

## The tailored skirt block

The tailored skirt block is used when the skirt is *not* required to be attached to a bodice. Less ease has been added to the hips of the skirt and this gives a closer fit. The side seam is moved forward.

**Note** There is 1 cm ease in the waistline of the skirt. The waistline of a skirt should always be eased onto the skirt waistband or petersham.

### Measurements required to draft the block

Measurement from any of the size charts in this book (pages 12–14) or personal measurements (see page 178) can be applied to the block.

A size 12 from the size chart on page 12 (for fashion garments) is used for this illustrated example.

waist	68 cm
hips	94 cm
waist to hip	20.6 cm
skirt length (affected by fashion)	

Square down and across from 1.

1–2 half the hip measurement plus 1.5 cm, square down; this line is the centre front line.

1–3 skirt length, square across to 4 on the centre front line.

1–5 waist to hip measurement, square across to 6 on the centre front line.

### Back

5–7 quarter the hip measurement plus 1.5 cm ease, square down to 8 on the hemline.

1–9 quarter waist measurement plus 4.25 cm.

9–10 1.25 cm; join 10 to points 1 and 7 with dotted lines.

Divide the line 1–10 into three parts, mark points 11 and 12.

Using the line 1–10, square down from points 11 and 12 with dotted lines.

11–13 14 cm.

12–14 12.5 cm.

Construct two darts on these lines, each 2 cm wide. Draw in the waistline with a slight curve; draw in the side seam curving it outwards 0.5 cm.

### Front

2–15 quarter the waist measurement plus 2.25 cm.

15–16 1.25 cm, join 16 to points 2 and 7 with dotted lines.

16–17 is one third the distance 2–16; using the line 2–16, square down from 17 with a dotted line.

17–18 10 cm.

Construct a dart on this line 2 cm wide.

Draw in the waistline with a slight curve, draw in the side seam curving outwards 0.5 cm.

### Special note for individual figures

If the waist is small in proportion to the hip size of the standard block, increase the width of the darts to 2.5 cm. This will require you to draft:

1–9 quarter waist plus 5.25 cm.

2–15 quarter waist plus 2.75 cm.

This ensures a more even suppression around the waistline.

