



### SEWING TERMS

Adjustment line	A double line on a pattern to indicate where alterations may be made.
Baste	Long stitches used to hold fabric pieces together temporarily.
Bias	A line diagonally across the grain of the fabric at a 45 degree angle.
Clip	A small cut into the seam allowance almost to the stitch line.
Crosswise grainline	Threads that run across the fabric and are perpendicular to the selvages.
Cutting line	A heavy, unbroken line to indicate where the pattern must be cut.
Dart	A fold of material stitched together to give shape to a garment.
Directional print	A fabric with the print going all the same direction.
Ease	Evenly distributing some fullness when joining two pieces of different sizes.
Facing	A piece of fabric used to finish edges such as necklines.
Fold line	The marking in the center of a dart where the material is folded.
Interfacing	An extra thickness of fabric used to provide shape.
Iron	Sliding a heated iron in a gliding motion to smooth or stabilize fabric.
Layer	Trimming each layer of a seam allowance in varying amounts to reduce bulk.
Layout	Placing the pattern pieces on the fabric for cutting.
Lengthwise grainline	Threads that run up and down the fabric, parallel to the selvage.
Mark	To transfer pattern instructions to the fabric.
Match	To bring notches or other construction markings on two pieces together.
Napped fabric	Fabric with a raised surface.
Notches	V-shaped or diamond-shaped markings on a pattern.
Pattern markings	The symbols for construction printed on the pattern.
Press	Lifting and placing the iron in an up and down motion.
Raw edge	The cut edge of the fabric pieces.
Seamline	The line designated for stitching the seam. Generally 5/8 inch from the edge.
Seam allowance	The distance from the cut edge to the stitch line.
Seam finish	Any method of finishing raw edges of seam allowances.
Seamster	A person who enjoys sewing.
Selvage	The narrow, firmly woven finish along both lengthwise edges of the fabric.
Trim	To cut away excess fabric on seam allowance after the seam is stitched.