

SAMPLE# 20

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- 2- Trim the seam allowance and the corner of the inward curve sample. Also, clip the seam allowance.
- 3- Turn and press.

Outward curve→Grade and notch

- 4- Cut 2 fabric pieces using the pattern provided.
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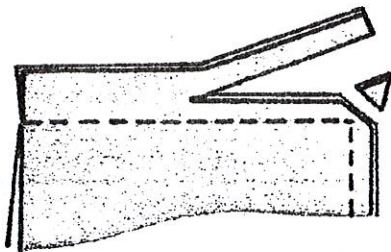
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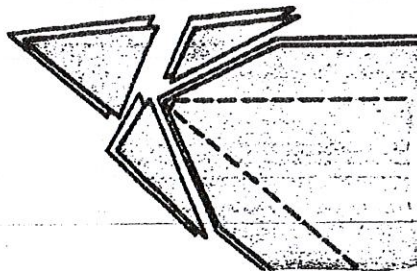


Notching means to cut wedges into the seam allowance. Notching is done on seams with an outside curve. It removes excess fabric that would otherwise cause the seam to be bulky when turned. As with clipping, it is important not to cut through the stitching when you notch.

WHAT IS TRIMMING?

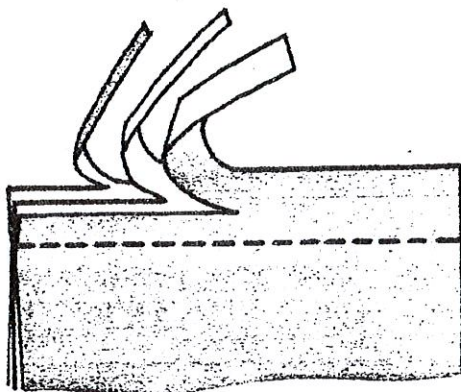


Trimming means to cut off part of the seam allowance to reduce bulk. Trim away $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch of fabric along the full length of the seam. This will leave a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch seam allowance.



Corners of garment pieces are trimmed by cutting diagonally across the corner. Tighter angles, such as the points of collars, require more bulk to be removed. Trim excess fabric from the sides of a point at an angle. Then trim diagonally across the end of the point, being careful not to cut through the stitching.

WHAT IS GRADING?



Grading means to trim each layer of the seam allowance to a different width. Grading results in a layered seam which is less noticeable on the outside of the garment. Grading is often done instead of trimming because it reduces bulk more smoothly.

Self Evaluation

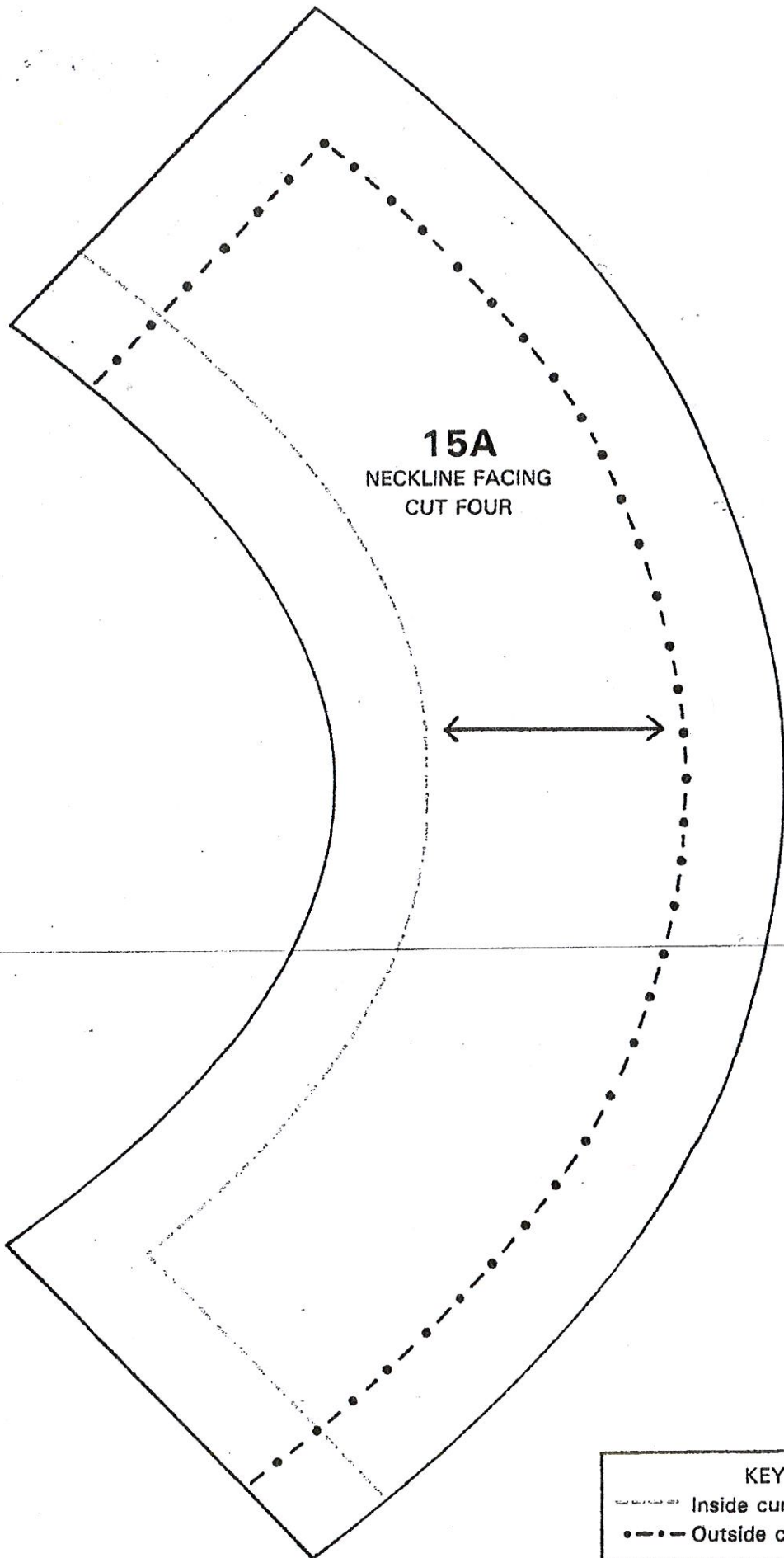
Place a check or x where you would rate yourself in the following categories.

Inside curve sample:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corners trimmed diagonally to reduce bulk				
Seam trimmed to 1/4". Seam has not been weakened by trimming too close.				
Seam allowance has been clipped close to stitching but not through the stitching.				

Outside curve sample:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corners trimmed diagonally to reduce bulk. Seam has not been weakened by trimming too close.				
Seam graded to varying widths to reduce bulk.				
Seam allowance has been notched close to stitching, but stitching has not been cut.				



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- Inside curve sample.
- Outside curve sample.