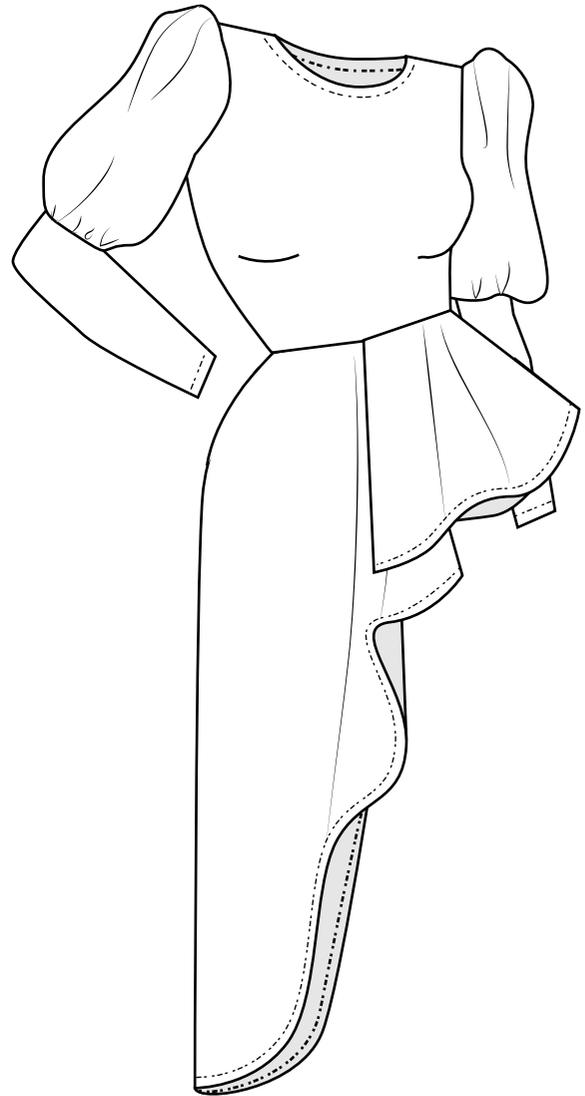


Pattern Hack: DIY Knit Puff Sleeve Peplum Top

Description: This tutorial demonstrates how to create the asymmetric wrap front peplum for the Knit Puff Sleeve Top. I used McCall's 7722 knit top sewing pattern to create the bodice and sleeve portions of this top and self drafted the peplum. If you do not have this pattern you can create this same peplum with any fitted knit bodice sewing pattern. There are a total of 3 pattern pieces 1) Peplum Left Front [is longer than the right extends just past the center front and has 2 front pleats] 2) Peplum Right Front 3) Peplum Back [is one whole piece and is cut flat.] * The measurements that I provide are for a pattern size 18. You may have to make adjustments to your measurements depending on your height and pattern size. This tutorial only demonstrates how to draft the pattern and does not give sewing instructions.

What you need:

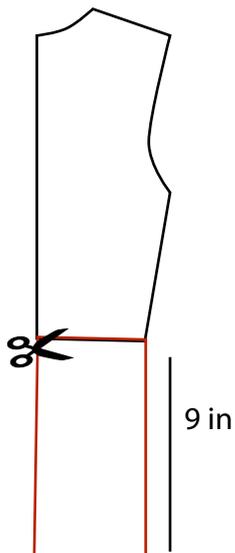
- McCall's 7722 or a knit bodice pattern of your choosing
- Pattern Paper
- Clear grided ruler
- Hip curve (recommended but not necessary)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Tape



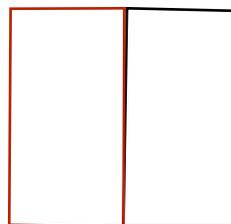
Left Front peplum panel



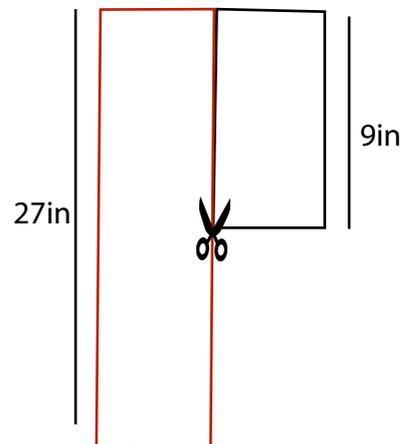
1. Trace off just the bodice portion above the waist of the top as shown above in red.



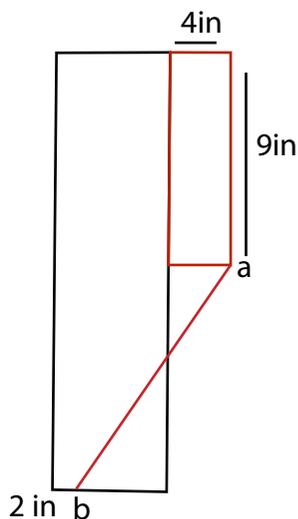
2. using the bodice hemline as a guide, draw a rectangle using the measurement of the bodice hem for the width x 9. inches in length. Cut according to the redlines above.



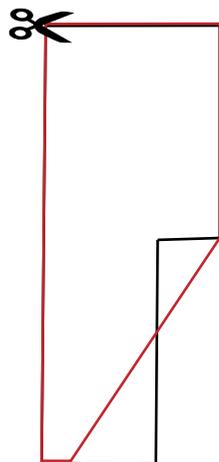
3. This is the foundation for your peplum. Trace your rectangle to the left of your foundation rectangle. As illustrated in red above.



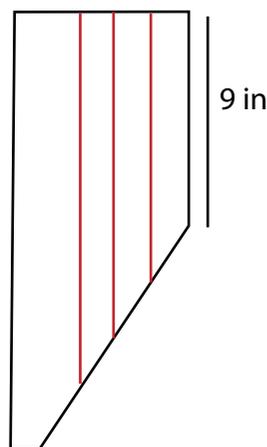
4. lengthen your left side rectangle so that it measures 27inches. and cut up the center where both sides meet as pictured above.



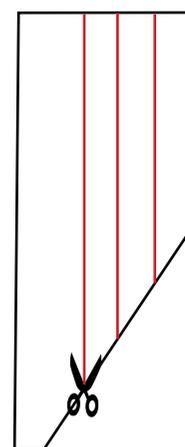
5. Take the longer rectangle and add *4inches to the width and extend down 9 inches in length. You are making another rectangle. Now following the diagram above. Mark points a and b and draw a diagonal line connecting the 2 points. *Pt. b is 2 inches to the right of the left corner hem.



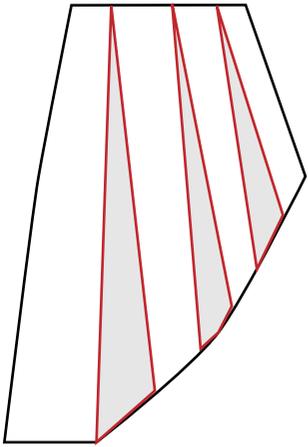
6. This is what your new shape looks like. cut according to the red lines.



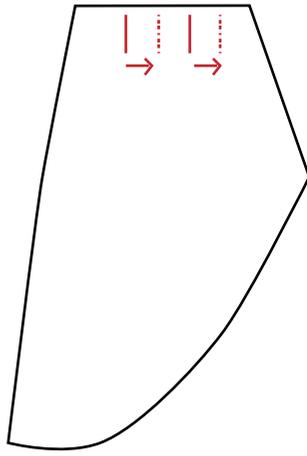
7. Draw 3 evenly spaced lines about 2-3 inches apart. starting from the 9in line and extending to just past the center.



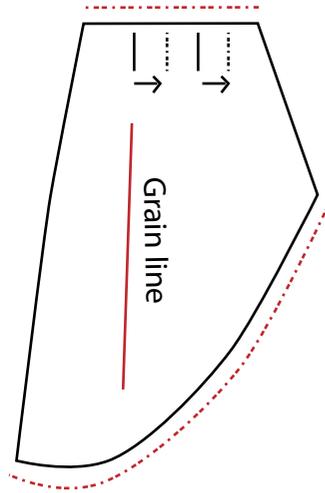
8. Starting at the hemline cut up to but not through the top of the line. You will need to keep the points attached so that you can spread the pattern.



9. Place the cut pattern on a separate sheet of paper and spread the pattern evenly and tape down. Trace in your new hemline.

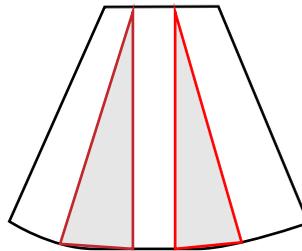
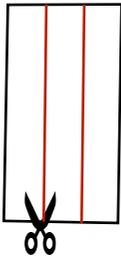
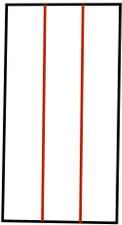


10. Starting 2 inches from the center front line draw in two (2) in. lines 1.5 inches apart. Repeat this again for the 2nd set of lines. These are your pleat lines.

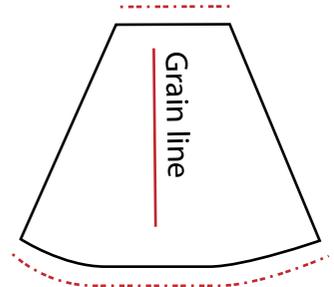


11. Because you are using an existing bodice that has seam allowance included your peplum already has seam allowance at the side seams. You will only need to add 5/8" seam allowance at the hem and waist line. as shown above

Right Front Peplum Panel

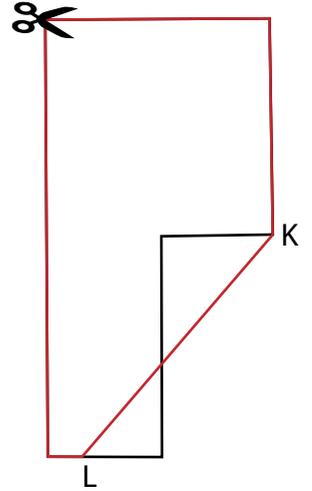
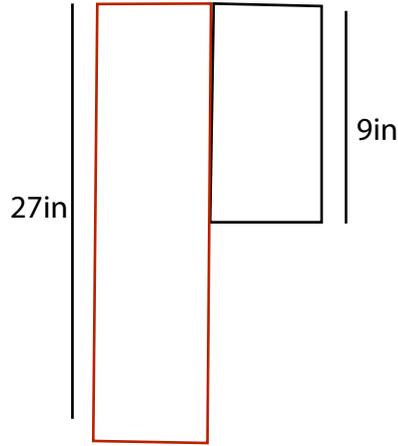
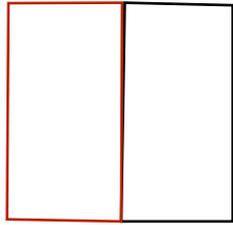
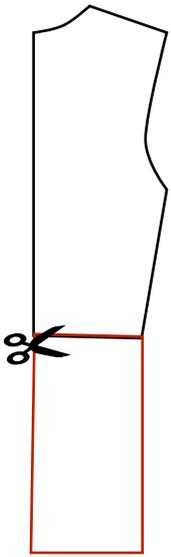


12-14. Take your right front panel and repeat steps 7 -9



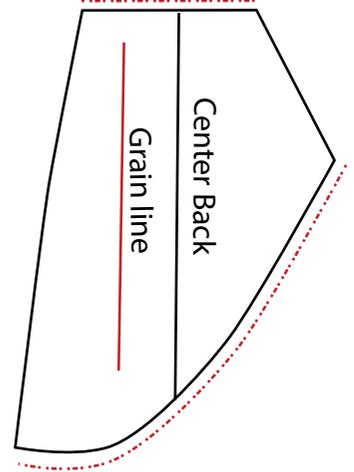
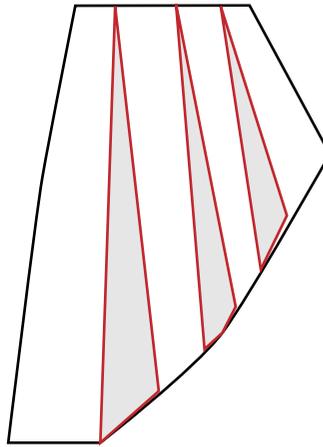
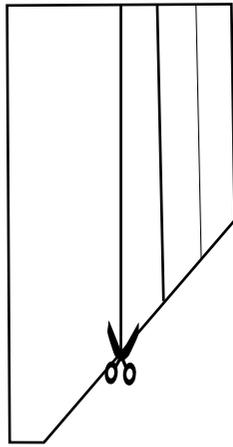
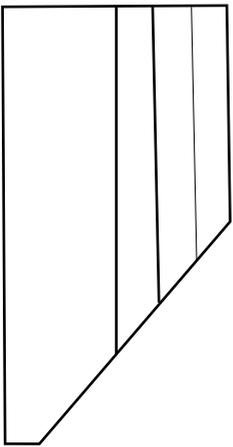
Add 5/8" seam allowance to hemline and waist seam.

Peplum Back



Steps 16-18: Repeat steps 1-3 with the exception of cutting up the middle line. The back is one sewing pattern.

Step 19: Mark points k and L. Point L is 2 inches to the right of the left corner hem point. Cut your new shape according to the red lines above.



Steps 20-22: This is your new shape. Follow steps 7-9 for the next 3 steps.

Add seam allowance to hemline and waist seam allowance and grainline.