

# SUMMER DUET

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A MUST-HAVE SUMMER TOP THAT COMBINES VERY BASIC CROCHET AND SEWING SKILLS INTO A DELIGHTFUL MEDLEY.

## MATERIALS

**Yarn-** 90 (100, 135, 175) yards DK weight summer yarn

Smalls shown in:

Classic Elite Wool Bam Boo (50% wool, 50% bamboo, 50 g / 118 yds [107 m]); color 1691 and color 1650

Medium shown in:

Rowan Lenpur Linen (75% plant fiber, 25% linen, 50 g / 126 yds [115 m]); color 566

**Fabric-**  $\frac{3}{4}$  (1, 1  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 1  $\frac{3}{8}$ ) yard 53 inch wide cotton fabric (choose one that has great drape, and remember to WASH it first!)

Smalls shown in:

Betz White, Flutter Organic Cotton Sateen; color Spring Green and 100% linen handkerchief

Medium shown in:

Liberty of London, Tana Lawn; color Multi Droxford 8018

One size F/3.75 mm crochet hook

Tapestry needle

Pins

Sewing machine

Thread to match fabric and yarn

## MEASUREMENTS

### Gauge

16 sts / 18 rows = 4 inches in single crochet

### Finished Measurements for Crochet Piece

34 (38, 42, 46)

### Finished Measurements for Fabric Piece (after sewing)

Chest: 33 (37, 40.5, 44.25)

Length: 16.75 (17.5, 18.5, 19.25)

### To Fit Sizes:

32 (36, 40, 44)

## NOTES

This pattern assumes that you have basic sewing and crochet skills OR that you have the resources to learn the techniques used. Here are some great tutorials if you need them:

Making Bias Tape:

<http://www.colettepatterns.com/blog/tutorials-tips-tricks/tutorial-how-to-make-bias-tape>

Using Bias Tape:

[http://angrychicken.typepad.com/angry\\_chicken/2008/03/bias-tape-tutor.html](http://angrychicken.typepad.com/angry_chicken/2008/03/bias-tape-tutor.html)

Making a Facing:

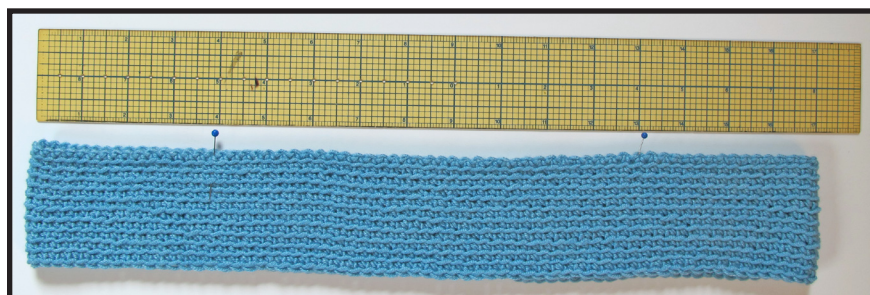
<http://www.burdastyle.com/techniques/make-a-facing-pattern>

## CROCHET BAND

Chain 136 (152, 168, 184). Join into the round with a slip stitch and chain 1. Work 1 round of single crochet in both loops. Continue to work single crochet through the back loop in the round until piece is 2.5 (2.5, 3, 3.5) inches wide. Weave in ends.

## MARK CROCHET BAND

With piece laid down flat and end of round under arm, mark with pins as follows:



Size Small

**Small:** Measure 4 inches from left and right sides, place markers. (9 inches in center, 17 inches total)

**Medium:** Measure 4.25 inches from left and right sides, place markers. (10.5 inches in center, 19 inches total)

**Large:** Measure 4.5 inches from left and right sides, place markers. (11 inches in center, 20 inches total)

**Extra-Large:** Measure 5.25 inches from left and right sides, place markers. (12.5 inches in center, 23 inches total)

## CUTTING FABRIC

Flip over and repeat on other side.

Print out pattern and tape together lining up guide marks (wee triangles) and labels.

(See diagram on page 4) Make sure to place on fold and cut for size you are making, noting differences in seam allowances.

## SEWING

**1. Sew Side Seams:** With right sides held together sew side seams with a ½ inch seam allowance. Then finish raw edges with zig-zag st or serger. Iron seams open.

**2. Finish Underarms:** You have 4 choices for how to do this, keep in mind you have a ½ inch seam allowance.

- A. Turn under twice and top stitch down.
- B. Turn under twice and blind stitch down.
- C. Make or purchase bias tape and apply. (see notes)
- D. Cut and apply a full facing. (If you do this you can skip step 3!)

**3. Hem Top Edge:** Sew a micro-hem at top of front edge as follows: using an iron with wrong side facing, turn down edge ⅛ inch and iron, then fold over ⅛ inch again, iron and then top stitch. Repeat for back.

## ATTACH FABRIC BOTTOM TO CROCHET TOP

With right sides held together pin hemmed front top edge in between pins on one side of crochet band. The front is bigger than the marked area and will need to be eased in. (This allows for extra fabric, where we girls need it!)



Sew along this edge with as small a seam allowance as possible.

Then with wrong side facing you, press down seam allowance and edge of crochet band. Pin and topstitch across to hold the seam down.



Repeat for back.

## HEM

Try on and mark hem where desired. Sew with desired hem technique. I allowed for a one inch hem on the pattern.

### Hemming Options:

- A. Fold hem under twice using one inch hem allowance, iron and sew.
- B. Finish raw edge, fold under one inch, and whip/blind stitch hem.
- C. Cut off one inch hem allowance and apply bias tape to raw edge.

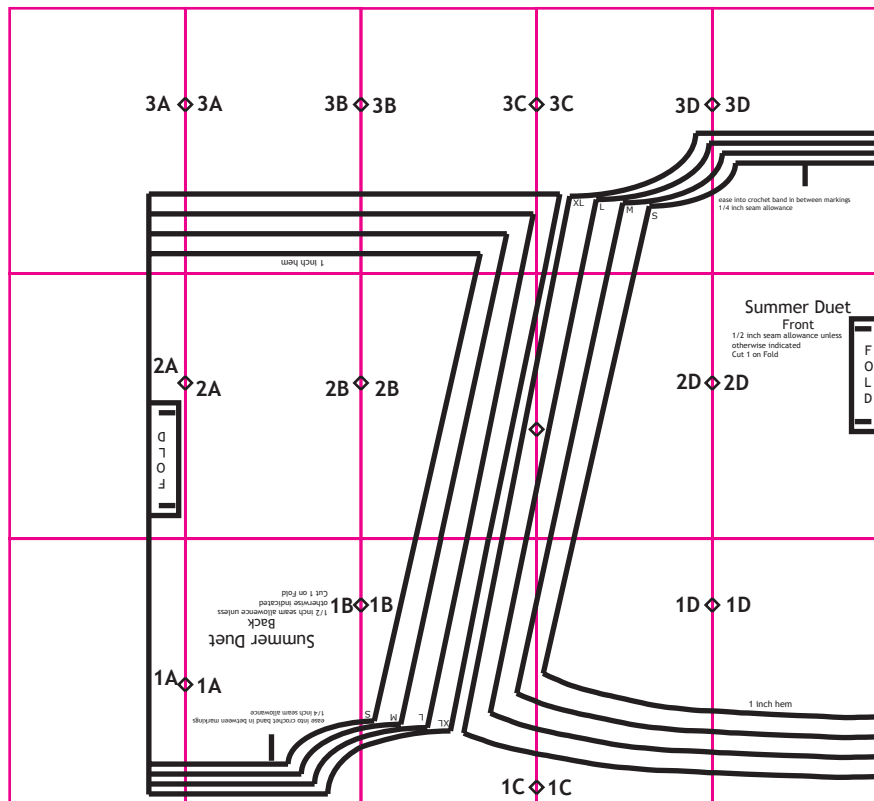


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Example of layout for placing printed pattern pieces together. Cut each tile along outer black rectangle and place together as below with triangles and labels matching up.

**IMPORTANT:**

Make sure your printer is set to **DO NOT SCALE**



This square should measure 3" by 3" please check after printing and before placing pattern pieces together and cutting.

1A

# Summer Duet Back

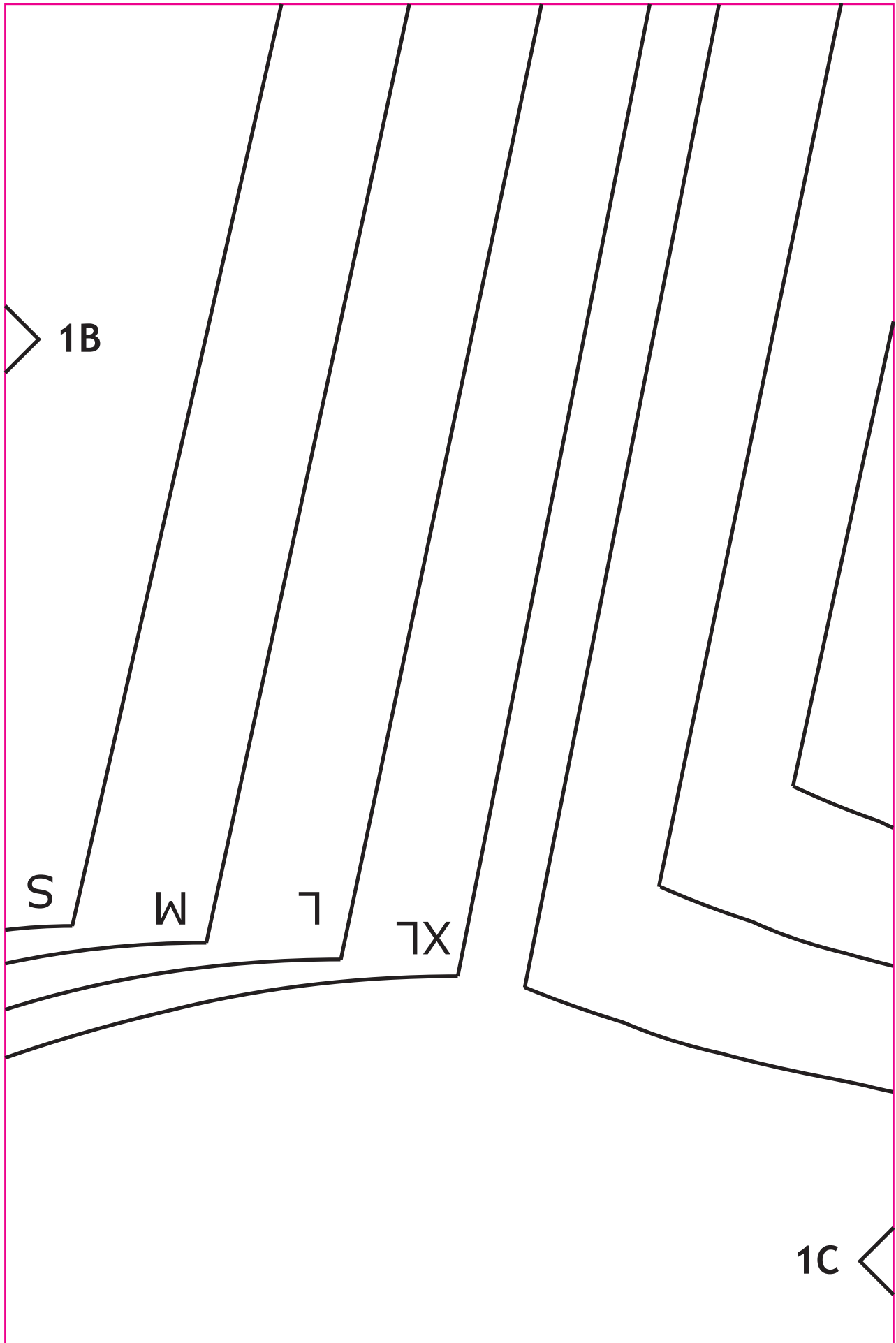
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otherwise indicated  
Cut 1 on Fold

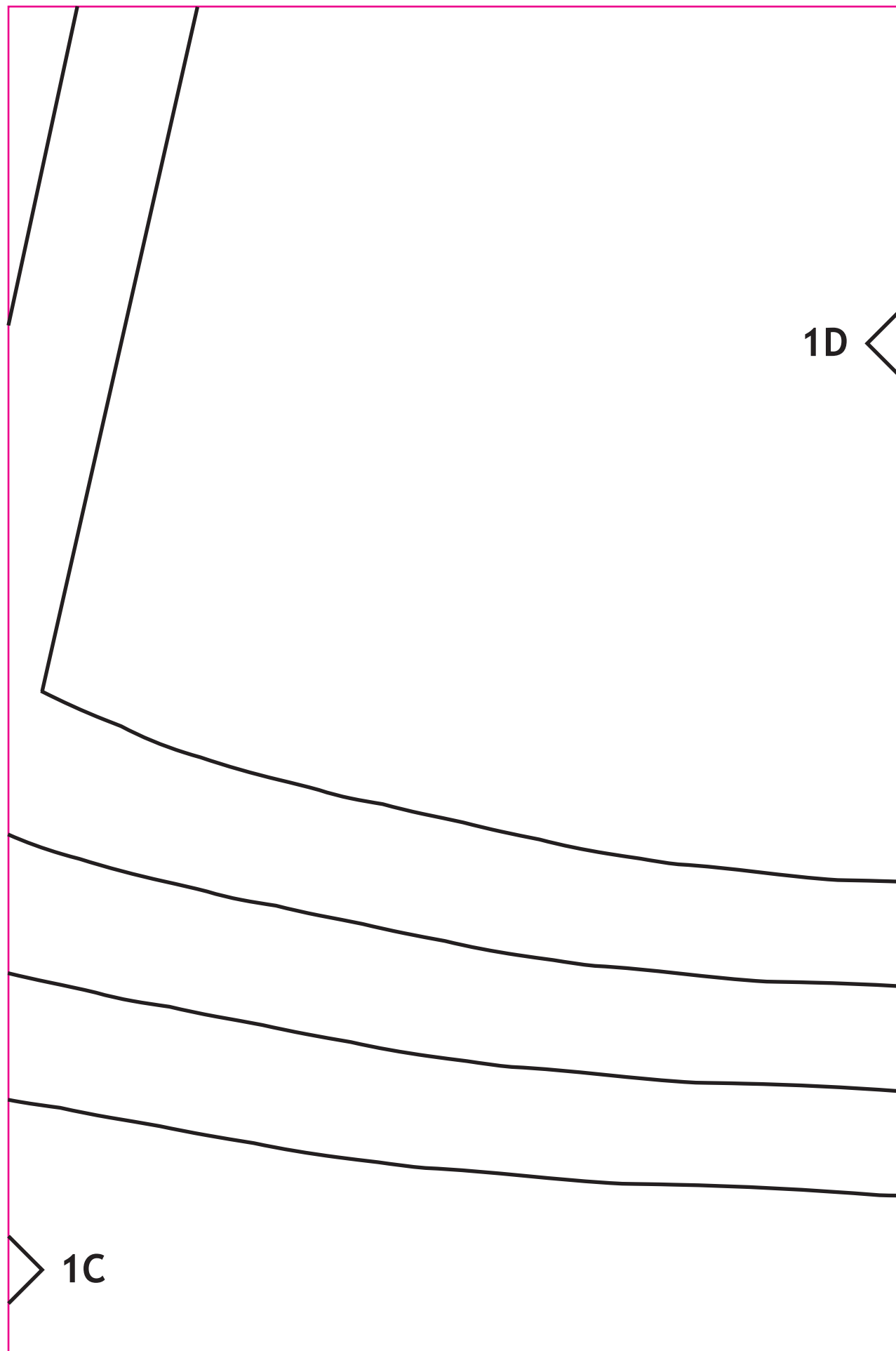
1B

1A

ease into crochet band in between markings  
1/4 inch seam allowance







> 1D

1 inch hem





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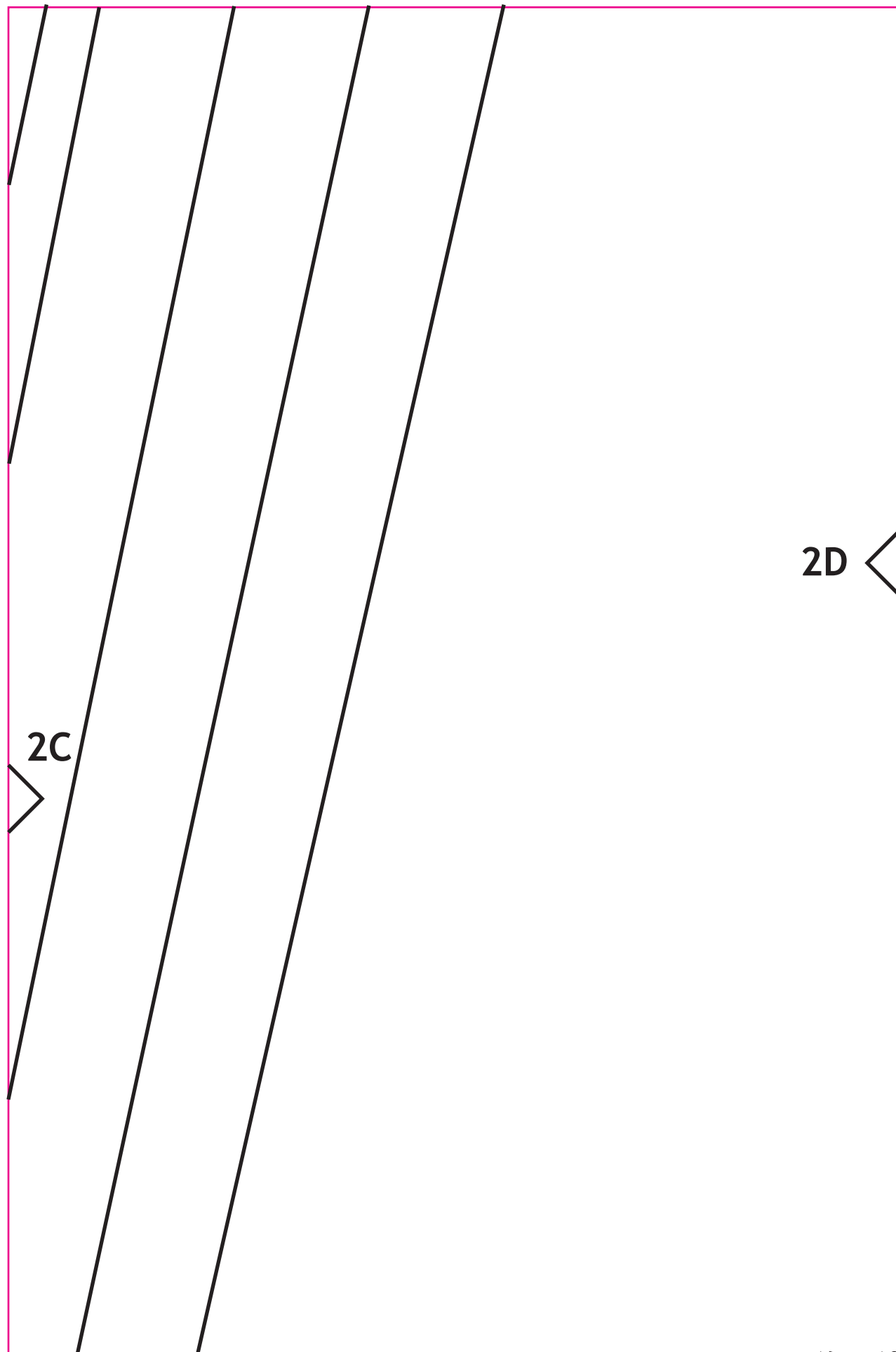
**2A**

**2B**



> 2B

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# Summer Duet

## Front

1/2 inch seam allowance unless  
otherwise indicated

Cut 1 on Fold

2D



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3A <






3A

3B

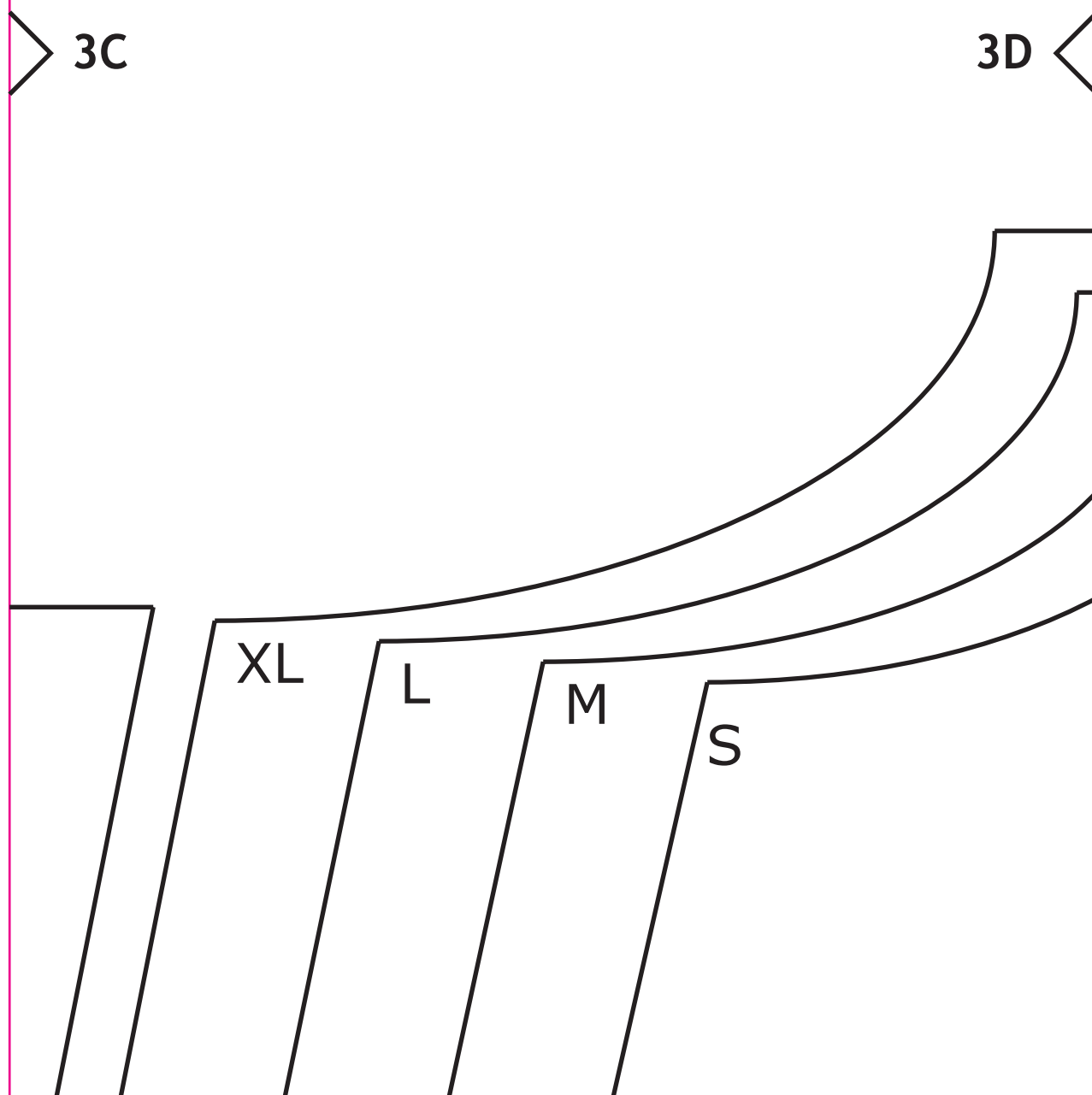


1 inch hem

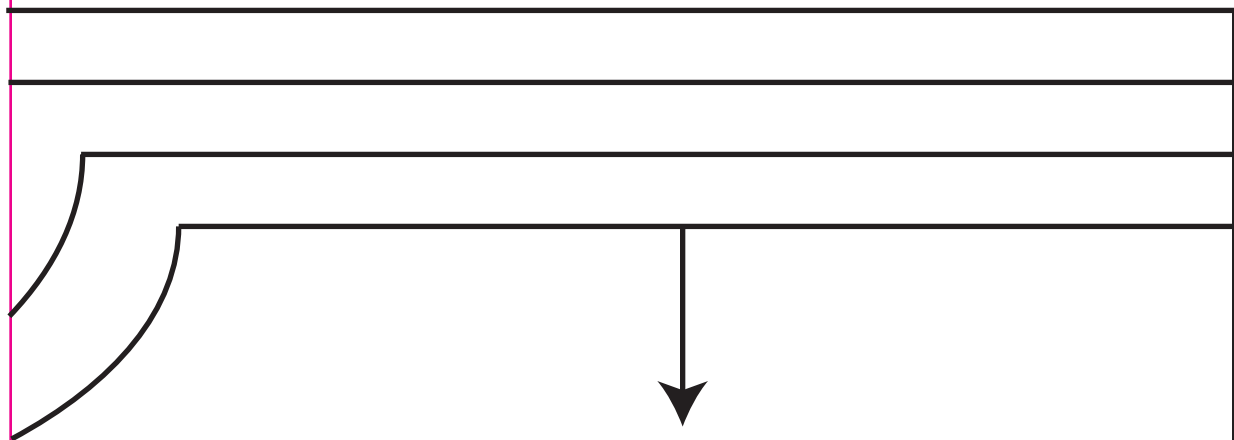
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3D



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