Bodice Back
Size 6

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Materials needed to make a (Cardboard) Block

- standard printer
- paper - A4 or Letter size - four pages to print the Sample Block*
- sticky tape
- scissors
- Patternmaking cardboard (as per image to the left) - to create a sturdy Block that you can use to make patterns (e.g. trace around and mark design lines, etc)
- awl and notcher to mark the block (or you can just improvise)

*If you are purchasing blocks, the number of pages will depend on the blocks your purchase. The larger the size, the more pages. Detailed information about what exactly is included in the purchase, including number of pages, can be found on the individual Purchase Block page.

**This is the final block that you will be creating**
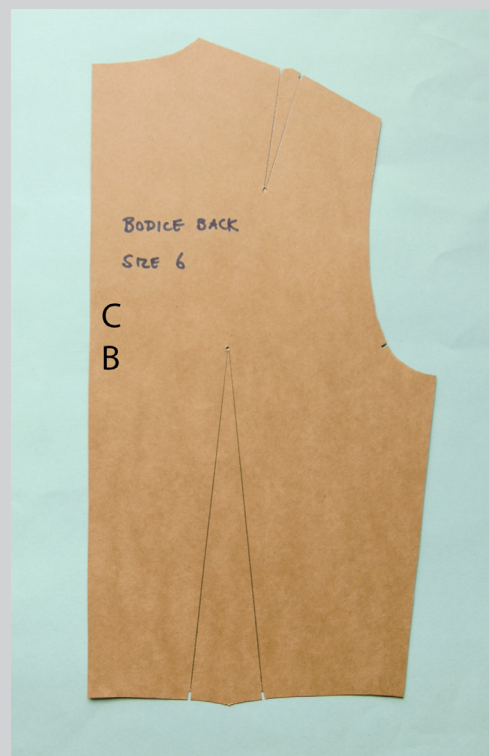
1.   Choosing the right Download
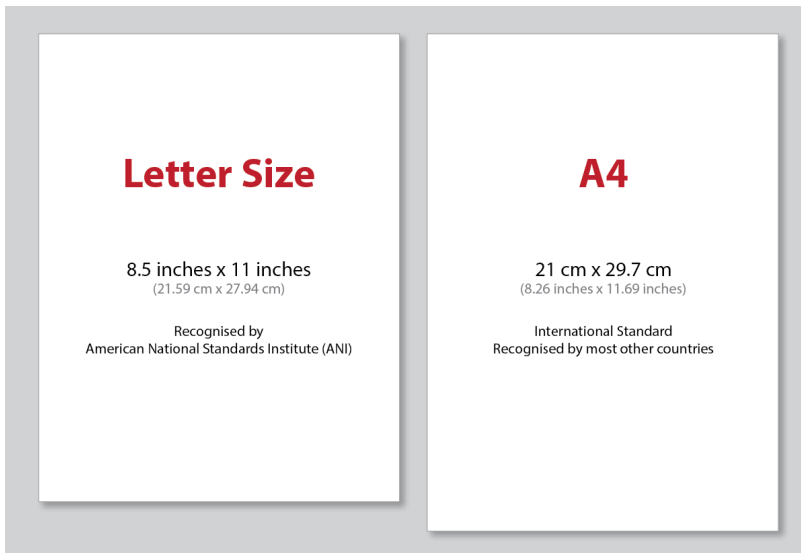
- There are two file options for download: A4 and Letter.

- Make sure you choose the download that is relevant to your country and printer. For the USA this would be Letter size, for Australia and Europe this would be A4.

- Choosing the incorrect Paper Size Download then *scaling to make it fit* through through your Printer Dialog Box will result in the measurements of the block being incorrect.

- Choosing the incorrect paper size and *not scaling* may mean that parts of the block are not printed out.

# 2.   Print the PDF File with NO SCALING
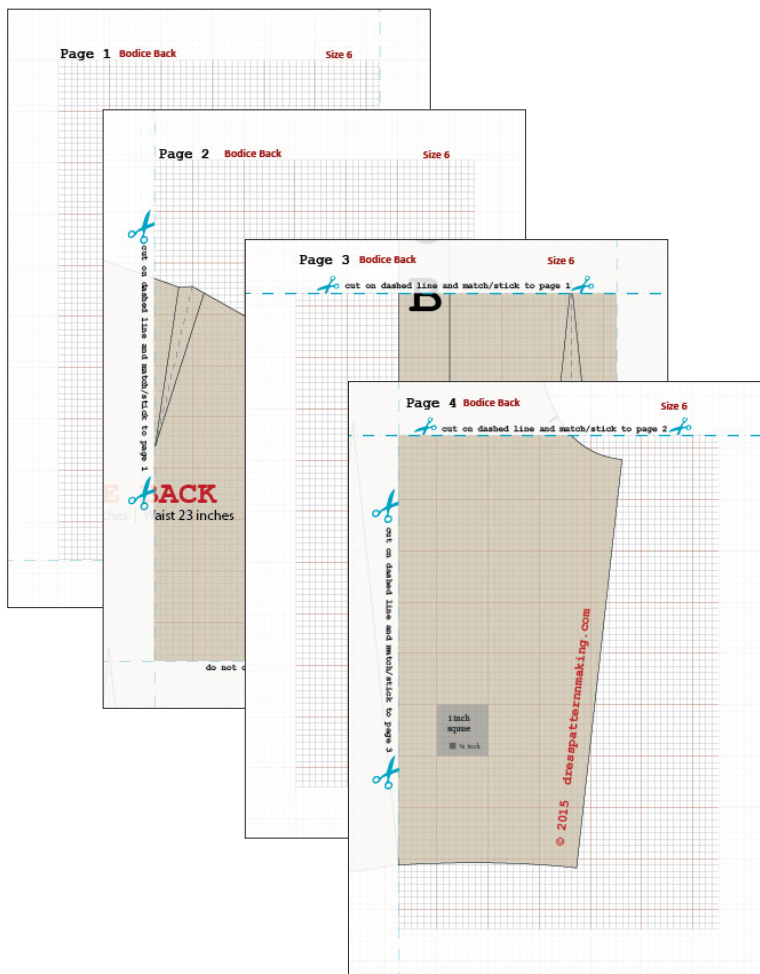
- The sample block is the Bodice Block Back, Size 6, and contains 4 pages.

- You need to print the file on the same size paper of the download selected in Step 1.

- Sometimes your Printer Dialoge Box will be set up to Scale Pages by default, even if you have selected the correct paper size that relates to your country/printer. Make you you check/choose **Page Scaling: NONE** from the Page Scaling drop-down list.

- Once printed, check out it has printed to scale by using an inch ruler against the grid.

3.   Cut out and stick the pages together as marked
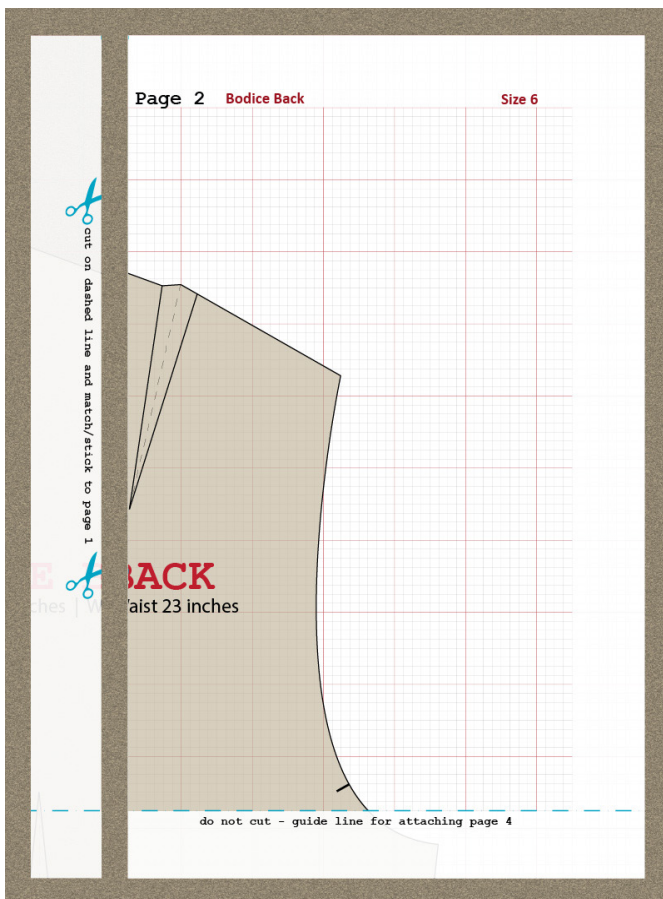
- There are two types of (blue) dashed lines on the Blocks: dashed lines with a scissors icon for cuttting, and plain dashed lines for matching up with cut pages.

- As per the example, cut on the dashed line on the left of page 2, don't cut on the dashed line at the bottom.

- Continue with other pages

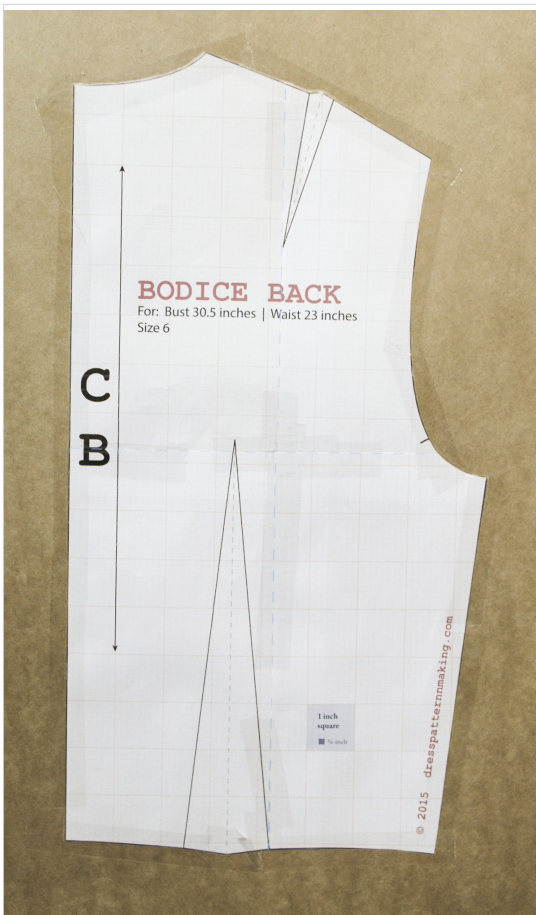## 4.   Match up the blue dashed lines and the Grid
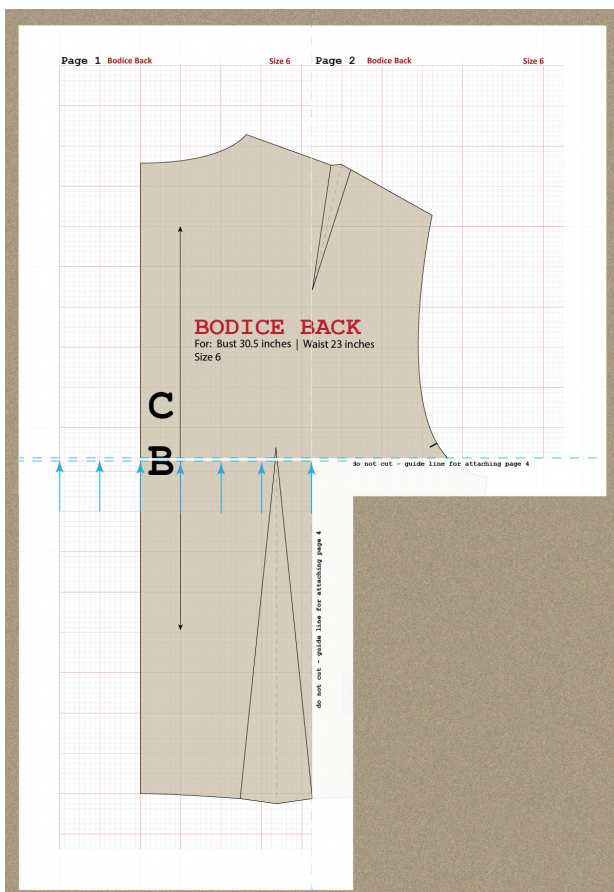
- Stick pages together in order 1 - 4.

- make sure you match up the blue cutting lines and the grid - do not try to match up the page edges.

5. Cut out the paper block shape

- Put sticky tape on the back of the assembled pages shape to make cutting easier.

- Cut out the block shape from the paper.

## 6. Stick the bodice shape to the cardboard

- Place the paper block shape on the patternmaking cardboard.

- Make sure the paper is completely flat on the cardboard.

- Stick the bodice shape to cardboard around the edges using sticky tape.

7.   Cut out the cardboard block

As the cardboard and paper may fall apart as you finish cutting the block, it may be better to mark the dart points BEFORE you start cutting, and do notching as you go along.
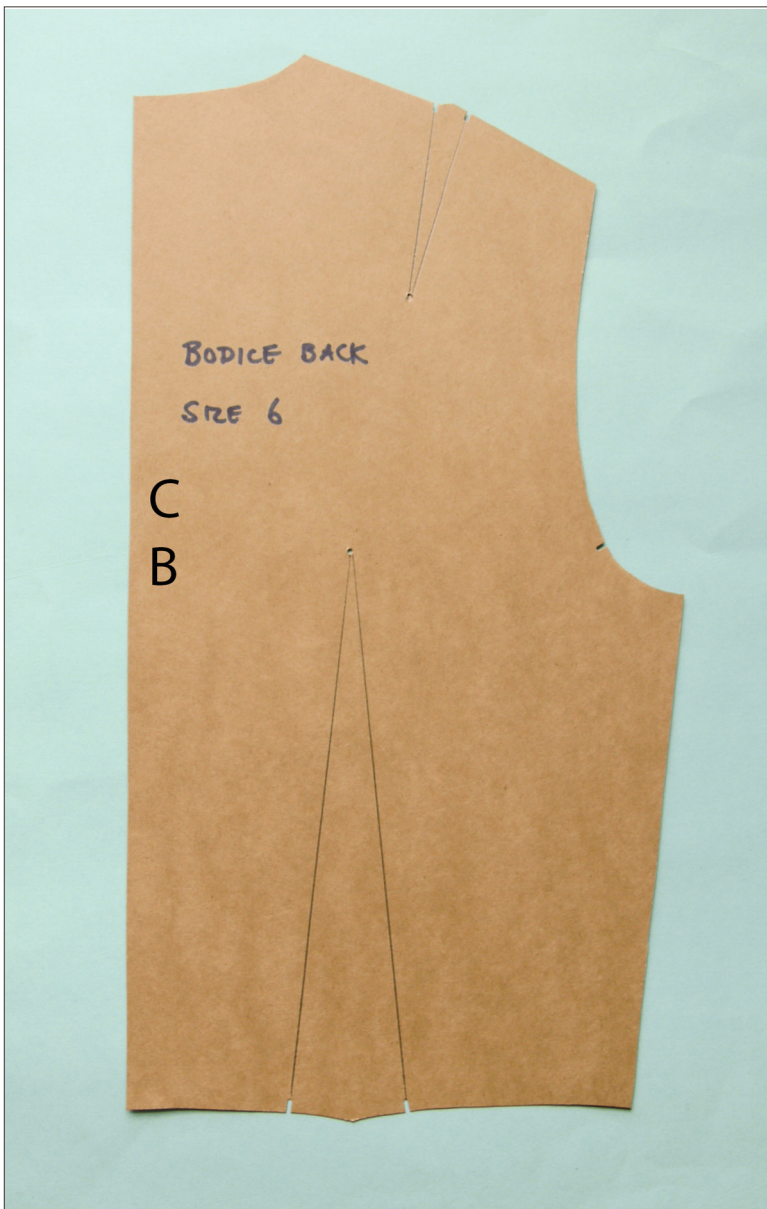
- Mark the dart points using an awl.
- Mark the bust legs using a notcher.
- Cut the block outline again; through the paper and the cardboard.
- The paper and cardboard will separate easily if you have cut correctly.
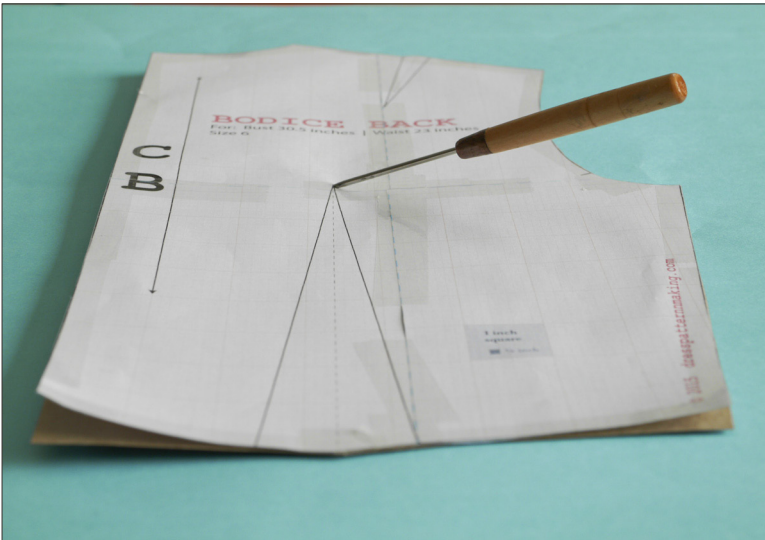
8.   Separate the paper and cardboard and label the block

- You can either throw the paper block outline away, or keep it to make a copy of the block.

- The cardboard is your working block; label it with a texta.

- Make the dart lines with a pencil and ruler.

- This is your final block.