

Pattern Hack:

2-piece
Spellbound or
Wanderlust
Dress

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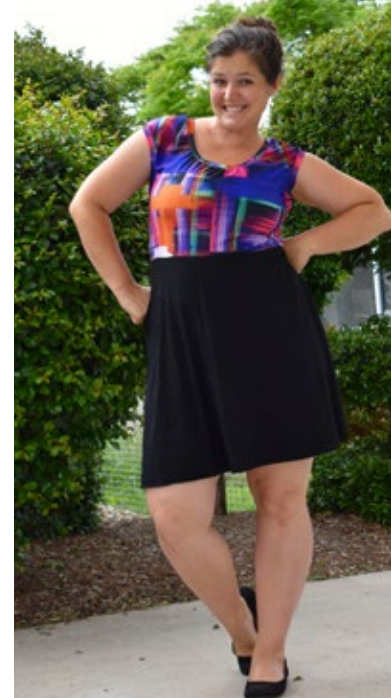
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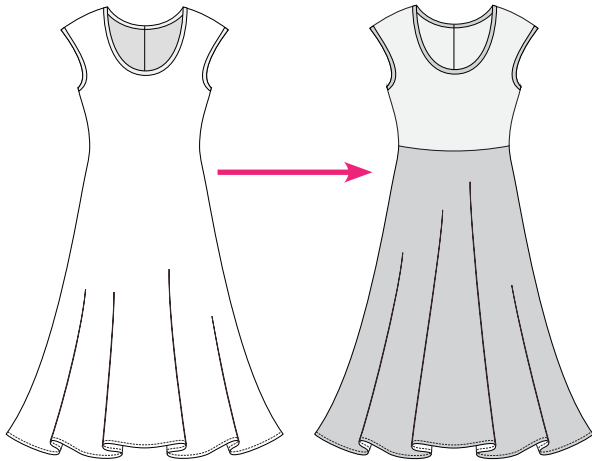
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PATTERN HACKING THE PATTERN HACK: From left to right: Wanderlust with Starlight Skirt, Wanderlust with gathered skirt section, Spellbound with sash, Wanderlust with gathered skirt section.



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WHAT'S IN THIS PDF?

[Pages 3-5](#) outline altering the pattern pieces.

[Page 6](#) covers sewing your new 2-piece dress.

[Page 7](#) outlines how to alter a previously made Spellbound.

ADJUSTMENTS:

DO I NEED THE SAME BODICE ADJUSTMENT AS MY SPELLBOUND?

Our pattern hack testers didn't. So I recommend making up your 2-piece dress first as it's very easy to adjust it.

See page 6 for more details.

SWAY BACK ADJUSTMENT:

If you have wrinkles just at the small of your back, you can do a Sway Back Adjustment as outlined in the Spellbound.

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LET'S GET STARTED:

On the following pages I will outline the simple steps needed to adjust the pattern pieces.

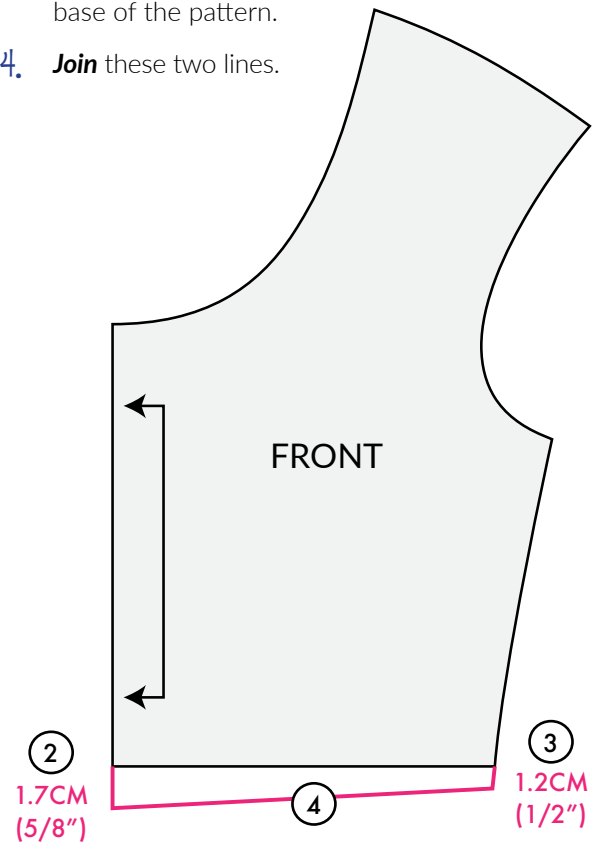
CHOOSE YOUR STYLE:

1. **Choose** a matching front & back bodice style.
Print off those pages & the skirt section.
Stick the pages together.
Cut around your size EXCEPT along the bottom of the bodice. Leave this uncut.

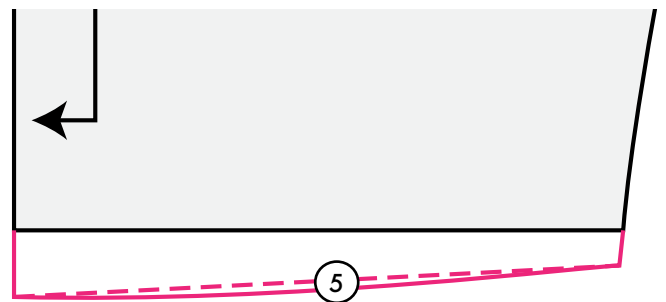
*** NOTE:** If you're working from previously printed & cut pattern pieces, trace the front & back bodice sections on to a fresh sheet of paper leaving space at the bottom. Then trace around the skirt section.

FRONT BODICE:

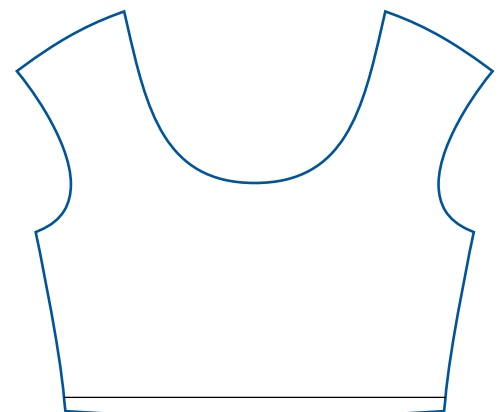
2. At centre front, **rule** 1.7cm (5/8") down from the base of the pattern.
3. At the side seam, **rule** 1.2cm (1/2") down from the base of the pattern.
4. **Join** these two lines.



5. **Redraw** the line, gently curving it downwards (see dashed line). This new line forms the hem of your new front bodice pattern piece.



*** NOTE:** At centre front, keep the line at right angles to centre front for approximately 3cm (1 1/4") so that when the front bodice is cut & opened out, you have a nice, gentle curve.

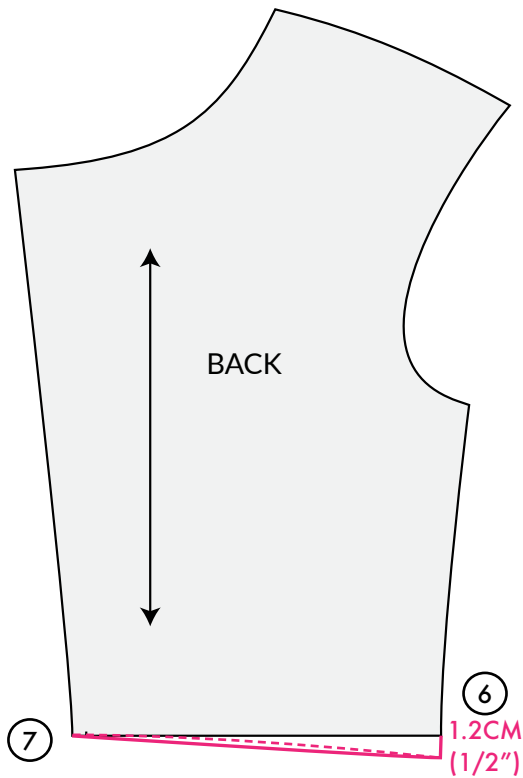


BACK BODICE:

- At the side seam, **rule** 1.2cm (1/2") down from the base of the pattern.
- Draw** a line connecting this new line to centre back. This new line forms the hem of your new back bodice pattern piece.

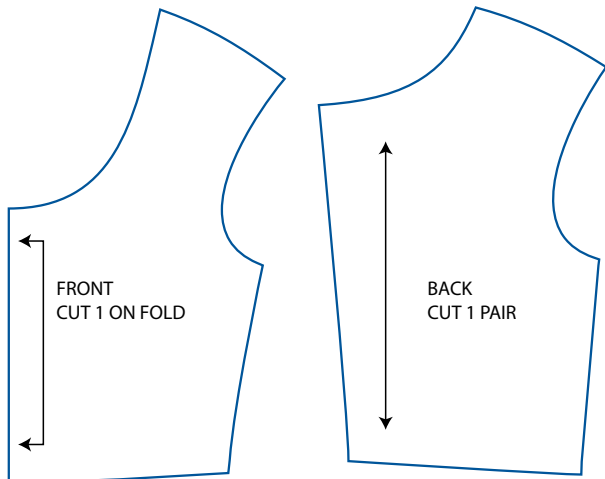
Redraw the line, gently curving it upwards (see dashed line).

*** NOTE:** At centre back, keep the line at right angles to centre back for approximately 3cm (1 1/8"). This will mean that the line curves very gently upwards.



This completes the alterations for the bodice patterns.

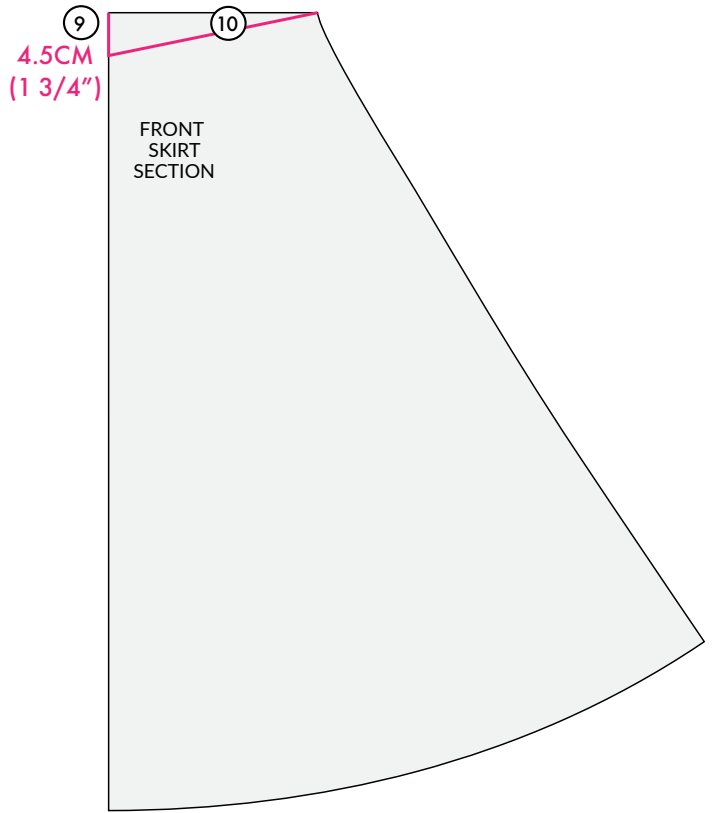
- Cut** out the new front & back bodice pattern pieces.



THE SKIRT:

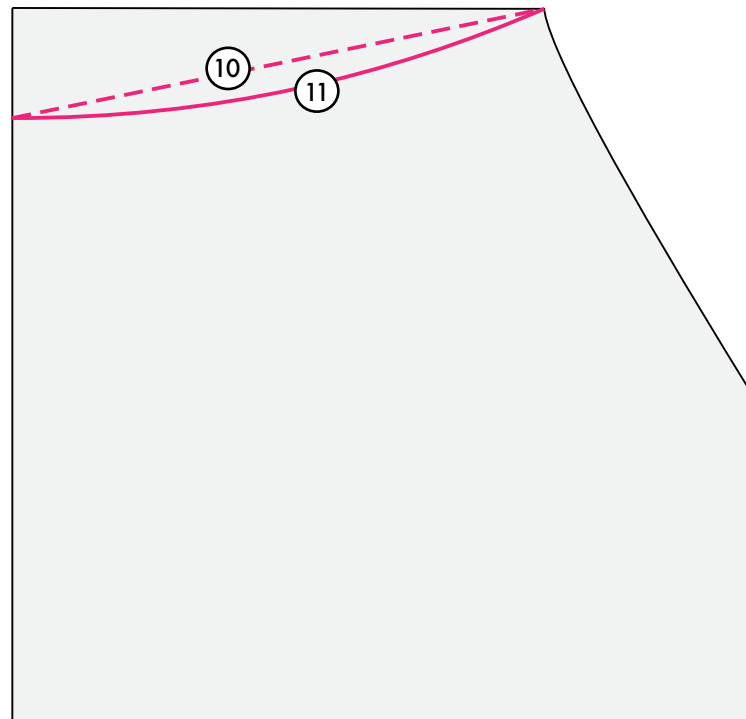
This alteration will give your skirt a more even fall from the waistline.

- Draw** a line 4.5cm (1 3/4") down from centre front.
- Connect** this line to the side seam at the waist line.

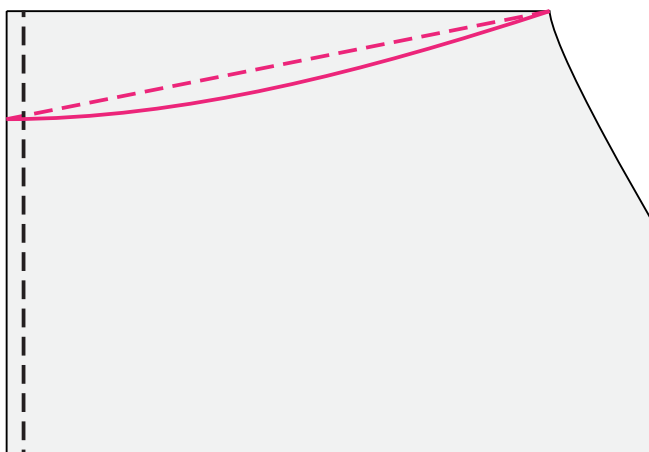
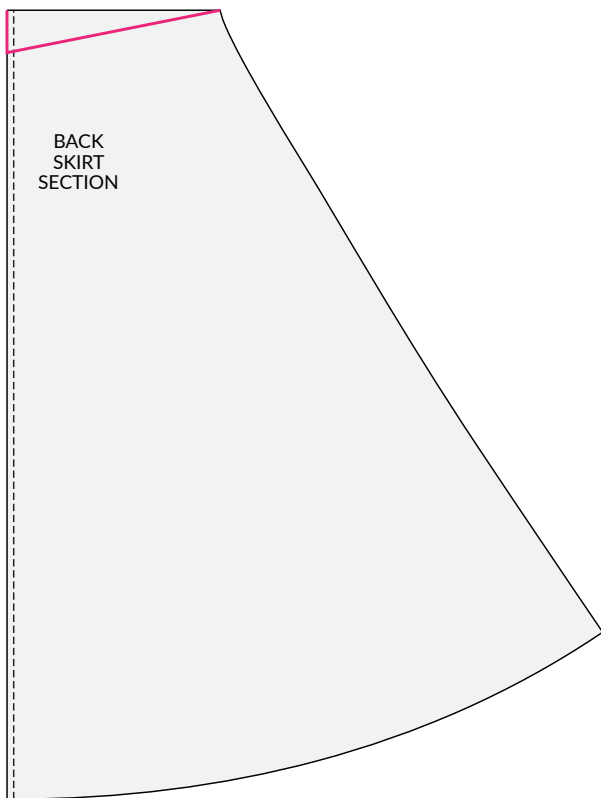


- Redraw** the line, gently curving it downwards. This line becomes the new cutting line for the waist of the skirt.

*** NOTE:** At centre front, keep the line at right angles for approximately 3cm (1 1/4").

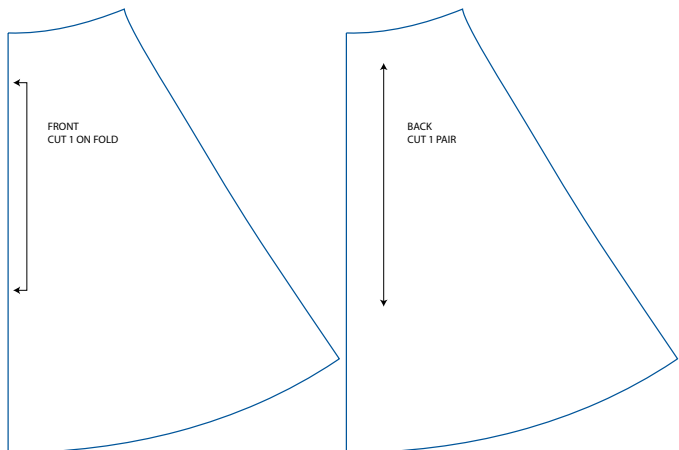


12. **Repeat** on the back skirt.



This completes the alterations for the skirt patterns.

13. **Cut out** the new back & front skirt pattern pieces with this new curve forming the top of the waist.



PREPARING PIECES:

CUTTING OUT:

14. **Lay & cut** out your new pattern.

You will need:

- 1 front bodice - cut on the fold
- 2 back bodices - cut as a mirrored pair (this cannot be cut on the fold)



- 1 front skirt - cut on the fold
- 2 back skirts - cut as a mirrored pair (you can also cut the back on the fold if you prefer)
- 1 neckline band & 2 armhole bands (see original Spellbound pattern)



ADDING NOTCHES:

15. **Add** the following extra notches:

- Centre front bodice at hem
- Centre front skirt at waist



NOTE: if you've cut the back skirt on the fold, add a notch at centre back waist too.

LET'S GET SEWING:

SEWING THE BODICE:

16. **Follow** Steps 1-11 in the Spellbound or Wanderlust tutorial to sew the BODICE together including adding neck and arm bands (& sleeves for the Wanderlust).



SEWING THE SKIRT SECTION:

17. With right sides together, **overlock** (serge) back skirt pieces together along centre back.
 18. With right sides together, **overlock** (serge) front & back together along side seams.



TESTING THE FIT:

19. With right sides together, slip bodice around the skirt. **Align & pin** the waistlines, side seams & notches.



BODICE LENGTH ADJUSTMENT: If you feel that the waistline is too low for you, adjust your pattern accordingly.

ON YOUR CURRENT DRESS: Adjust the bodice section only by trimming the necessary amount off the bottom of the front & back bodice evenly.

ON YOUR PATTERN: Transfer this adjustment to your pattern by folding out the necessary length (as outlined in the Bodice Length Adjustment instructions in the Spellbound or Wanderlust Dresses).

SWAY BACK ADJUSTMENT: If you have wrinkles just at the small of your back, you can do a Sway Back Adjustment as outlined in the Spellbound.

This time, pin out & remove the extra fabric evenly both sides of the horizontal waist seam along the back.

JOINING SKIRT & BODICE:

20. **Overlock** around the waist line, joining skirt to bodice.



HEMMING & IRONING:

21. To **hem & iron**, see page 16-17 in the Spellbound tutorial or page 16 in the Wanderlust tutorial.

And that's all there is to it.

ALTERING A PREVIOUSLY MADE SPELLBOUND DRESS

Follow these instructions to alter a Spellbound or Wanderlust Dress that you have already made. Please note that your dress will end up shorter than it currently is. Please take this into account.

1. **Follow** the instructions from Step 1-13 to alter your pattern.
2. **Lay** your previously made Spellbound on your cutting table & **fold** along centre front.
Smooth garment out & **align** side seams at underarm & hem.



3. **Lay** the front bodice pattern piece on your dress, **aligning** centre front & side seams.
Mark along the hem.



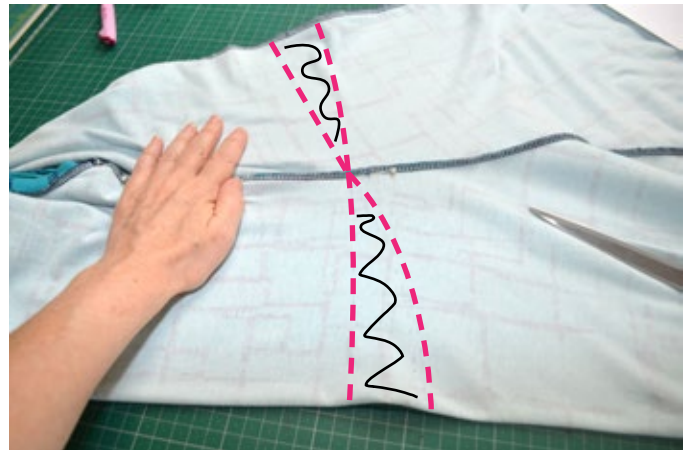
4. **Lay** the skirt pattern piece on your dress.
Align centre front & side seams. Align the waist of the side seam with the pen mark from your bodice.
Mark along the new skirt waist line.



5. **Repeat** on the back.



6. **Cut** along the marked lines, cutting out your new skirt & bodice.



You will be cutting out these two wedges.



7. **Mark** centre front bodice & skirt.
8. **Open** skirt out so you can see the side seam at the waistline.
If the curve between front & back is a bit pointy (totally a technical term), **smooth** it off before sewing.



9. **Go to** Step 19 on the previous page to complete your dress.