

darts



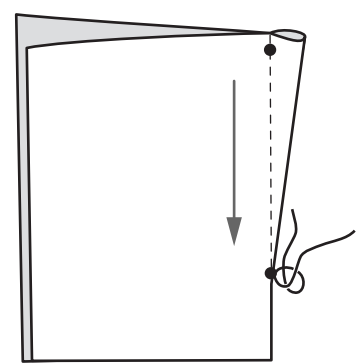
RIGHT SIDE
OF FABRIC



BACK SIDE
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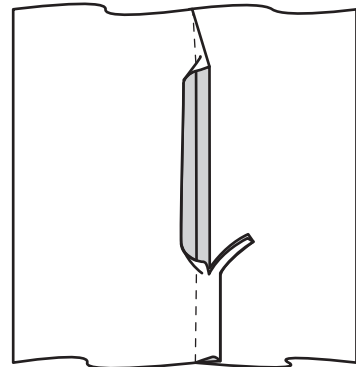
SEWING A FLAT DART

To make a flat dart, with RIGHT sides together, bring broken lines together, matching small dots. Stitch along broken lines from wide end to point. Do not backstitch at point. Leave thread ends long and knot. Press dart as indicated in your pattern instructions.



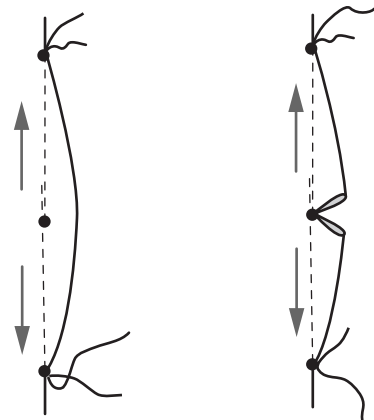
SEWING TRIMMED FLAT DART

To make a trimmed flat dart, with RIGHT sides together, bring broken lines together, matching small dots. Stitch along broken lines from wide end to point. Do not backstitch at point. Leave thread ends long and knot. Trim. Press dart open and point to one side (or flat).



SEWING A DOUBLE POINTED DART

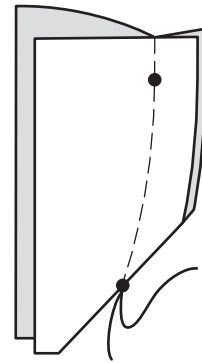
To make a double pointed dart, with RIGHT sides together, bring broken lines together, matching small dots. Stitch along broken lines from middle to one point. Then, overlapping several stitches, work from the middle to the other point. Do not backstitch at point. Leave thread ends long and knot. Clip dart, if necessary, to lie flat. Press dart as indicated in your pattern instructions.



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SEWING A DART SEAM

To make a dart seam, with RIGHT sides together, bring broken lines together, matching small dots. Stitch dart seam from outer edge to point. Press dart seam as indicated in your pattern instructions.



DART PRESSING

Press darts flat, then open or to one side, as indicated on your pattern instructions. As a rule, vertical darts are pressed toward the center of the garment and horizontal ones are pressed downward. Occasionally, your pattern instructions will tell you to slash the dart along the fold-line and press it open.

