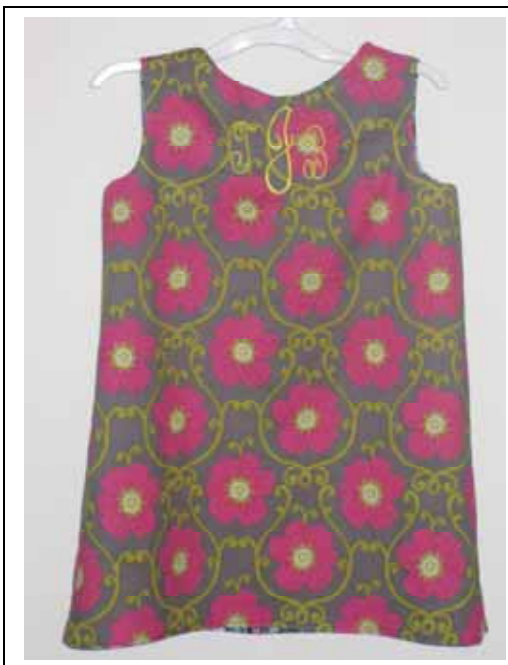
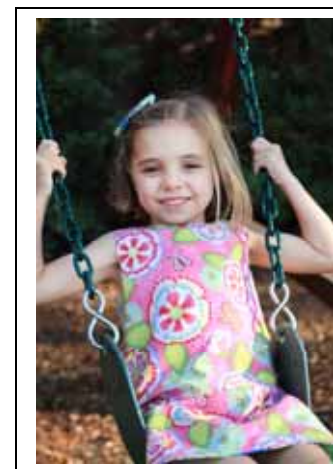


The Reversible Classic A-Line Dress



- Looking for a quick dress to sew for your little girl? Are you a beginner sewer? Then this is the dress for you! This sewing pattern will help you make a Classic A-Line dress (that's reversible) that doesn't need buttons. Whether you are a beginner or an advanced sewer, you will love sewing this dress! It has a classic scoop neck front and a v-neck back. It slips over your child's head for an easy fit and has a tailored look to it. Even if this is your first sewing project, you can do it! And since it is reversible you will get two boutique style dresses in one easy to follow pattern. Start sewing today!
- **Full size pattern pieces are included. They are color-coded and computer drawn. All sizes 6 months – 10 years are included in this pattern.
- This sewing pattern features 35 clear photo illustrations and detailed, tutorial style instructions to help you create your very own Reversible A-Line Dress. There are also several HINTS throughout the pattern so you can learn extra techniques as you go.

Let's get sewing!



Beginner Sewing Pattern
and Tutorial
Girls Sizes 6 months – 10 years

Materials:

You will need: 5/8 yard – 7/8 yard fabric (IN TWO FABRICS)
depending on the size

Notions: scissors, pins, coordinating thread, iron, sewing machine

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Sizing Chart:

Size	Child's Height	Child's Weight	Child's Waist
6-9 months	25-27 inches	15-18 lbs.	18 inches
9-12 months	27-29 inches	18-22 lbs.	19 inches
1-2T	33-35 inches	26-29 lbs.	20 inches
3-4 T	35-40 inches	30-37 lbs	21 inches
5-6 years	41-48 inches	37-42 lbs.	22 inches
7-8 years	49-55 inches	40-55 lbs.	23 inches
9-10 years	55-57 inches	55-80	23 ½ - 24 ½ in.



Fabric Required:

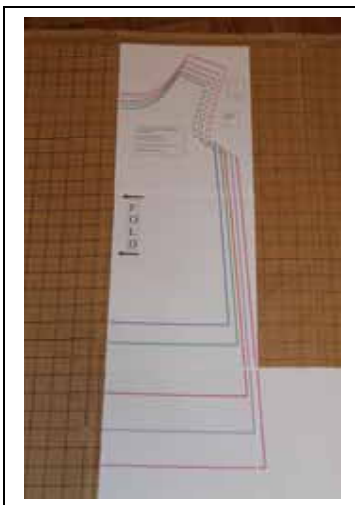
Classic A-Line Dress size	6-9m	9-12m	1-2yrs	3-4yrs	5-6yrs	7-8yrs	9-10yrs
Finished length of Classic A-Line Dress	Approximately 16 inches	Approximately 17 inches	Approximately 20 inches	Approximately 22 inches	Approximately 25 inches	Approximately 27 inches	Approximately 29 inches
Fabric for Dress	1/2 yard fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)	5/8 yard fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)	3/4 yard fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)	3/4 yard fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)	3/4 yard fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)	7/8 yards fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)	7/8 yards fabric in two fabrics (since the dress is reversible)

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1. Before you begin wash and dry your fabric. This will help prevent bunching or shifting of the stitching in future launderings. Gather materials: printed pattern, fabric, scissors, pins, coordinating thread, straight edge or measuring tape, fabric marker

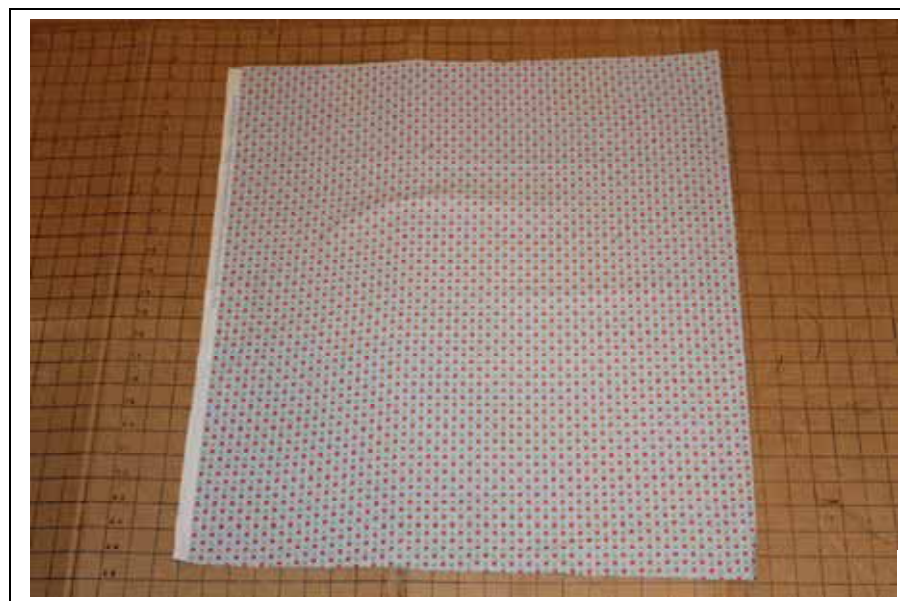


2. Tape your pattern pages together. No need to overlap any pages. Cut out the size you need.

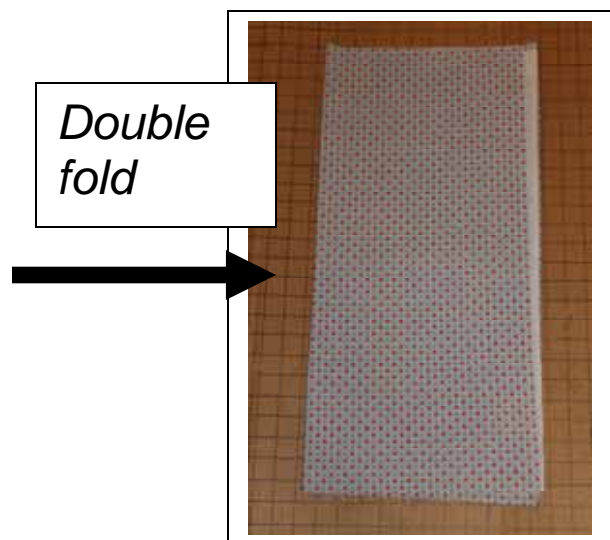


3. This is reversible so you are making two dresses in one. You will have a front and back in one fabric (Fabric A) and a front and back in your other fabric (Fabric B).

*Fold Fabric A in half lengthwise (touch the selvaged edges).



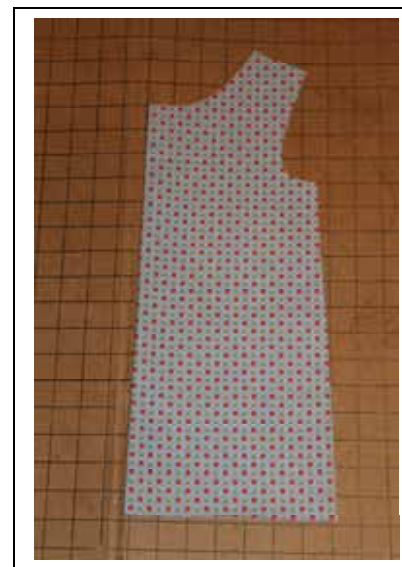
4. Fold fabric A in half again (take the folded edge and make it meet the selvaged edge). Pin in all 4 corners.



5. Place your pattern piece on the double folded edge.



6. Trace around your pattern piece and cut your fabric along your drawn lines.



7. Repeat steps 4-6 for Fabric B. Now you should have two dress pieces in each fabric.

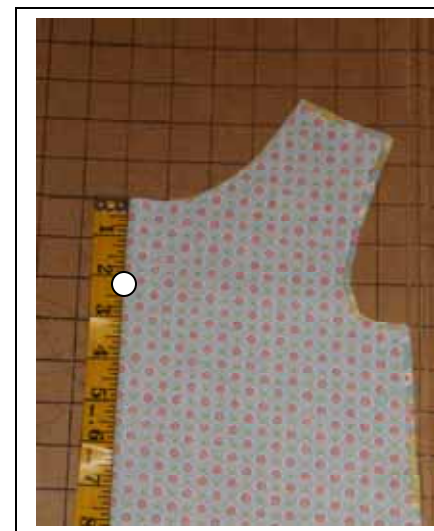


8. The dress is going to have a v-neck back so you can slip it over your little girl's head. No buttons are needed. To do this, take one dress piece from fabric A and one piece from fabric B. Lay them on top of one another with right sides together.

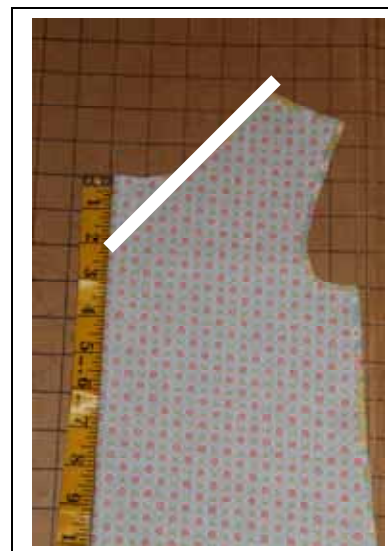


9. Fold these pieces in half with the side seams touching. At the folded edge you will make a deep V. Do this by measuring down _____ inches from the folded edge. Make a mark there.

- 6-9 months – 2 inches
- 9-12 months – 2 inches
- 1-2 years – 3 inches
- 3-4 years – 3 inches
- 5-6 years – 4 inches
- 7-8 years – 5 inches
- 9-10 years – 5 inches



10. Using a straight edge, draw a diagonal line from this mark up to the top of the shoulder strap.



11. Cut along this line. This will make your v-back for the dress.



12. Almost time to sew! Lay the v-neck backs of the dresses **right side up**.



13. Matching the same fabrics, lay the dress fronts on top of the dress backs with **right sides together**.



14. Pin the **side seams** on both dresses.



15. Sew along the side seams (remove pins as you go) using a 5/8 inch seam allowance.



16. Press seams open with an iron. Turn one dress right side out. (I turned the left one right side out).

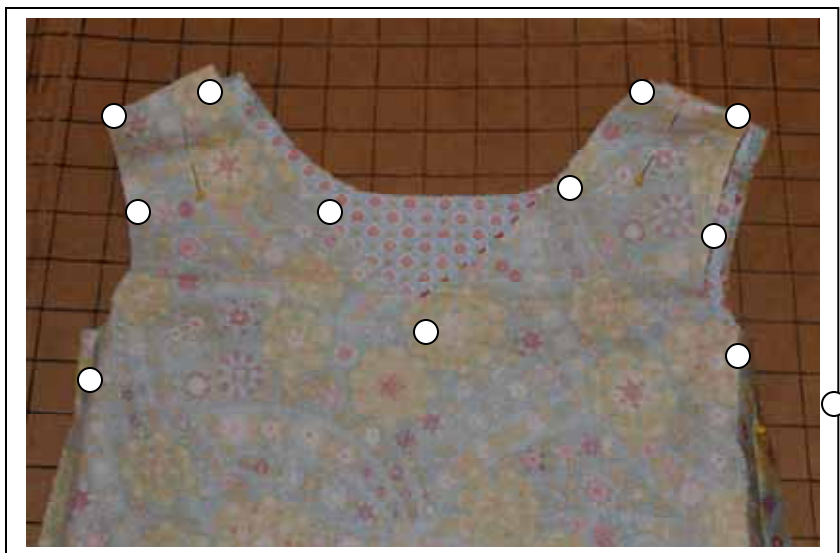


17. Place the dress that is right side facing out INTO the other dress. The right sides of the dresses will be touching.



Make sure you match the scoop neck on both dresses and the v-neck on both dresses carefully.

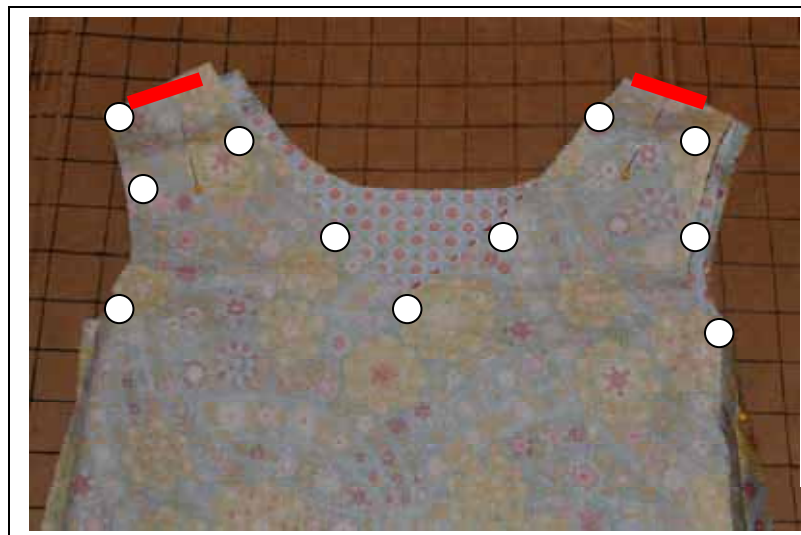
18. Carefully match up the dresses at the shoulder seams, underarms, side seams and neckline edges. Pin these parts only. *Make sure you match the V-neck to the V-neck.



19. You will sew all around the pinned edge (under the arms, up the straps, across the front and back necklines) but **DO NOT SEW across the top of each shoulder strap.**

*See the red lines below. Do not sew that part. We want it to stay open and will finish the shoulders soon.

*Use a 5/8 inch seam allowance.



HINT for the v-neck: At the lowest point of the V neck, stop sewing and leave your needle in the fabric. Lift your presser foot and turn the fabric to line up your sewing line to continue sewing up the opposite part of the V. Lower your presser foot and continue sewing.

20. Trim all threads. Using small scissors you will clip the fabric at the curved underarms, neckline edge and v-neck every ½ inch. This will ease the tension when turning inside out. Clip close to the sewn line, but not through it. *HINT: If you accidentally cut through your sewn line, it will break the thread. To solve this, just sew that line again, underneath the cut.



21. Reach your hand in between the two dresses and turn your dress right side out and push one dress inside the other. The wrong sides of the fabrics will be touching and your dress will now be reversible.



22. Press your neckline and armholes with an iron.



23. Use your fingers to turn in the raw edges of the **back shoulder straps** half an inch. Do NOT turn in the front straps. Press with an iron to help it lay flat.



24. Take your front shoulder straps and tuck them into the back straps half an inch. Their raw edges will be tucked inside. **Iron and pin.**



25. Sew along the pinned edge, across the width of the arm strap. Sew as close to the line where the straps join as you can. Repeat for the other arm strap.



This will close up your arm straps and hide the raw edges.

26. Time to hem. Use your fingers and an iron to turn under a ½ inch hem on both dresses. Carefully line up the bottom edges as you do this, iron and pin all the way around the entire hem.

*HINT: The fabric on each dress will be turned under and the raw edges will hidden inside the dress.



27. Using a 1/8 inch seam allowance, sew around the bottom hem of the dress. Stay as close to the edge of the dress as you can.

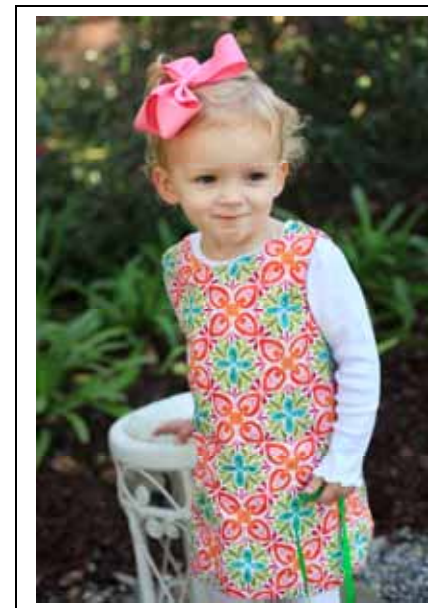
**HINT: Start sewing the hem where the side seams meet. That way your beginning and ending threads will blend into the seams.



28. You're FINISHED!!!

YOU DID IT!

Try on the Reversible A-Line Dress on your little girl and be proud of what you made!
Congratulations!!!



Congratulations!! You did it!
You just made a
Classic A-Line Dress!

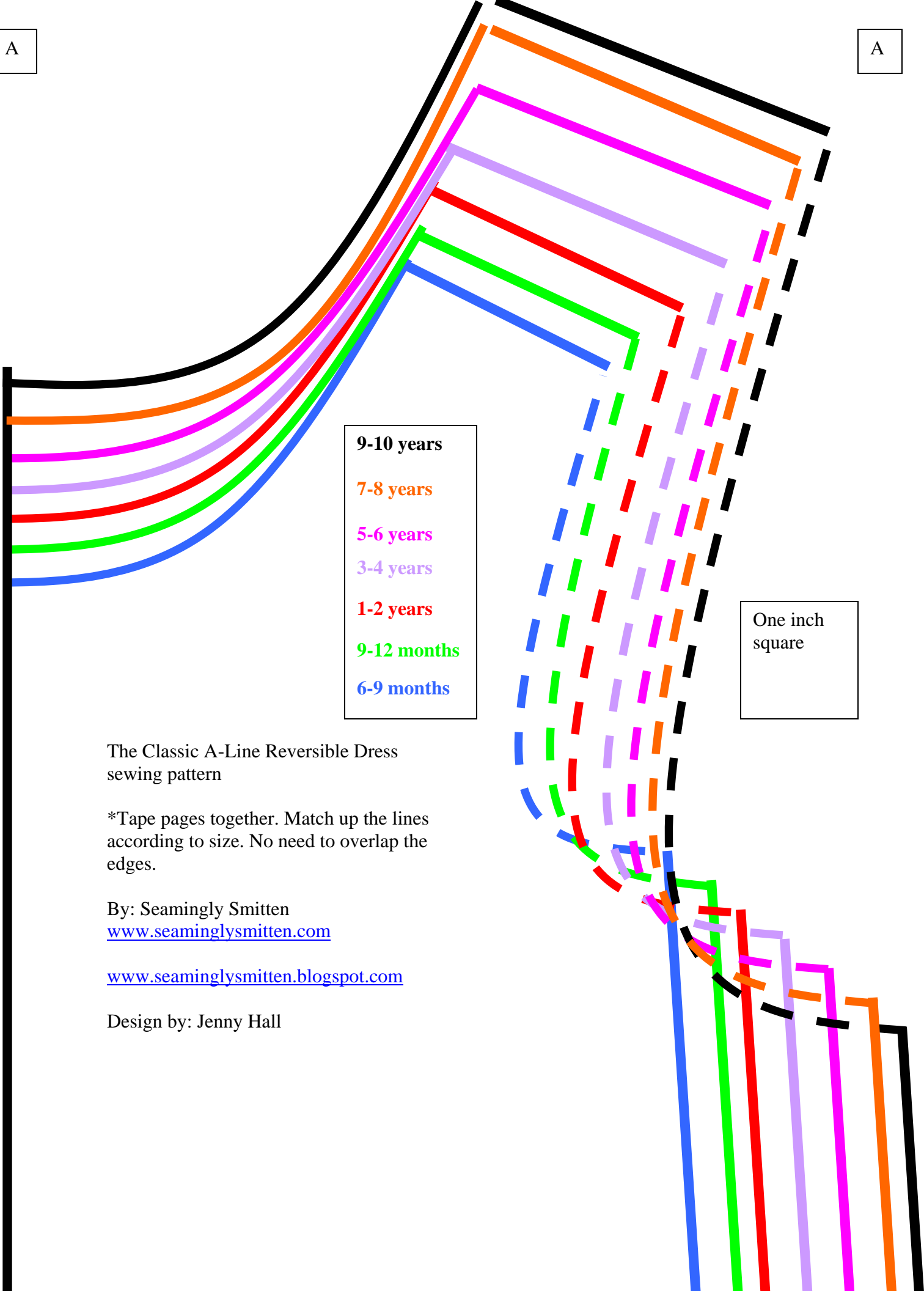
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- 9-10 years
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- 9-12 months
- 6-9 months

One inch square

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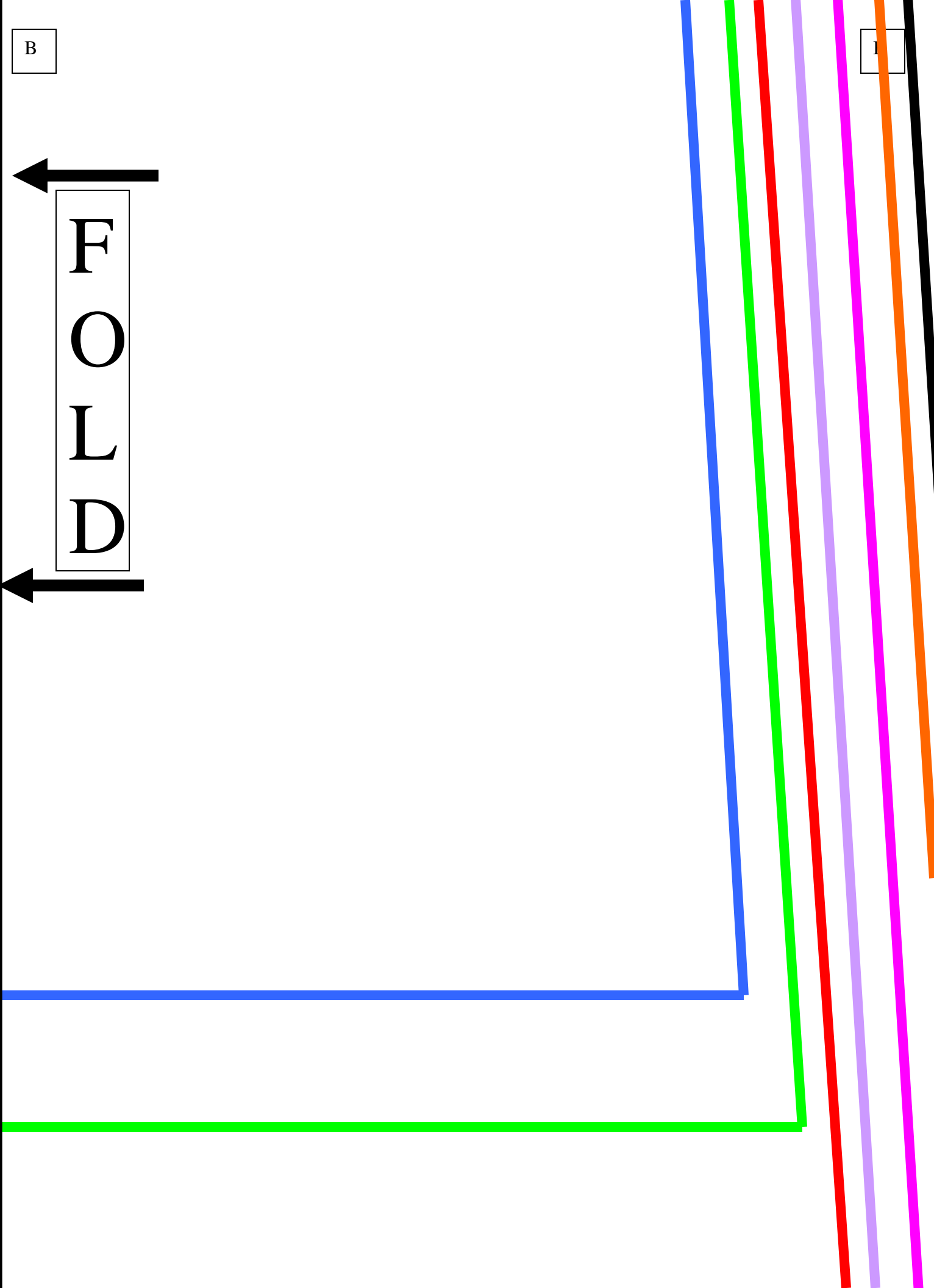
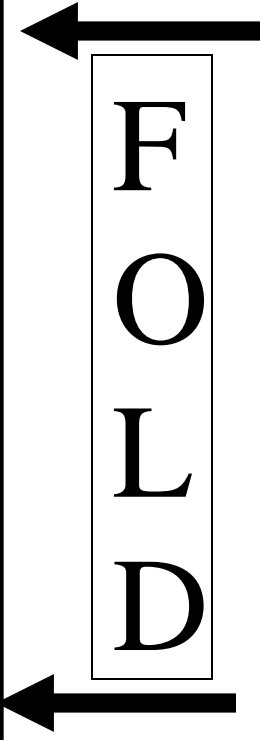
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