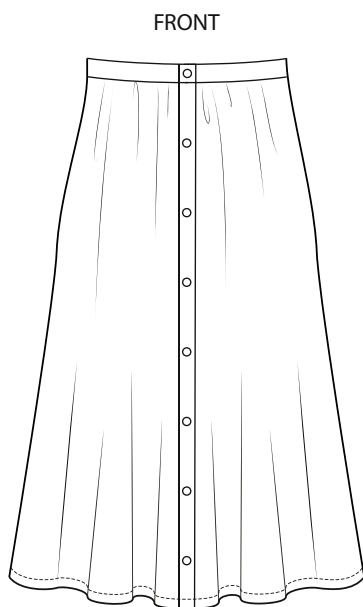


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## THE ANDREA SKIRT

SIZES 6-30 (US 2-26/EUR 30-54)



# THE ANDREA SKIRT

Sew a fun and swishy button-up skirt, and customise to your perfect length – and it even has pockets!

## PACK INCLUDES

- Pattern sheet x 1 (Tracing required)
- Instruction sheet

## YOU WILL NEED

- Main fabric: 2.7m x 140cm wide
- Lightweight iron on interfacing: 0.5m
- Buttons 1.5-2cm wide: 8
- Matching thread
- Basic sewing kit

## FABRIC SUGGESTIONS

- Light to medium weight woven fabrics, such as viscose, cotton or linen.

## FABRIC USED

- Minerva core range soft viscose linen blend fabric in Ochre, minerva.com

## NOTES

- Seam allowance is 1cm, unless otherwise stated.
- Make your skirt pattern as long or as short as you like, using the lengthen/shorten lines.



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## BODY MEASUREMENTS

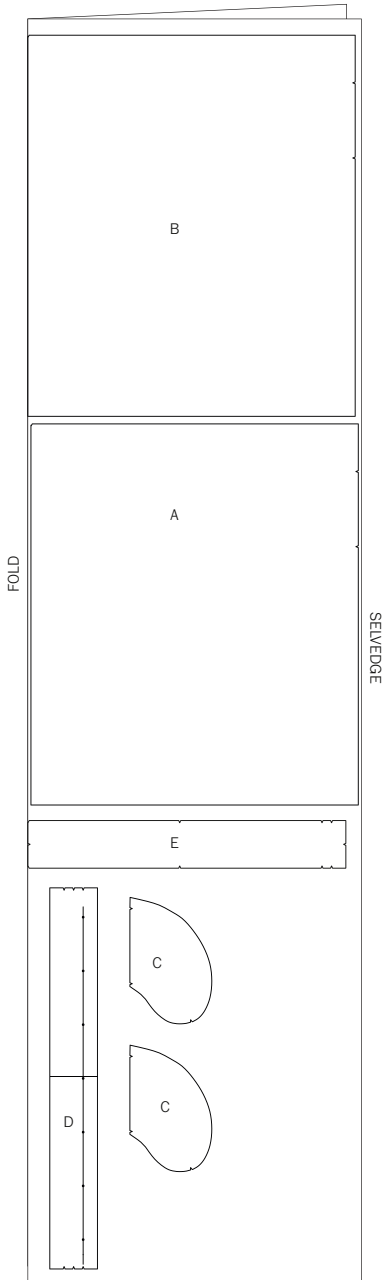
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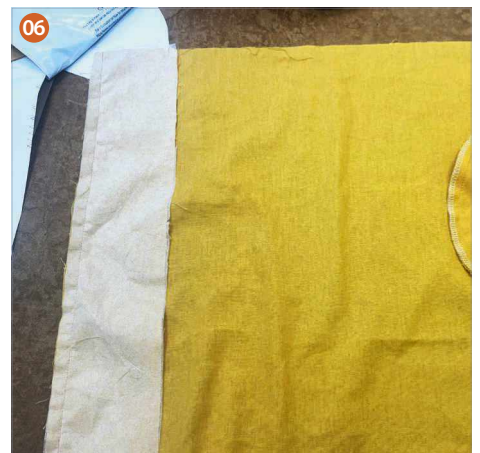
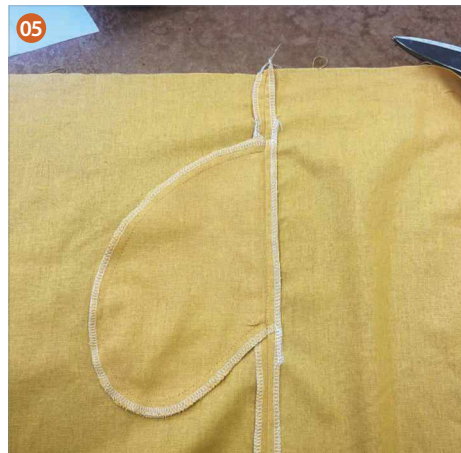
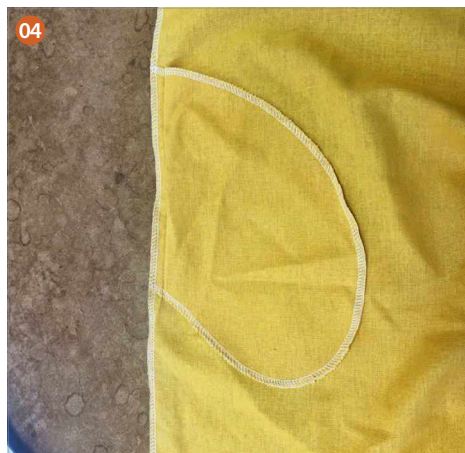
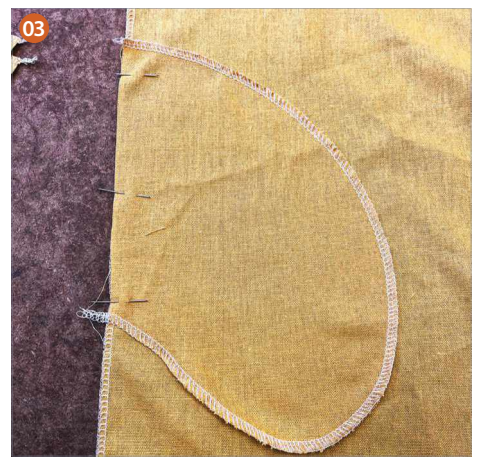
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# AREA SKIRT



## STITCHING TERMS

**Right side (RS)/ Wrong side (WS):** This is the right side and wrong side of the fabric. The right side usually has the print, design or texture and the wrong side is usually plain or duller in appearance.

**Machine tack:** A line of stitching worked using a long stitch length to hold a section in place. Don't backstitch at the start and end.

**Finish the seams:** Finish the raw edges with a zigzag stitch or an overlocker.  
**Press:** Pressing fabric is placing the iron down holding it for a few seconds, lifting it and placing it down again. Ironing is the movement of sliding the iron back and forth to remove creases.

**Understitch:** A line of stitching worked close to the seam line, usually on the side that will be on the inside of the garment, such as the facing. This will hold the seam allowance in place when the garment is worn.

**Staystitch:** Stitching in areas prone to stretching such as necklines to hold the fabric in shape while it is being worked on.

**Topstitch:** Stitching usually from the right side of the garment, commonly used to hold seam allowances in place. It can also sometimes be used for decorative purposes or to add strength.

**Toile:** A test garment, often made from calico or muslin, to check the fit or test a pattern before the real fabric is used. Known as a muslin in the US.

## NOTES

Seam allowance is 1cm, unless otherwise stated.

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## CUTTING OUT

**Step one** From main fabric, cut:

**Front Skirt (A):** one pair

**Back Skirt (B):** one on fold

**Pocket (C):** two pairs

**Button Placket (D):** one pair

**Waistband (E):** one on fold

**Step two** From interfacing, cut:

**Button Placket (D):** one pair

**Waistband (E):** one on fold

## MAKE THE SKIRT

### PREPARING PIECES

**Step one** With wrong sides (WS) together, add iron on interfacing to the Waistband and Button Plackets and set aside. **01**

### ADDING POCKETS

**Step one** Finish the curved sides of all four of the Pocket pieces using your preferred method. **02**

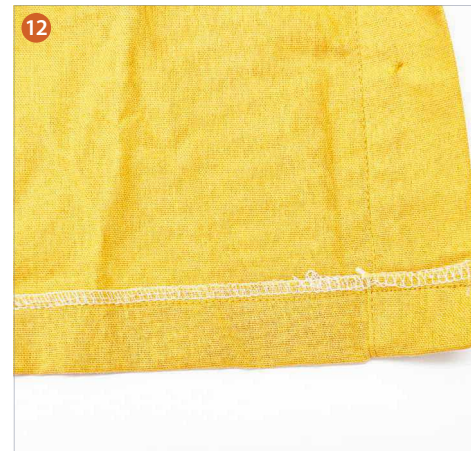
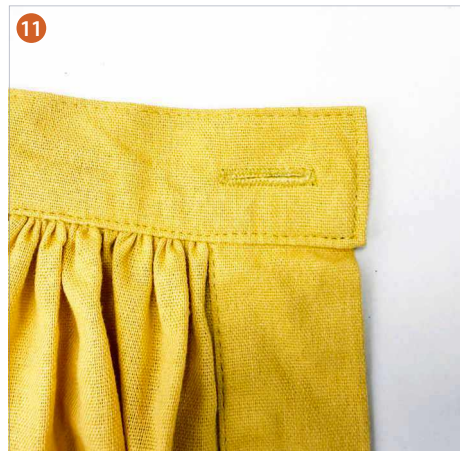
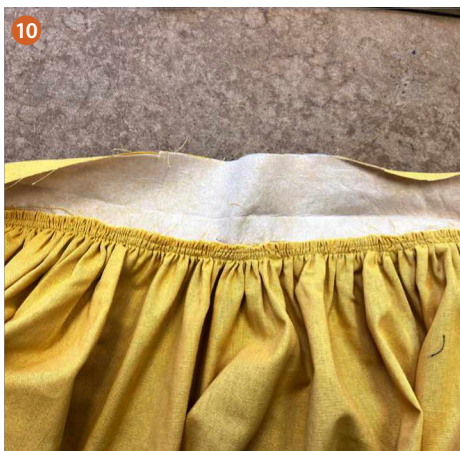
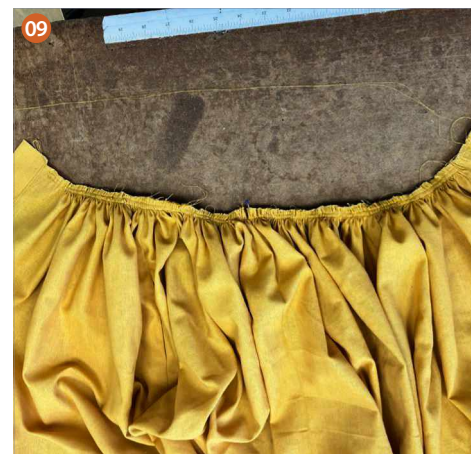
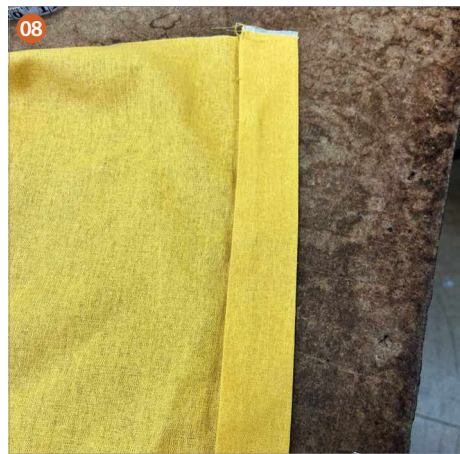
**Step two** With right sides (RS) together, place a Pocket piece on each side seam of the Front Skirts and Back Skirt pieces, matching notches. Pin in place and then stitch with a 0.7cm seam allowance. **03**

**Step three** Finish the side seams of the Front and Back Skirt pieces. **04**

**Step four** Press the Pockets away from the skirt pieces.

**Step five** With RS together, and the Pockets facing outwards, place the Front Skirts and Back Skirt together and pin both side seams.

**Step six** Stitch the side seams in place and press the seams open. **05**



### ADDING BUTTON PLACKETS

**Step one** With RS of the Button Placket, to the WS of the Front Skirt, pin the Button Plackets to the front edge of the Front Skirts. Stitch and then press the placket away from the skirt. **06**

**Step two** Press over 1cm to the WS of each of the raw edges of the plackets. **07**

**Step three** Then press the plackets in half with WS together and pin folded edge over the previous stitching line. **08**

**Step four** Topstitch the plackets in place.

### ADDING WAISTBAND

**Step one** With your machine set to the longest stitch length, sew two rows of gathering stitches at the top edge of the skirt, one at 0.5cm and one at 1.5cm seam allowance. Do not add gathering stitches to the plackets. **09**

**Step two** Matching notches, pin the RS of the Waistband to the WS of the top edge of the skirt. Pull on the gathering stitches to fit the Waistband. **10**

**Step three** Add more pins, as required and stitch in place.

**Step four** Remove gathering stitches.

**Step five** As per the Button Placket, press over 1cm to the WS of each of the raw edges of the Waistband.

**Step six** Press the Waistband in half WS together and stitch the front edges, in line with the edge of skirt plackets. Snip the corners and turn through to RS.

**Step seven** Pin the folded edge of the Waistband over the previous stitching line. Topstitch the Waistband in place.

### ADDING BUTTONHOLES

**Step one** Add a horizontal buttonhole to the right-hand side of the waistband, where marked. **11**

**Step two** Add vertical buttonholes to the right hand side of the Button Placket, where marked.

**Step three** Hand sew corresponding buttons on the left-hand side of the skirt.

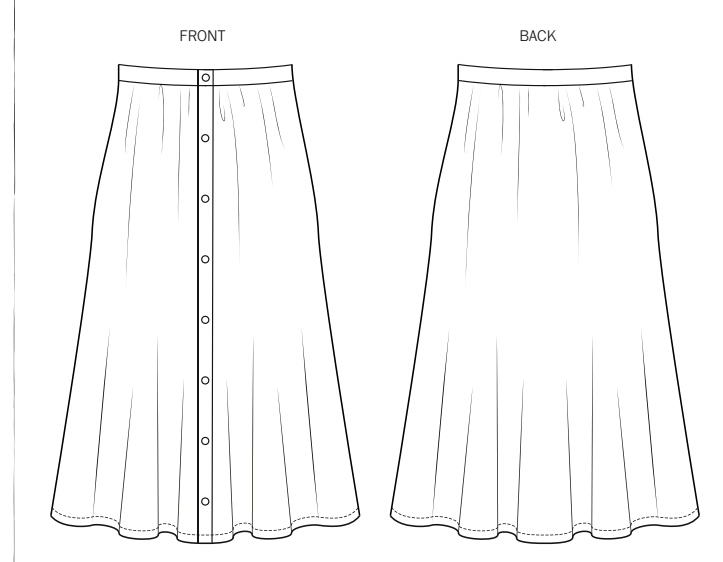
### HEMMING

**Step one** Try the skirt on and check the length – remove any excess length (minus 3cm for the hem).

**Step two** Finish the edge in your preferred method and press the hem up by 3cm to the WS and pin in place.

**Step three** Topstitch the hem and then press well to finish. **12**

### DIAGRAMS





# HOW TO PRINT THIS PATTERN

Print out the following pages on A4 paper at 100%.  
Overlap the red lines and tape the sheets in place using the guide below.

The pattern consists of 20 numbered pieces arranged in a 5x2 grid. Red lines indicate where to overlap sheets. The pieces are:

- 8**: Sewing logo and QR code.
- 9**: TEST SQUARE 10x10CM.
- 10**: Lengthen skirt here line.
- 11**: ANDREA SKIRT A/B. Back Skirt Cut one pair. Front Skirt Cut one pair.
- 12**: Empty space.
- 13**: Vertical lines for waistband.
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- 18**: TEST SQUARE 10x10CM.
- 19**: Empty space.
- 20**: ANDREA SKIRT Pocket. Cut two pairs.
- 21**: Empty space.
- 22**: Empty space.
- 23**: ANDREA SKIRT Waistband. Cut one fold.
- 24**: ANDREA SKIRT Waistband. Cut one on fold.
- 25**: ANDREA SKIRT Waistband. Cut one pair. Lengthen skirt here.
- 26**: ANDREA SKIRT A/B. Back Skirt Cut one pair. Front Skirt Cut one pair.
- 27**: ANDREA SKIRT A/B. Back Skirt Cut one pair. Front Skirt Cut one pair.

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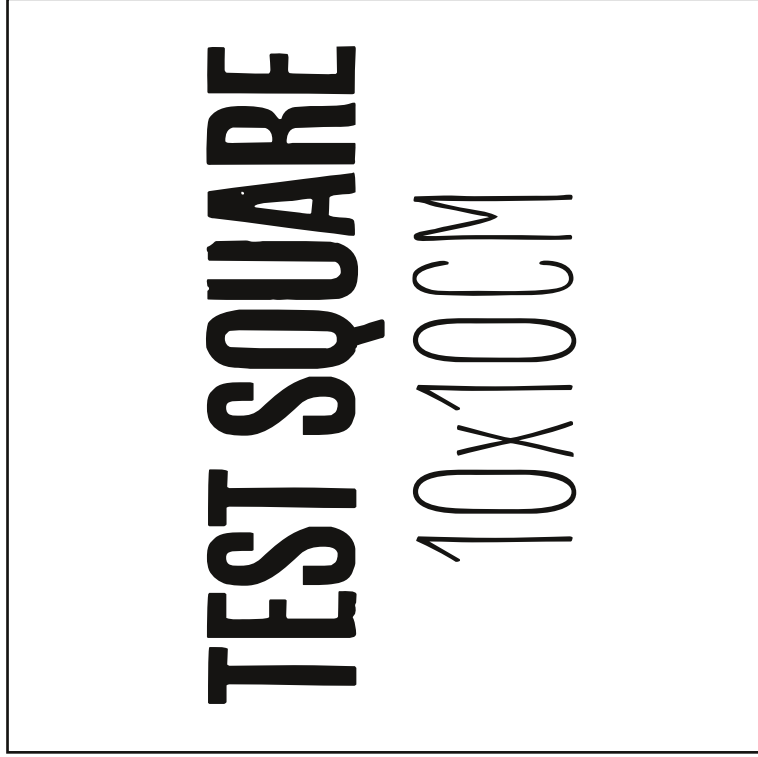
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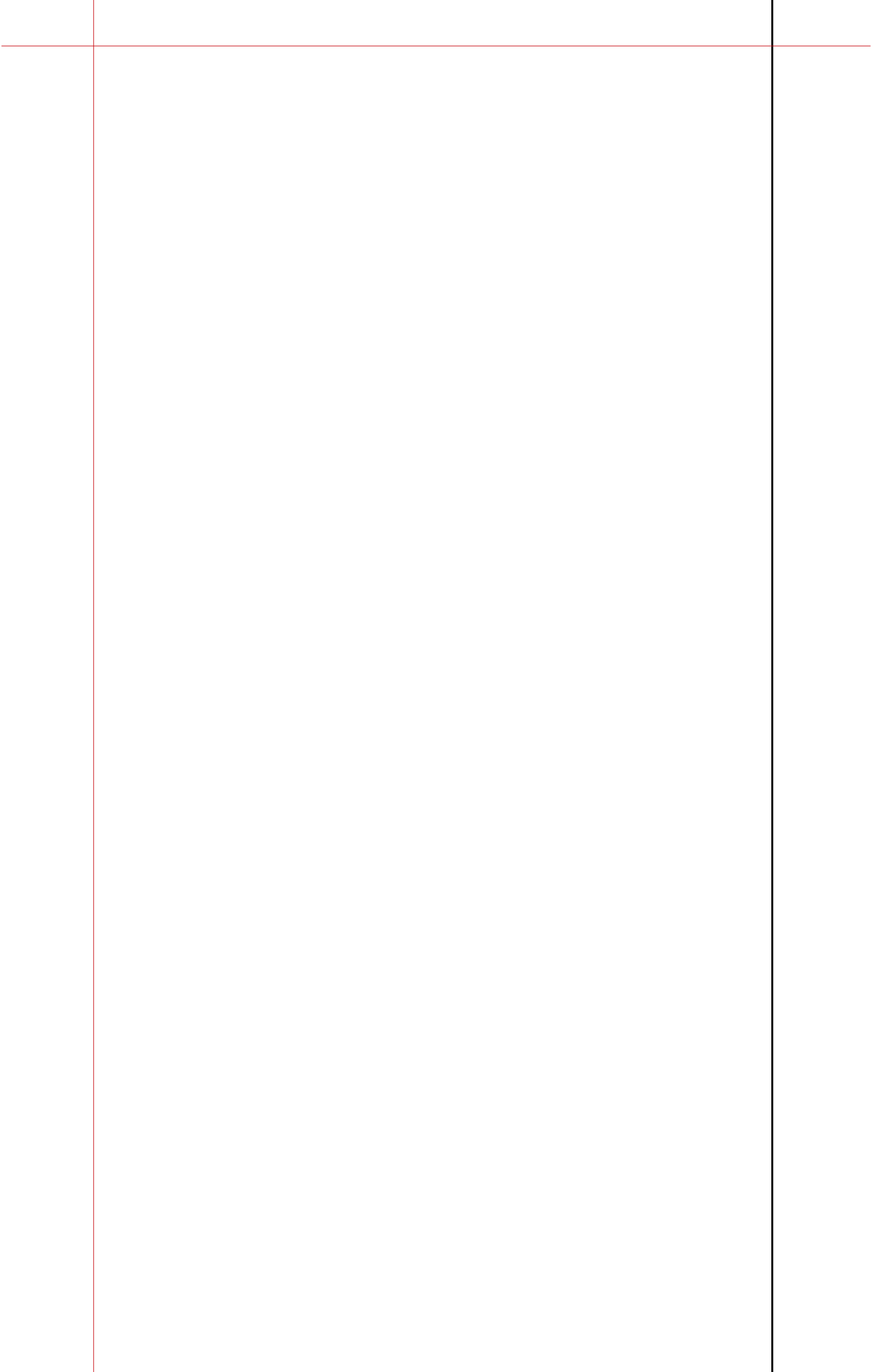
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## ANDREA SKIRT

Back Skirt / Front Skirt (Part A)

Back Skirt Cut one on fold

Front Skirt Cut one pair



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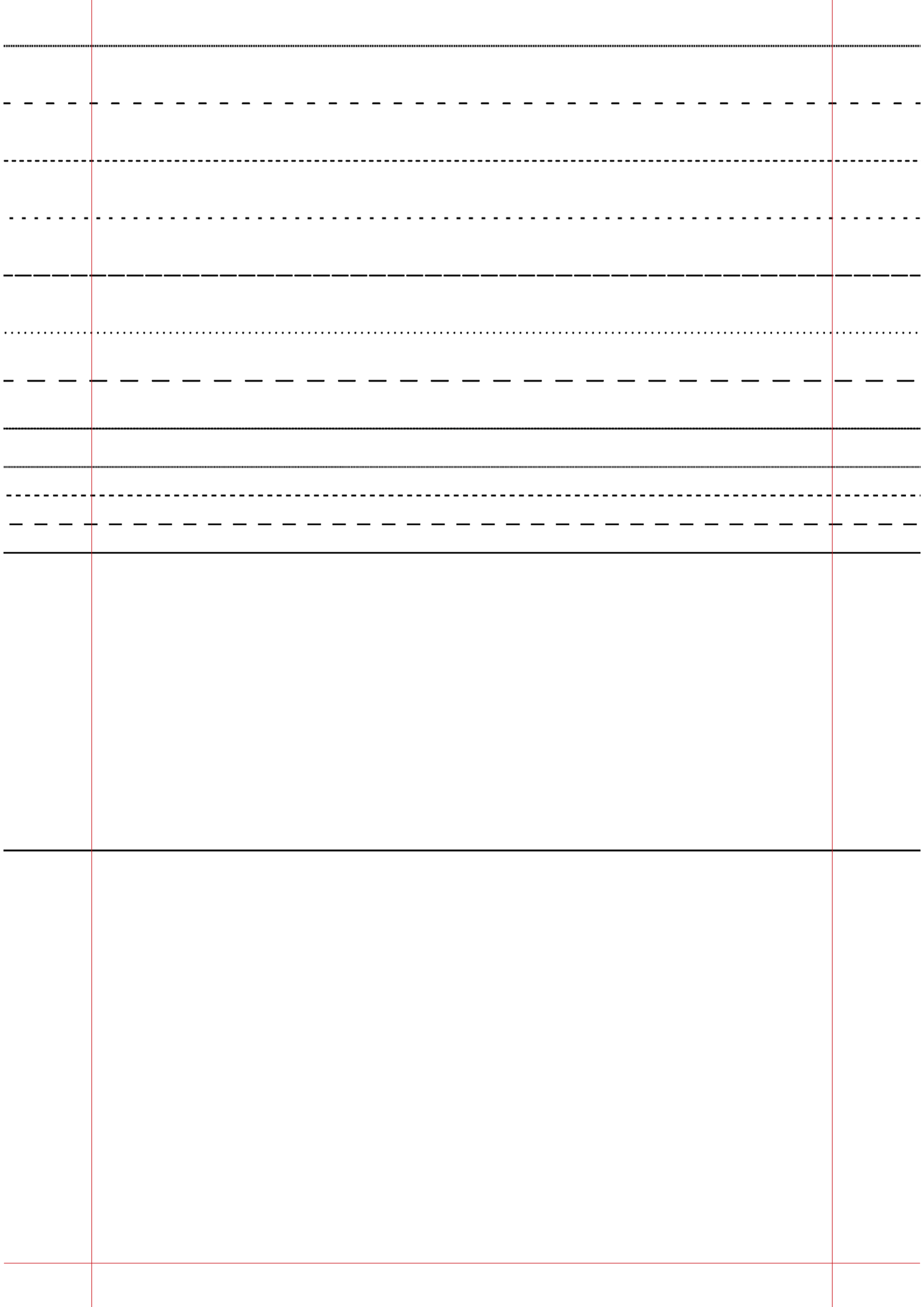
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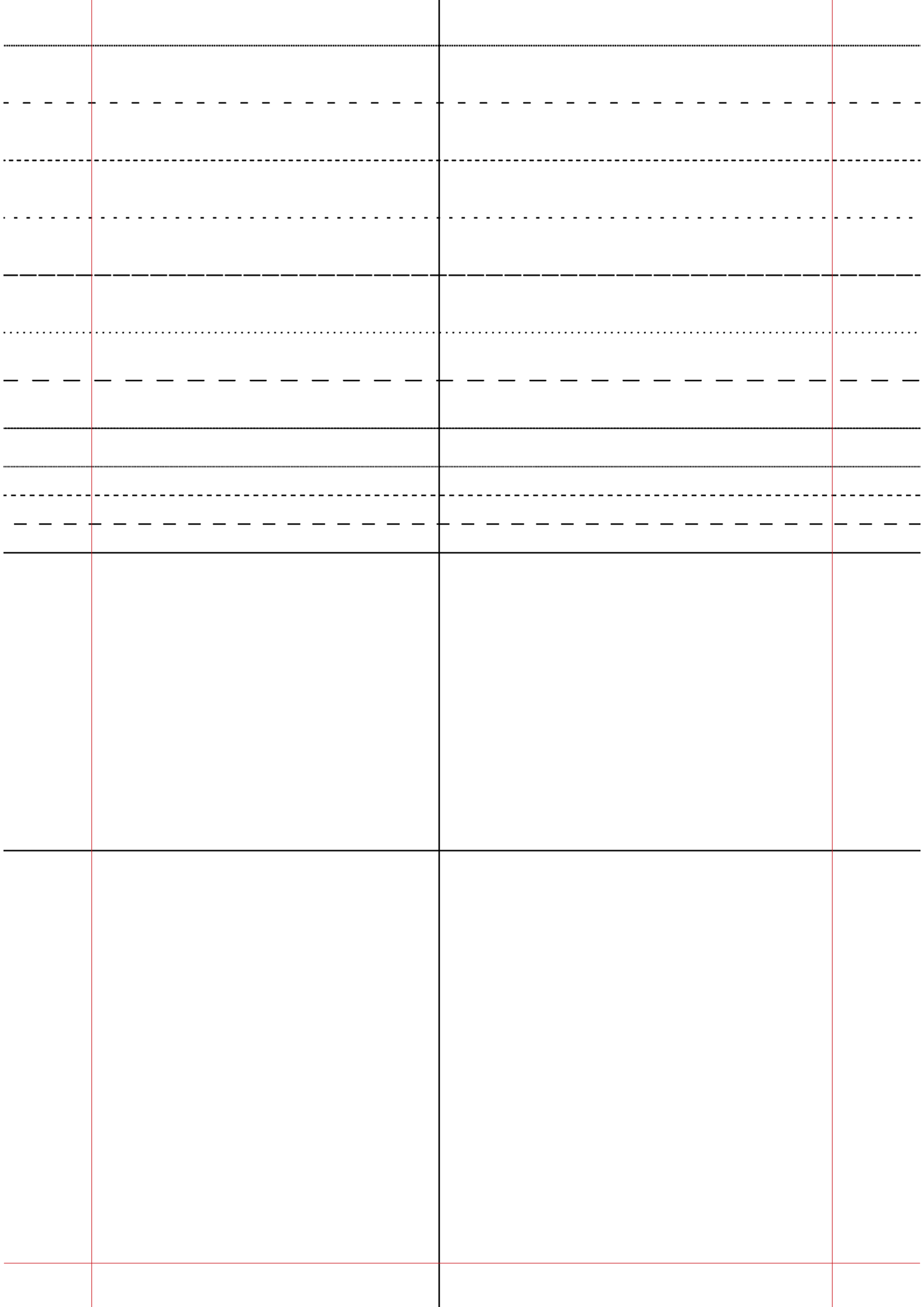
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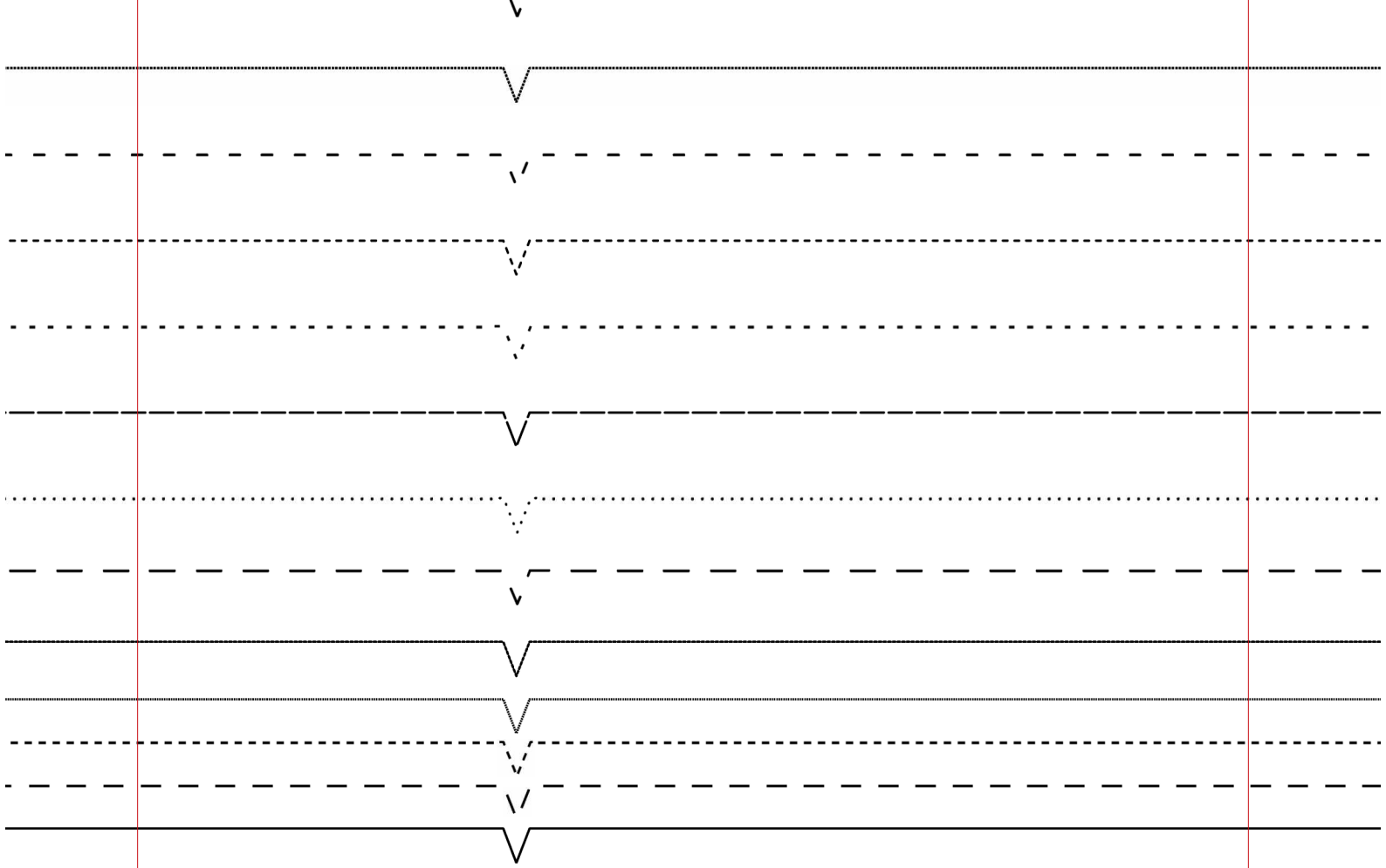
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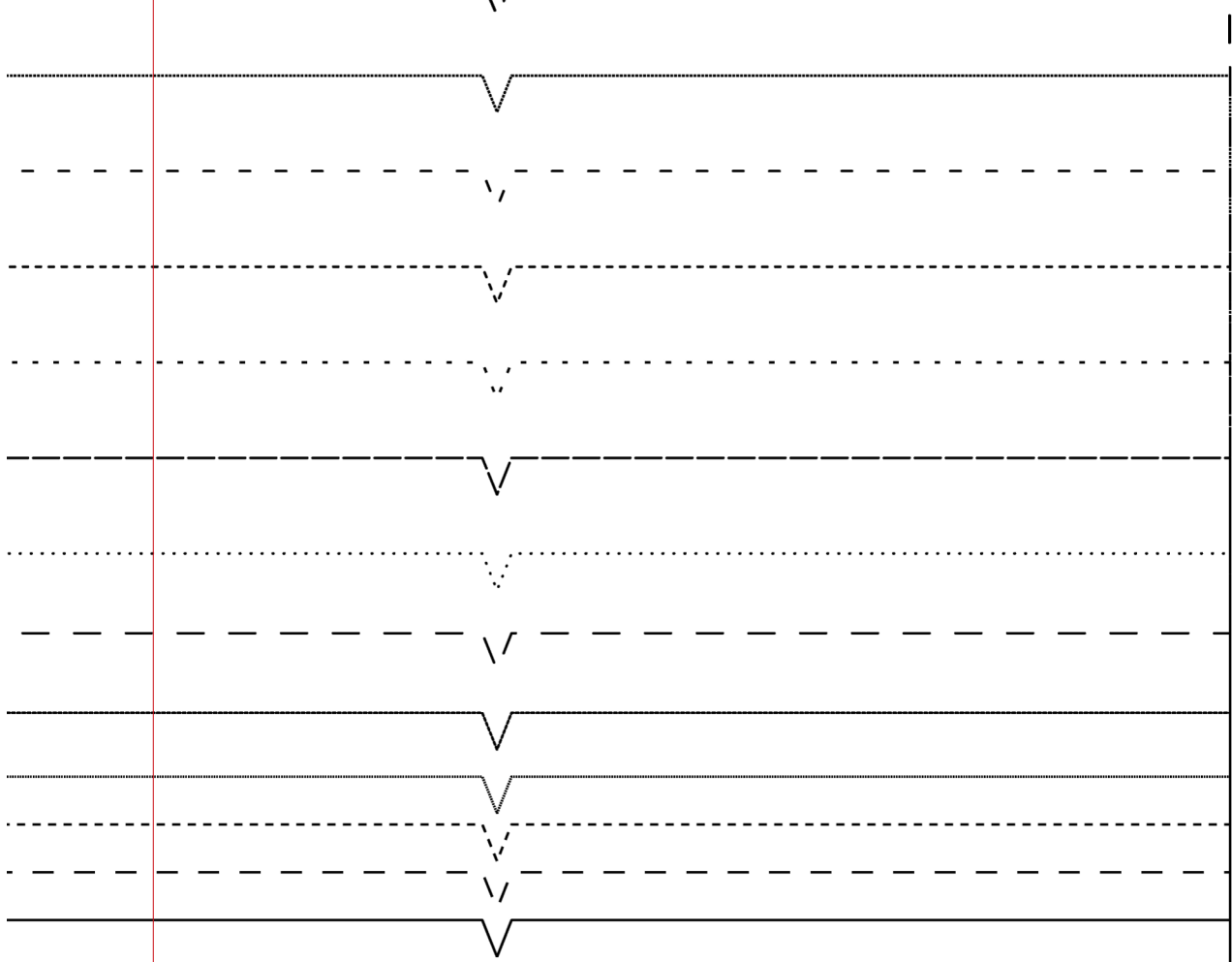
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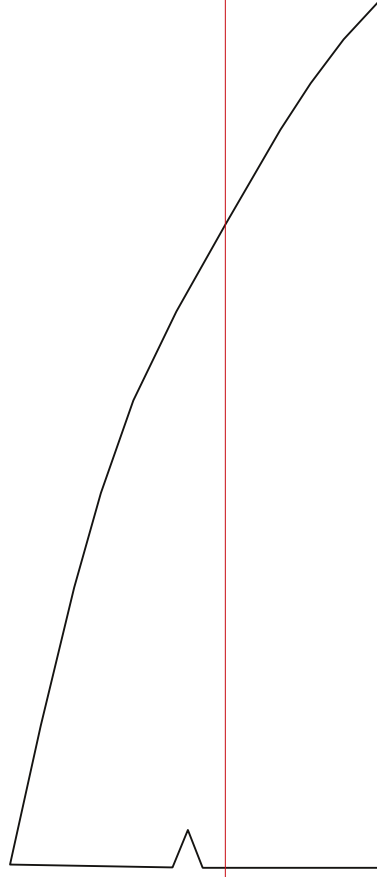
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**TEST SQUARE**  
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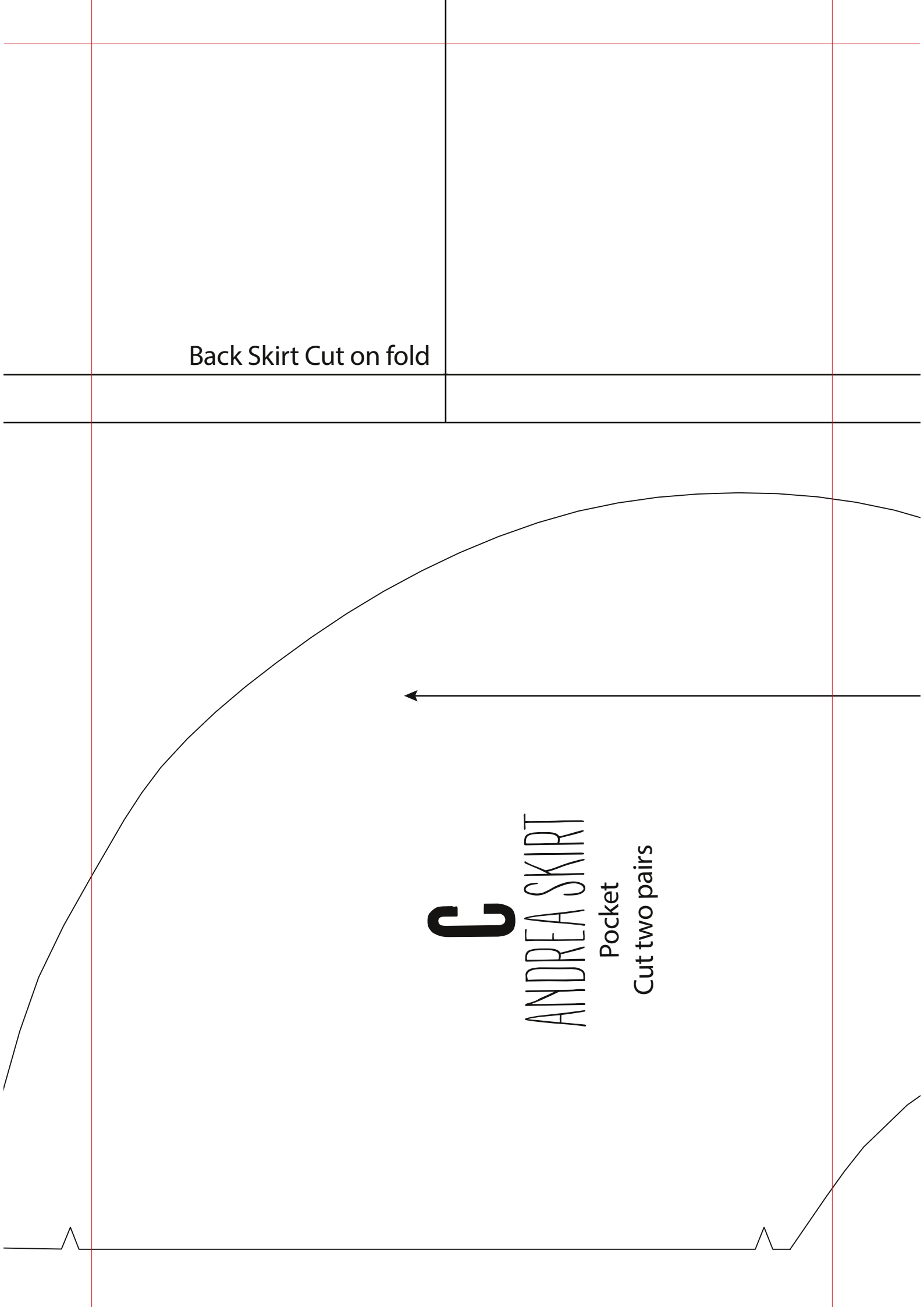
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**C**

ANDREA SKIRT

Pocket

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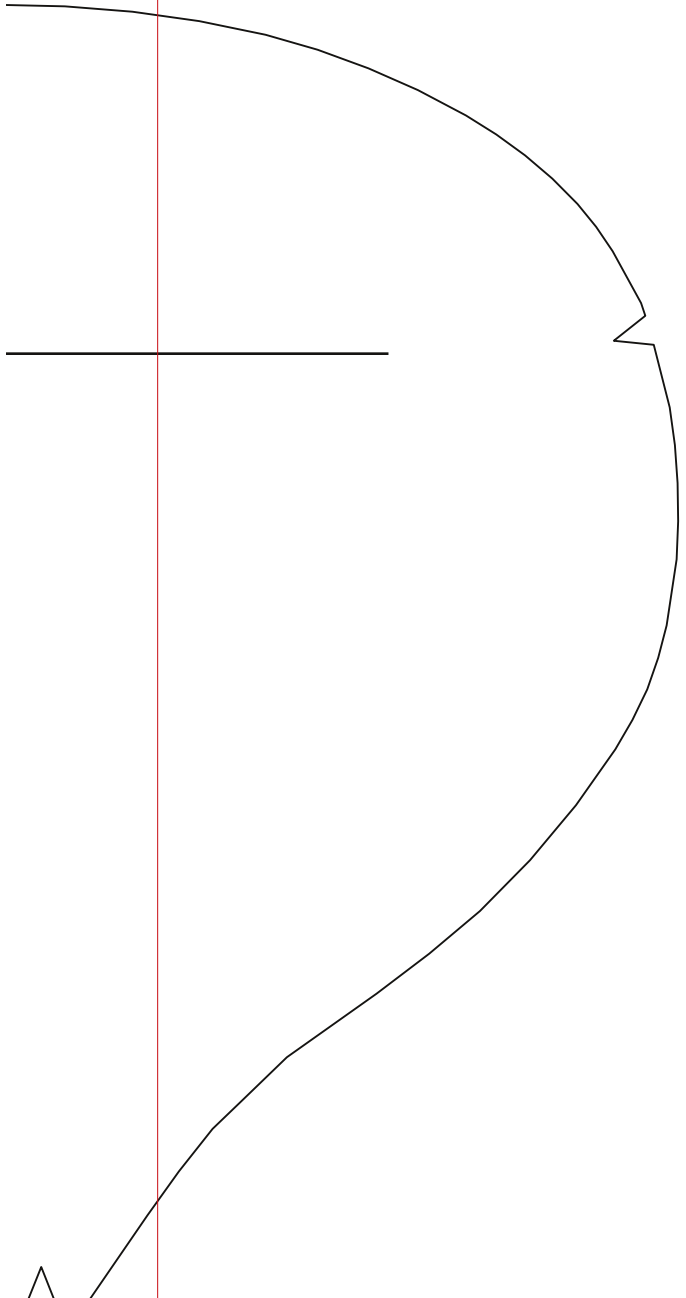
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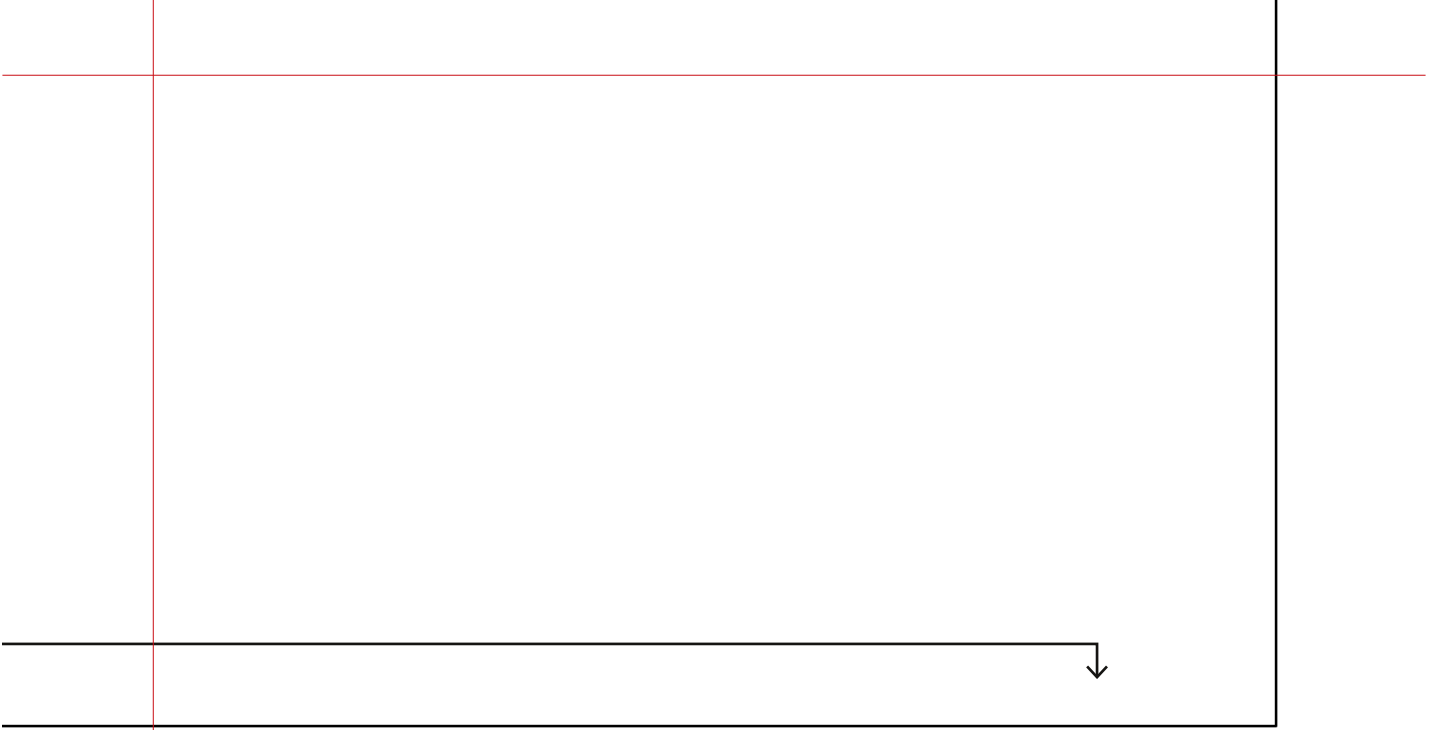
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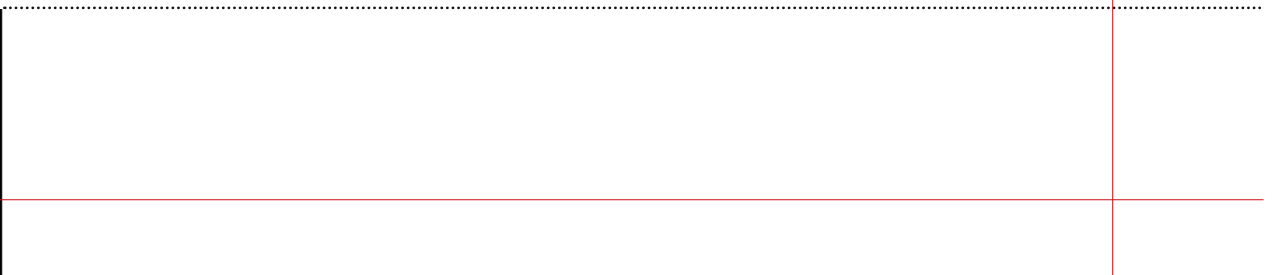
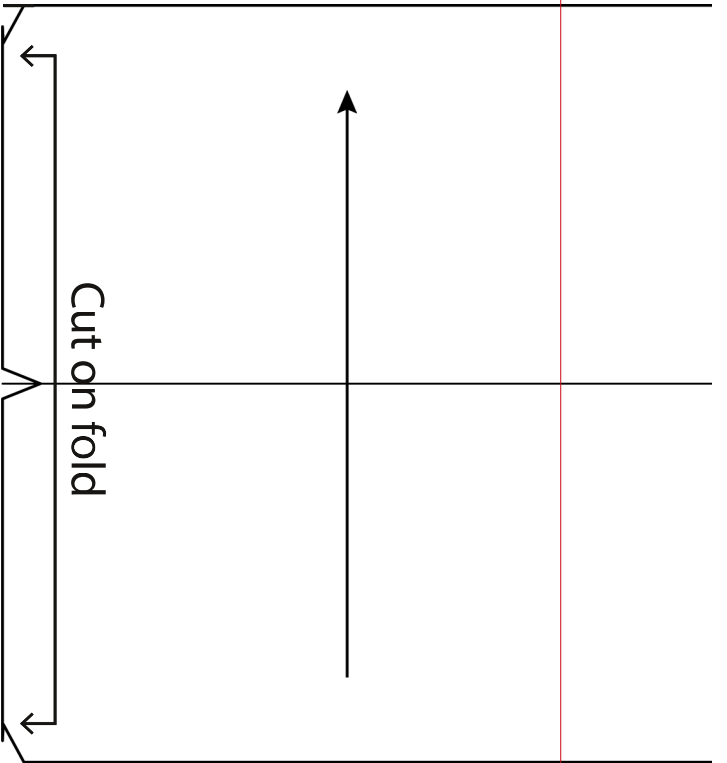
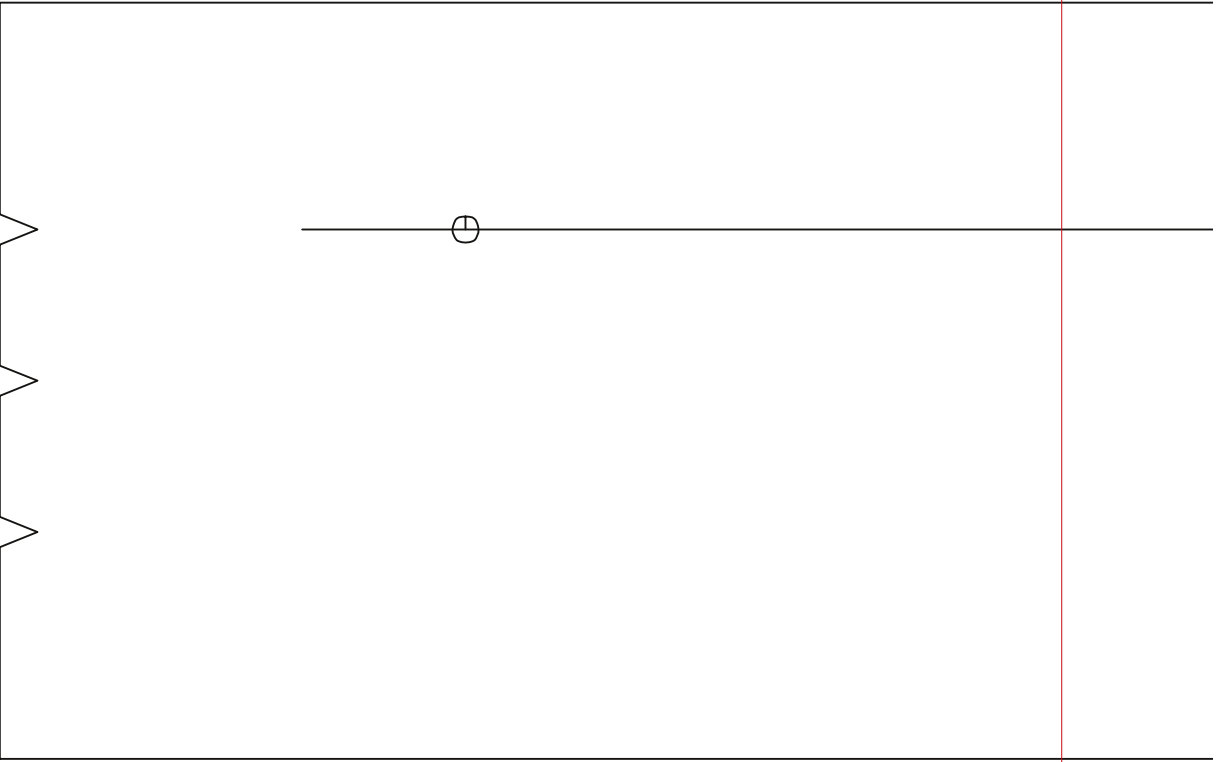
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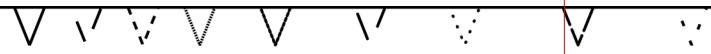
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Front Skirt Cut one pair





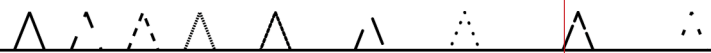




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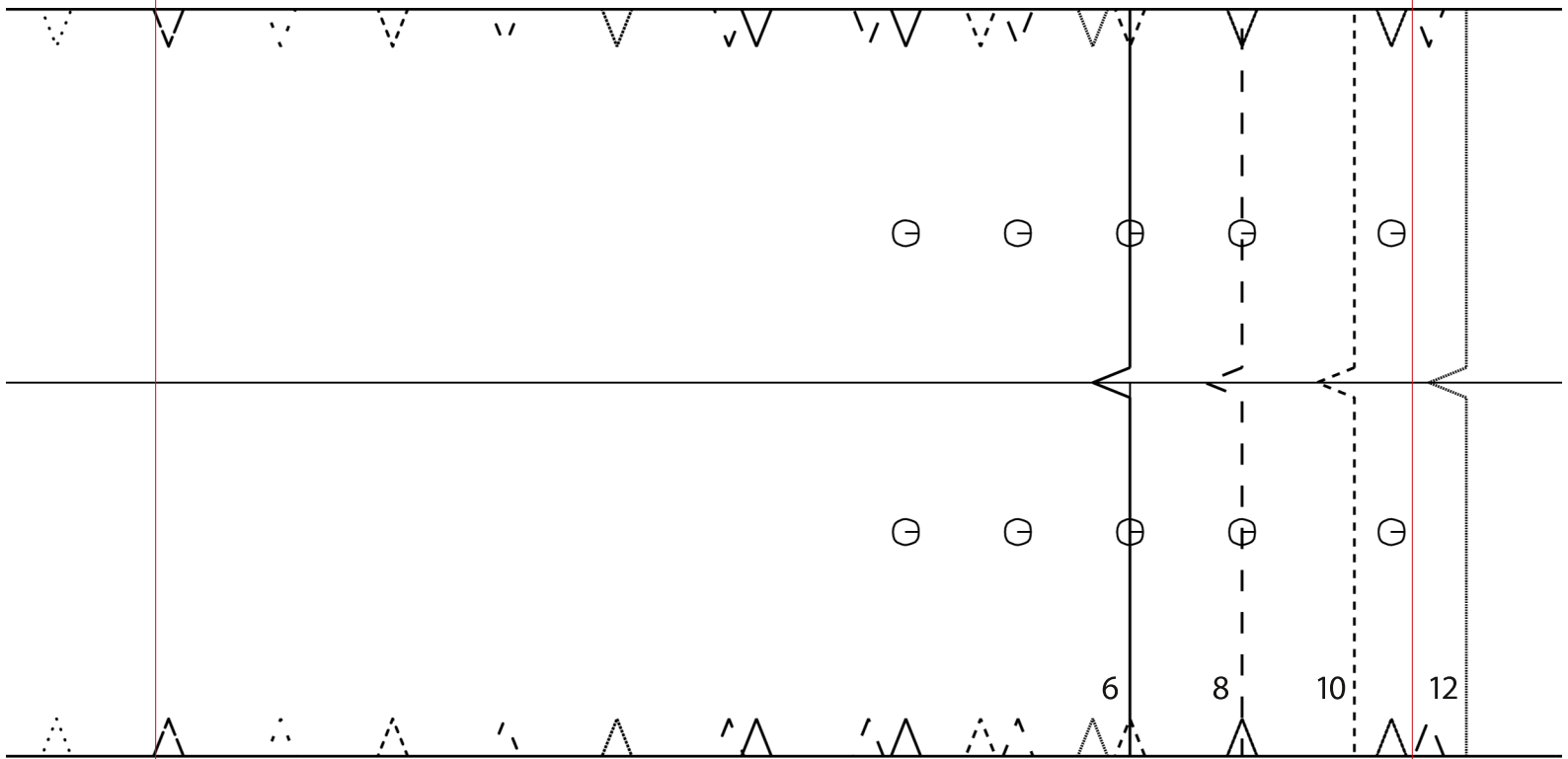
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**ANDREA SKIRT**  
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⊖ Lengthen/shorten line



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