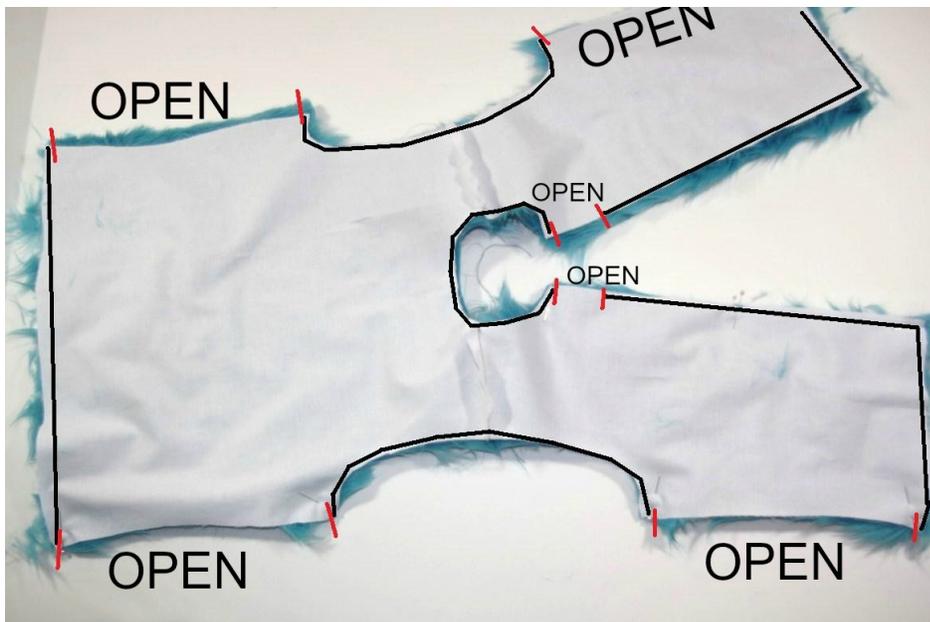


Repeat these steps with the lining pieces as well as shown below:



**To sew lining to outer shell:**

Place both sewn together pieces with right sides together and pin along the black lines leaving the sides open as marked with red lines. Also leave 2" on the front pieces open as marked in red. That will be the spot to sewn in the ribbon later on. Sew along the black lines and backstitch by the openings:

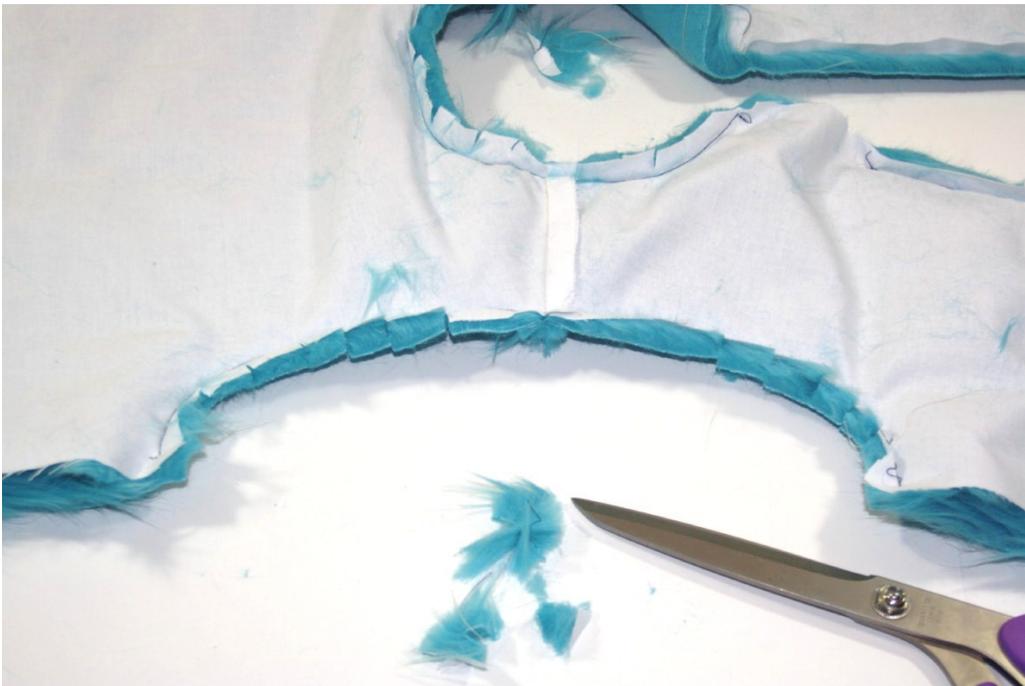


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This should now be your sewn together vest:



Cut tiny slits into the armhole and neckline curve every 0.5", cut off the corners on the neckline/front and the bottom/front and trim out triangle snippets from where the shoulder seams meet:



**To turn vest inside out:**

Reach into the side opening (either one is fine) and pull the opposite site through very carefully. It will be narrow going through the shoulder passe'.

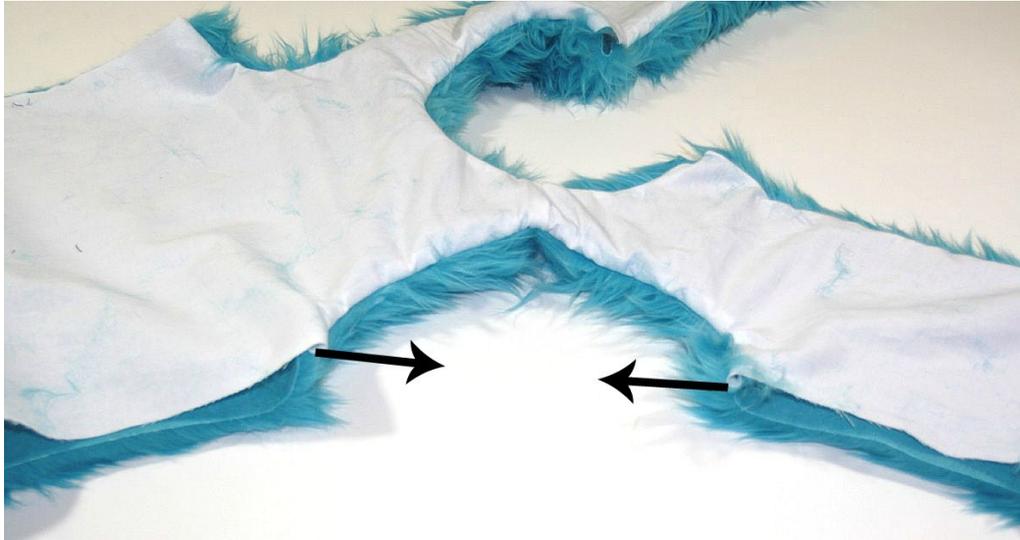


This is now your turned around vest:



**To sew the side seams:**

Position your vest with the furry side down and both armpit corners facing you.....



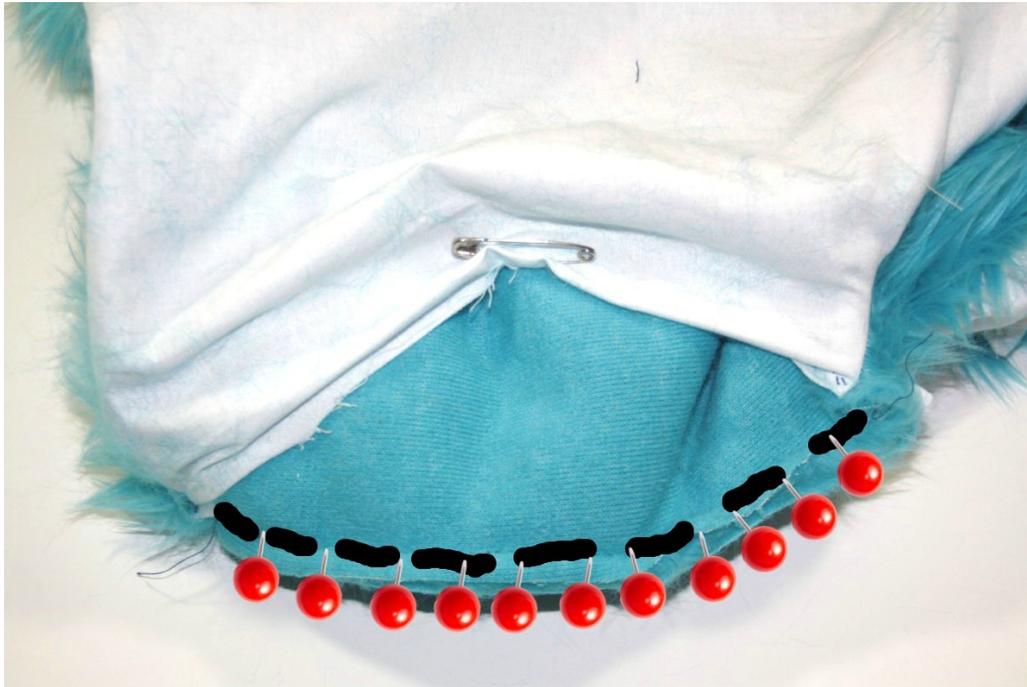
...you want to bring both armpit corners together as indicated by the arrows above until they meet:



Pin both furry sides together and pull the lining back far enough so you can sew the pinned area. Use a safety pin rather than straight pins to prevent poking yourself. Sew along the dashed lines. Backstitch beginning and end.

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Sewing this area will be tight which is okay if the furry edges won't get sewn completely:



It now will look like this. The lining seam remains open:

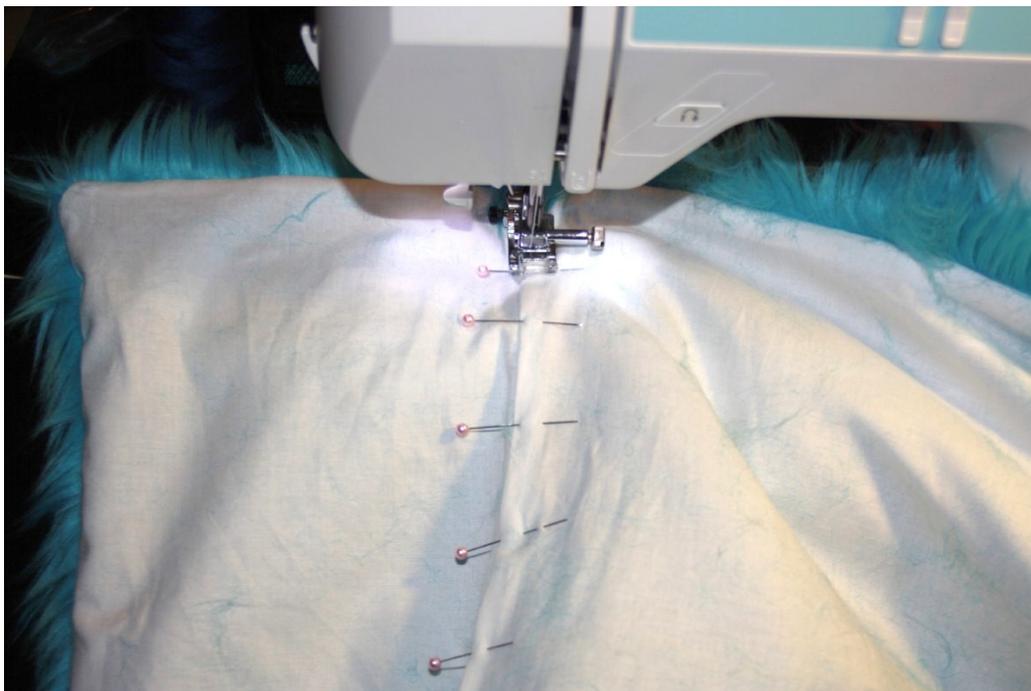


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To close the lining seam, fold in the lining  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and pin down on the other raw lining seam which does not need to be folded. You want to pin through the furry material as well:



Insert vest with the bottom edge facing away into your sewing machine and sew over the pins to close the lining:



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This is now your closed lining. The stitches won't be visible much at all from the outside.

Repeat with other side.



**To add ribbon:**

The only two openings left are to insert the ribbon:



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Fold both material edges  $5/8$ " in, insert ribbon about 0.5" and pin.



Then sew over the pins to close opening. Backstitch beginning and end:



Use fray check or your lighter to heat seal the ribbon ends.

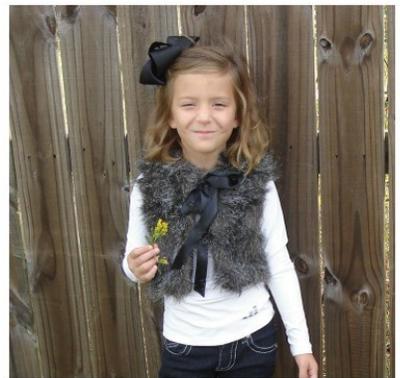
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All done!

Design examples:



Shorter version:



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Longer version:



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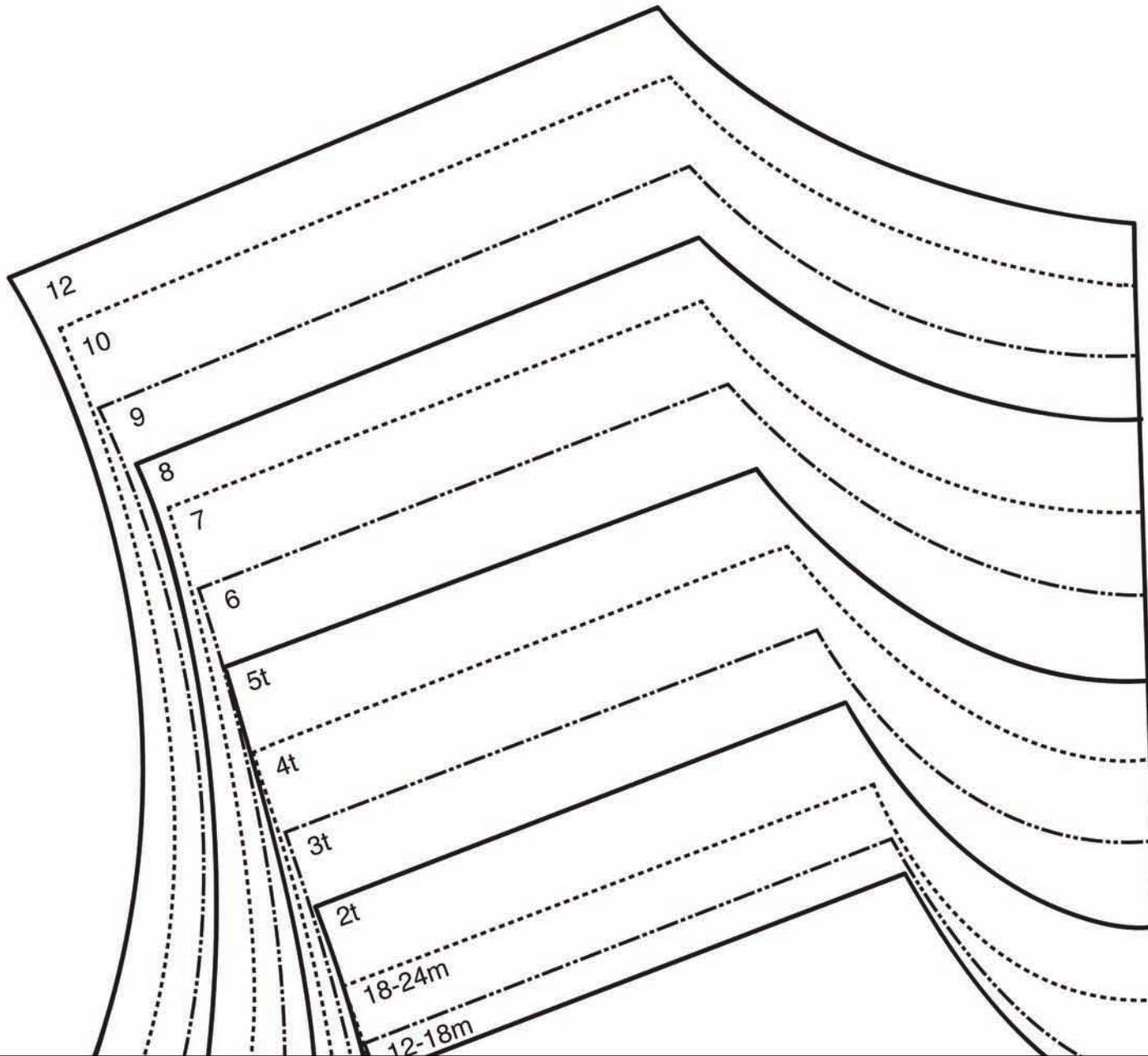
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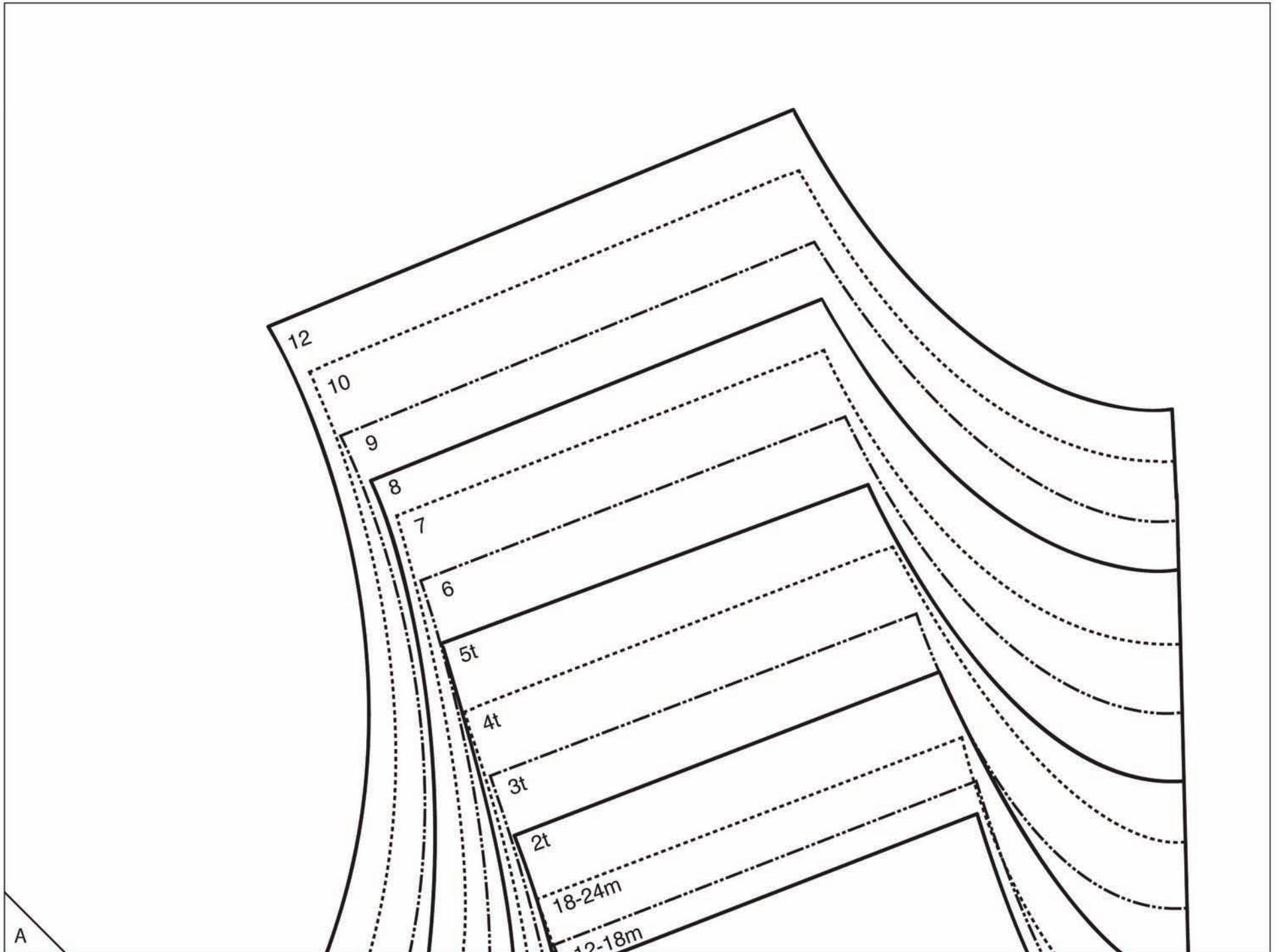
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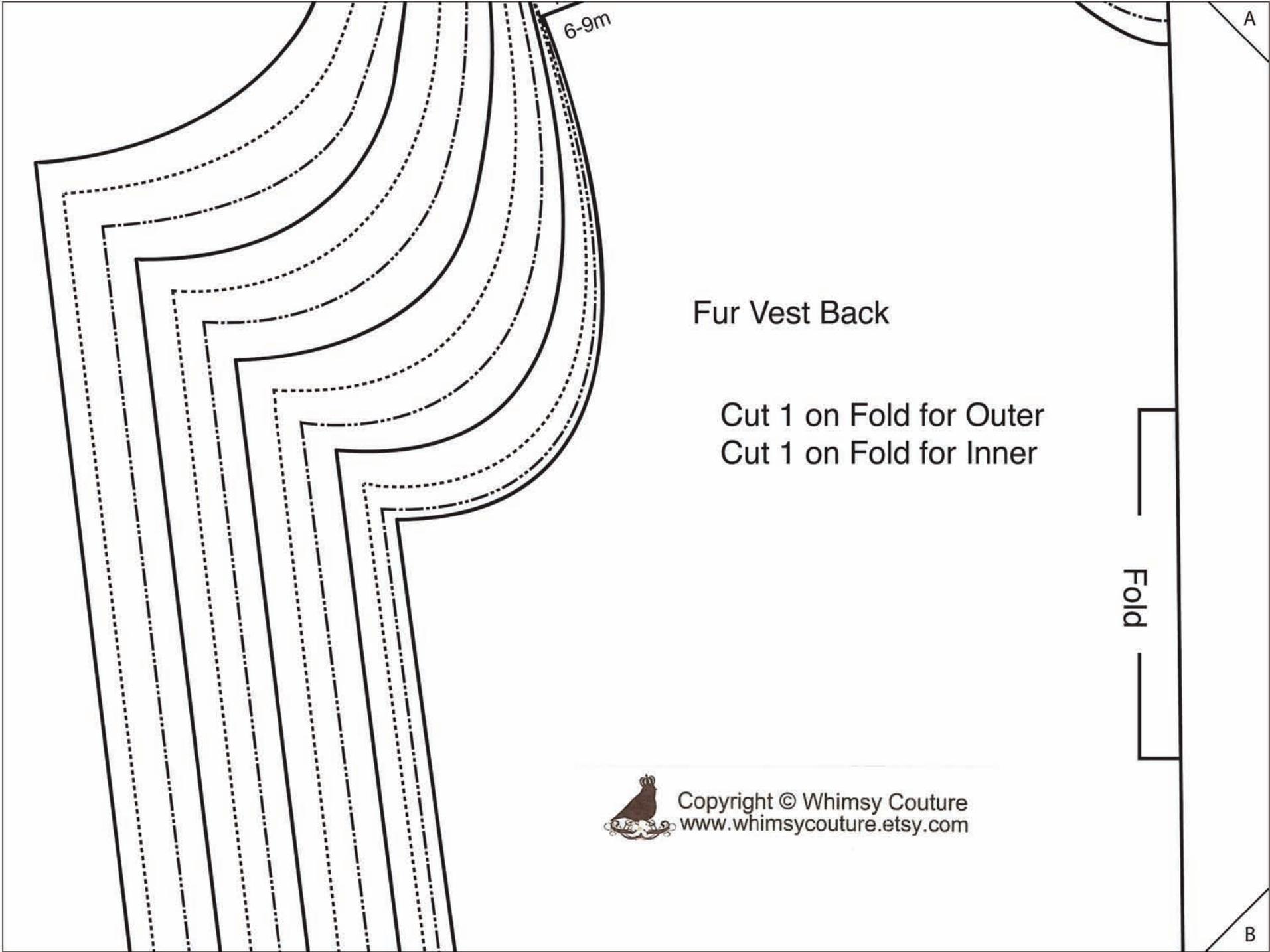
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### Fur Vest Back

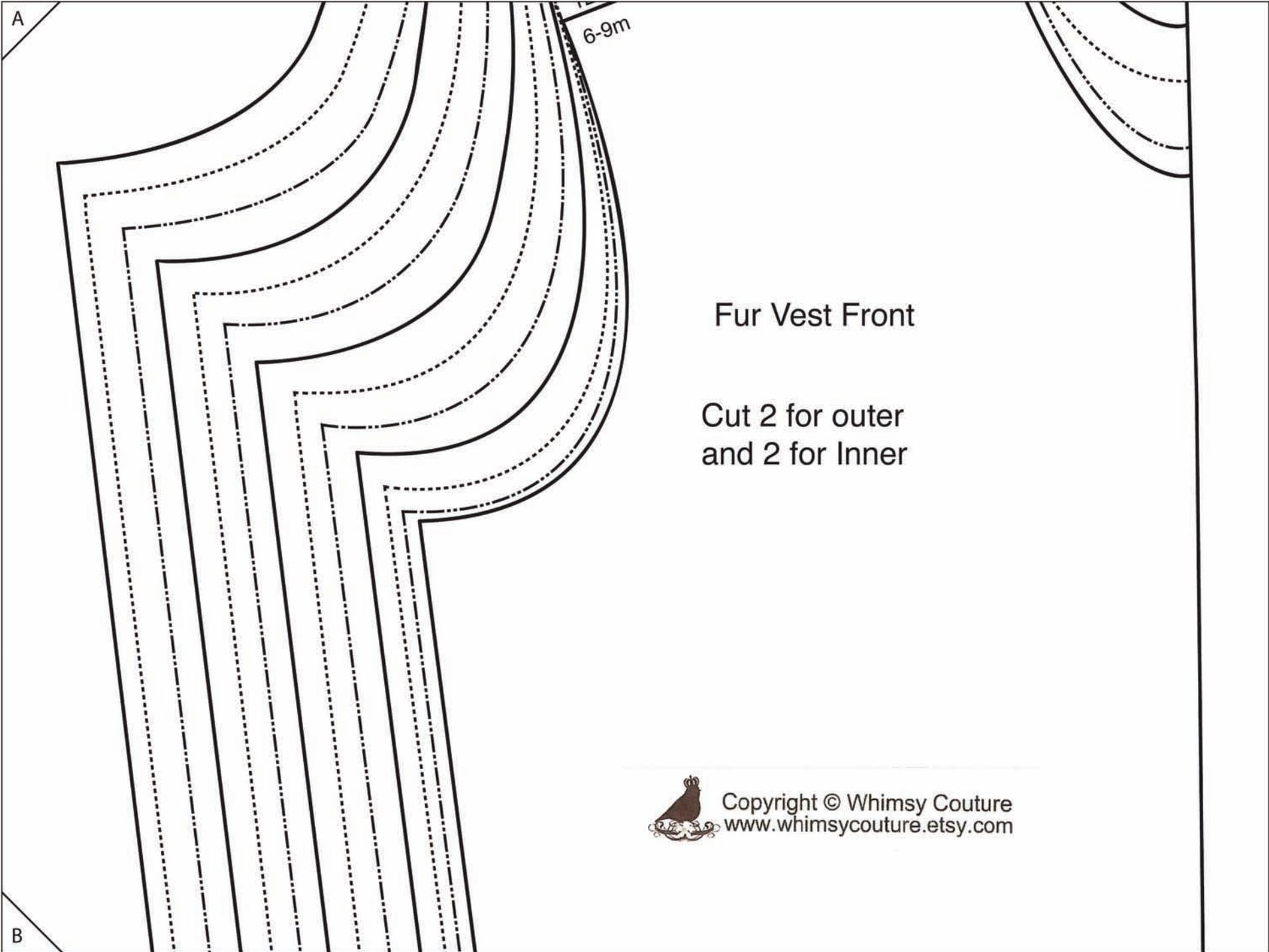
Cut 1 on Fold for Outer  
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Fold

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6-9m

### Fur Vest Front

Cut 2 for outer  
and 2 for Inner

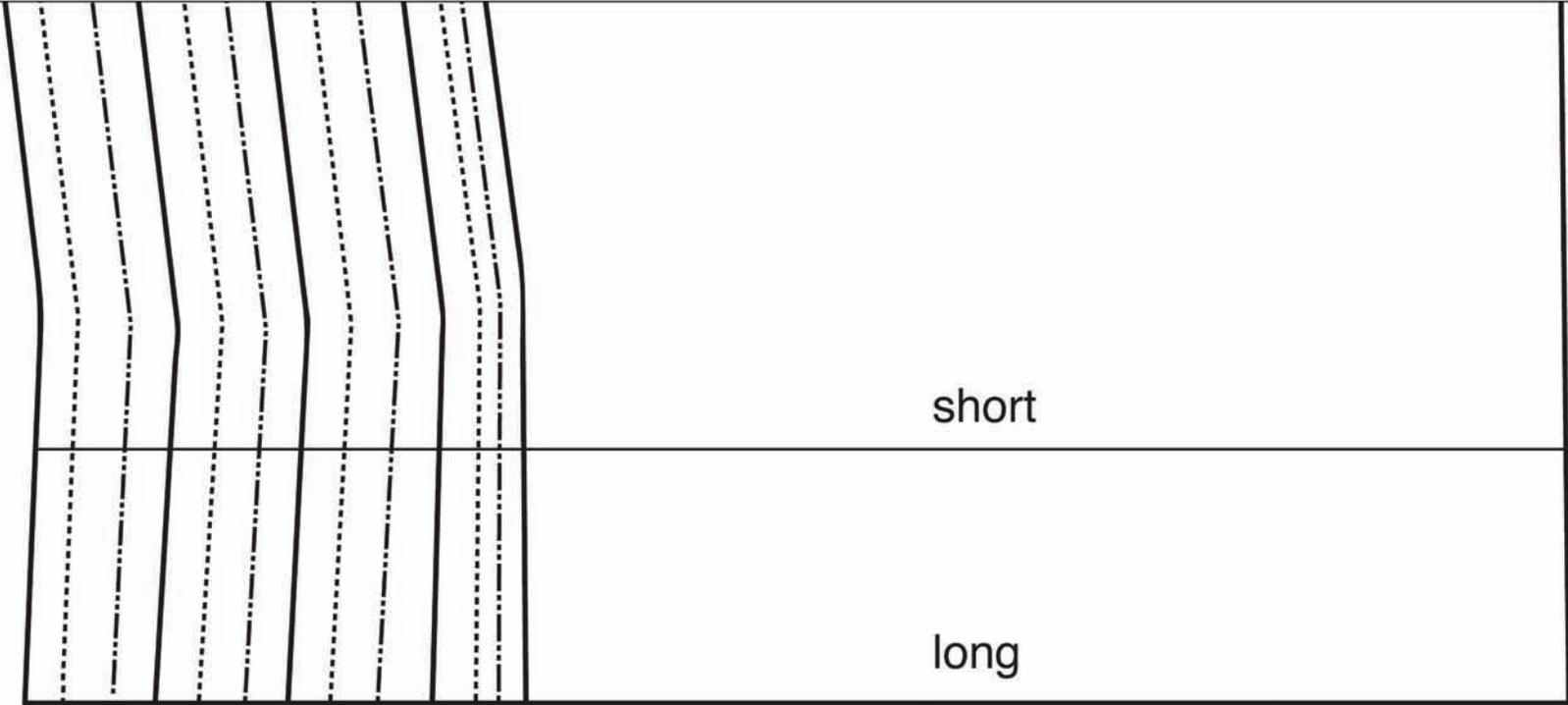


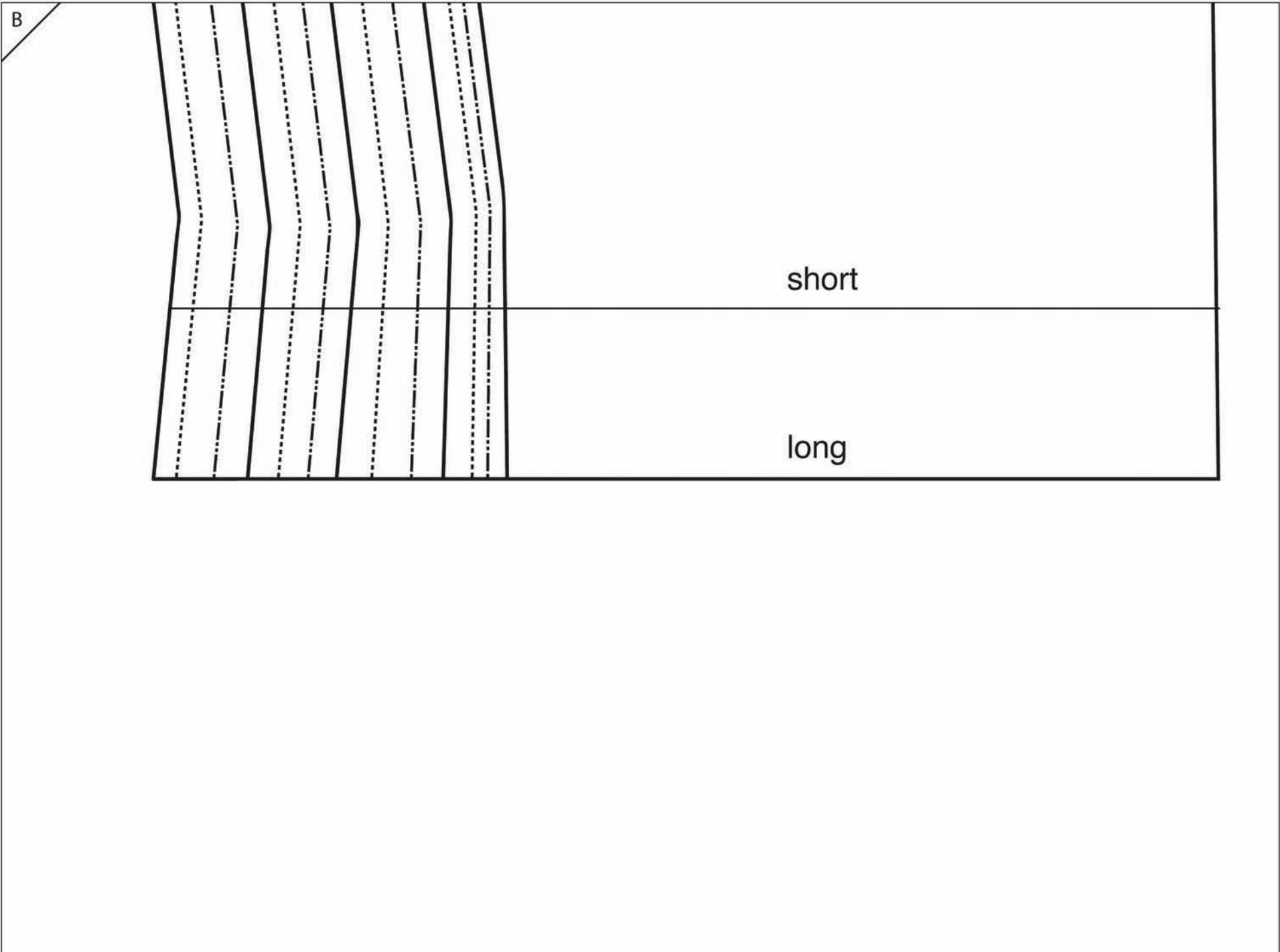
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