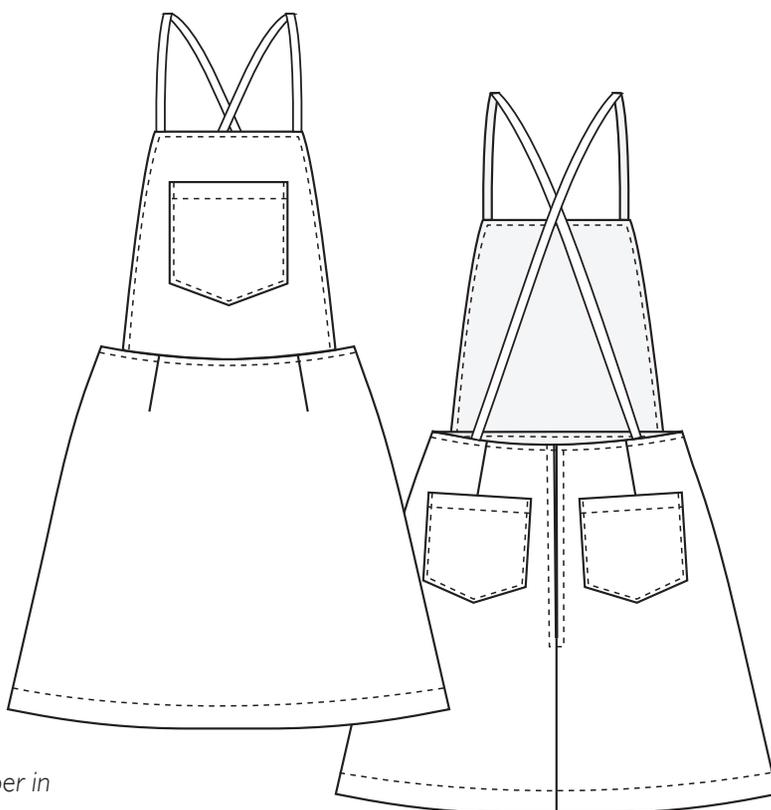




# Our Lady of Leisure

DIVINE SEWING PATTERNS

## Rickey Pinafore Instructions



The Rickey Pinafore is a minimalist take on the utility trend. Wear it in summer over a tshirt, or layer it up in winter with leggings and boots. In sturdy plain fabrics it's a wardrobe staple, and in bright patterns it's a statement piece. No one will believe you made this yourself!

The Rickey Pinafore is a waisted miniskirt design with an attached bib. It features a patch pocket on the bib, two more on the bum, and an easy centred zipper in the back.

### Skill Level

This skirt is recommended for beginner to intermediate sewers. It comes together quickly and has detailed instructions. You should have a good understanding of your machine.

### Fabric Requirements

This pattern is recommended for sturdy woven fabrics. Canvas, denim, corduroy or chambray are all good options, or lighter fabrics like lawn, broadcloth, or jacquard. Advanced sewers could try leather or suede. Not recommended for high-stretch or knitted fabrics.

### You'll Need...

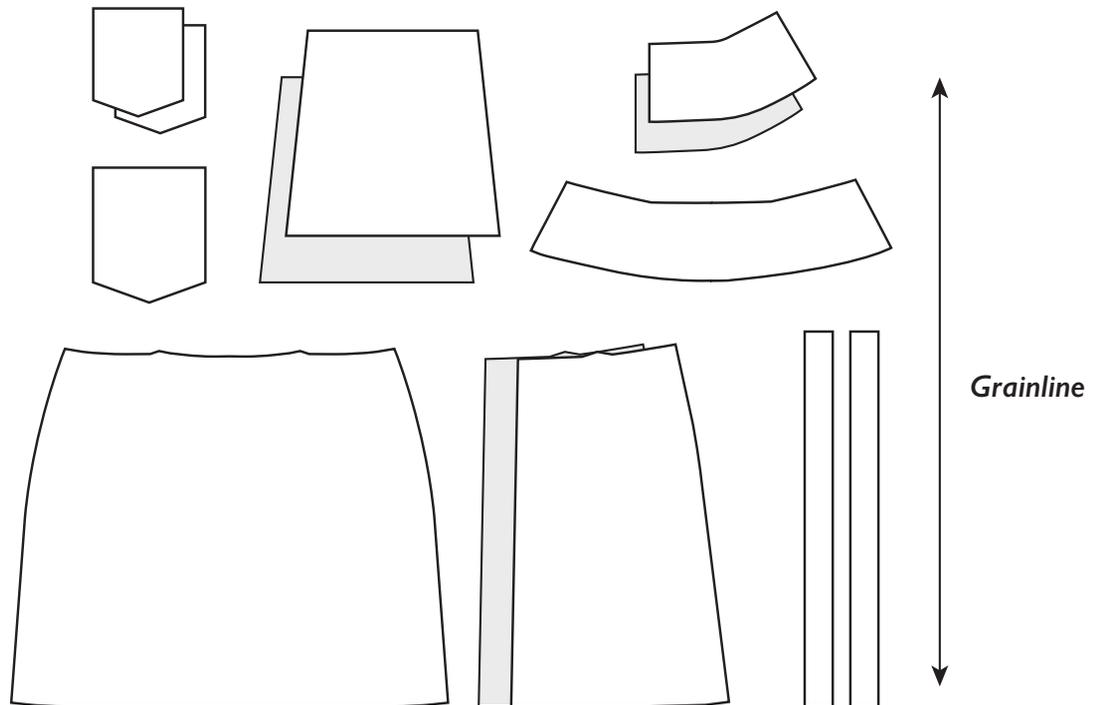
- 2m (2.2 yards) of 115cm (44") width fabric, **or** 1.5m (1.7 yards) of 150cm (58") width fabric
- 15cm (6") of lightweight fusible interfacing.
- 30cm (12") dress zipper.

### Before you begin...

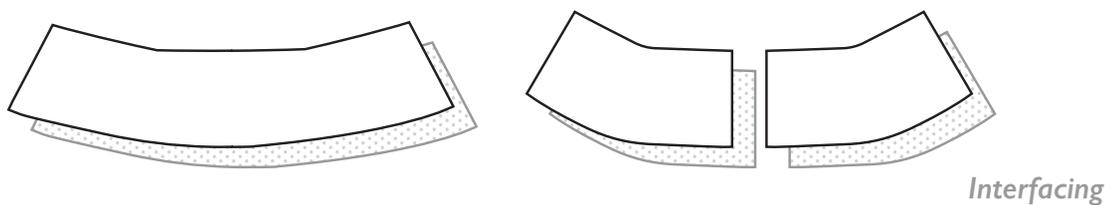
- The Rickey Pinafore pattern pieces all include 1 cm (3/8") seam allowances, unless noted otherwise.
- Serging/Overlocking instructions are included, but you should use any seam finishing method that works for you. Zigzag stitch is a great second choice, or trimming with pinking shears also works well.

**Step 1. Welcome to your Rickey Pinafore instructions!**

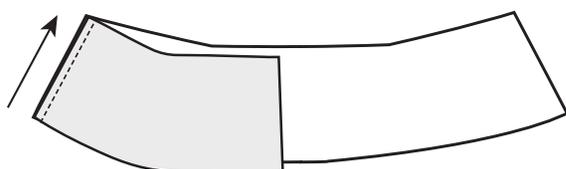
Let's begin! Start by cutting your pattern pieces from your chosen fabric, taking care to keep the grainline parallel to the selvage.



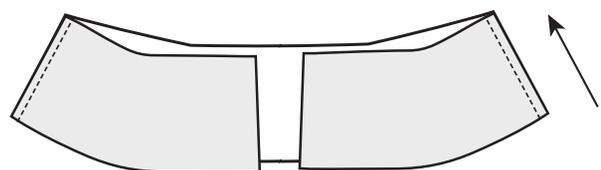
**Step 2.** Fuse the **Front Waistband**, **Back Waistband** and **Back Waistband Facing** pieces to some lightweight iron-on interfacing. This will give your skirt extra stability. You can skip this step if you're using very thick fabrics like denim or corduroy.



**Step 3.** We're going to begin by assembling the **Facing**. Take the **Front Facing** and one **Back Facing**, and place them right sides together. Using a 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance, join them at the side seam. Repeat with on the other side with the other **Back Facing** piece.

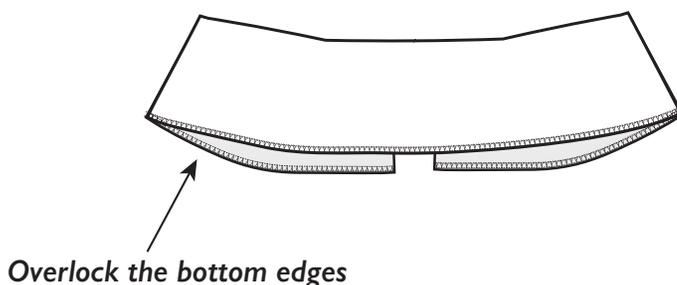


**Stitch side seams**



**Repeat on the other side**

**Step 4.** Tidy the bottom edge of your facing using your preferred seam finish. In these diagrams we are using overlocking ('serging' to American sewers), but if you don't have access to an overlocker, you can use zig-zag stitch or trim the edges with pinking shears.

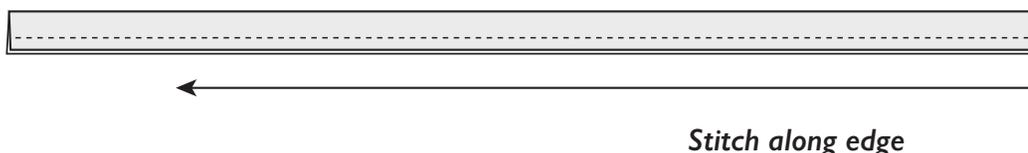


Set the facing aside.

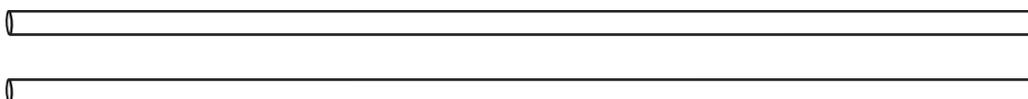
**Step 5.** Next we're going to construct the straps. Start by folding one of your **Strap** pieces along its length. Pin it in place.



Using your 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance, stitch down the length of the strap.

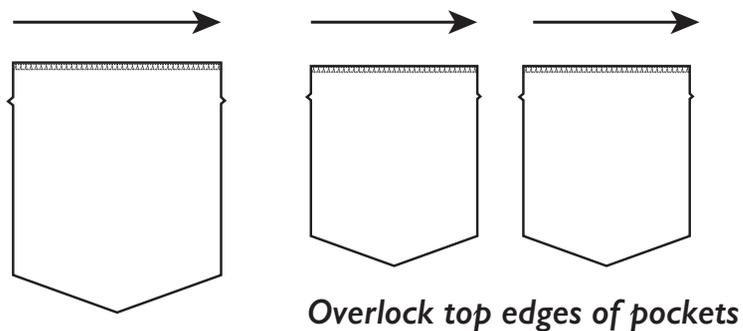


Turn the strap right side out. If you find this difficult, try using a knitting needle or a long kitchen implement to help push it out. Repeat with the other strap.

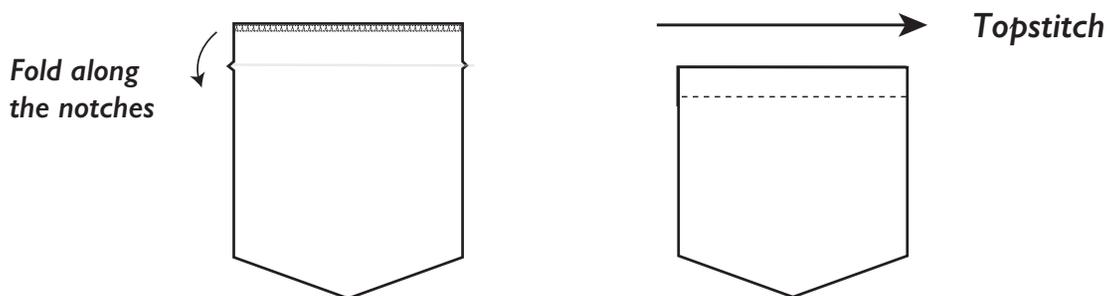


**Turn out into tubes**

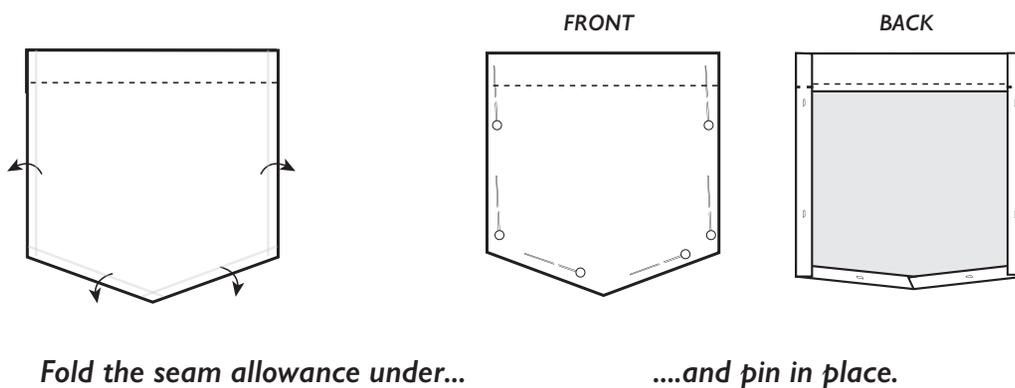
**Step 6.** Now we'll work on the pockets. Gather your 3 pocket pieces. The large one is the front pocket, and the two smaller ones are the back pockets. Start by overlocking (or otherwise finishing) the raw top edge.



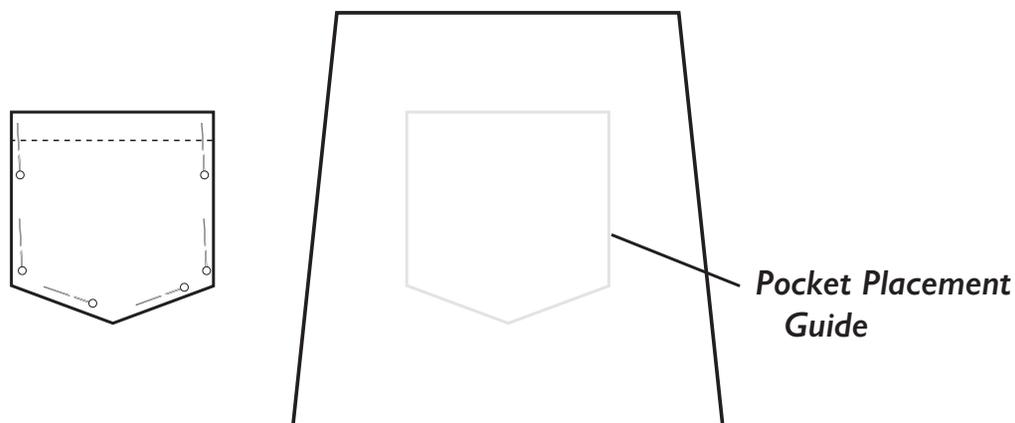
Using the notches as a guide, fold down the top 2cm (3/4") and top-stitch it in place. Stitch 1.5cm (2/3") from the edge, to ensure you catch the fabric underneath.



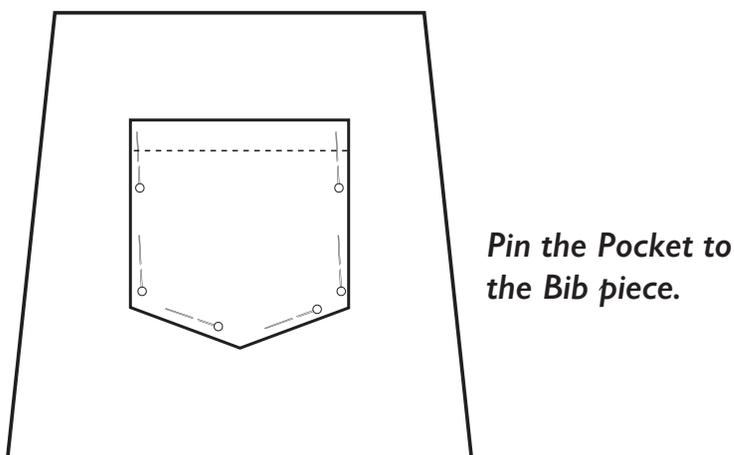
Next, fold back the 1cm (3/8") seam allowances from the other three sides of the pocket, iron them flat, and then pin them in place.



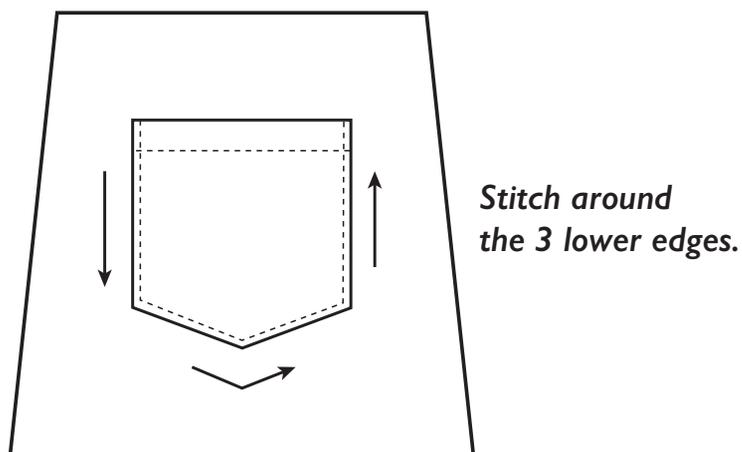
**Step 7.** Now put the two smaller pockets to one side for a moment. Take one of the **Bib** pieces. You'll notice the paper pattern has a Pocket Placement Guide drawn on it.



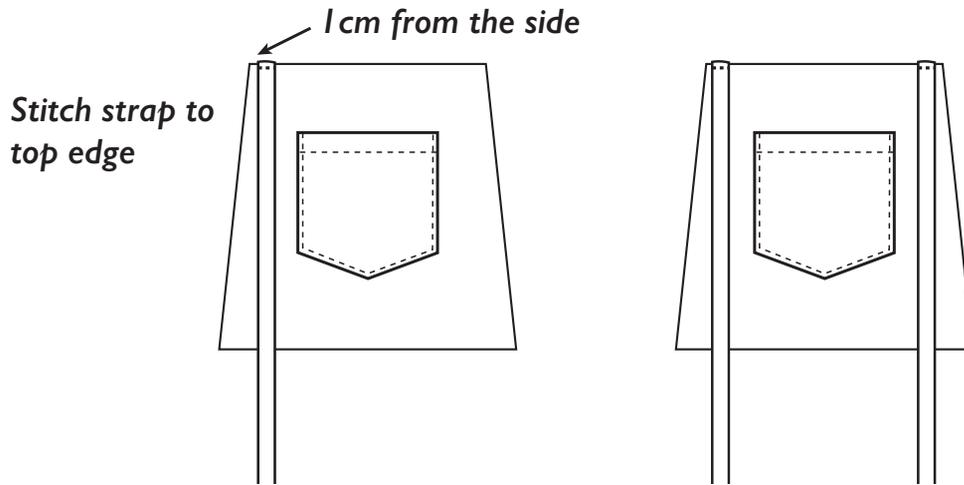
Use this guide to position your **Front Pocket** on the **Bib** and pin it in place.



Stitch around the Pocket to hold it in place. For this top-stitching, try to keep an even distance from the edge of the pocket, as it will be front-and-centre when you're wearing the pinafore. We recommend top-stitching 1/4" from the edge, because that distance should align with the edge of your presser foot.

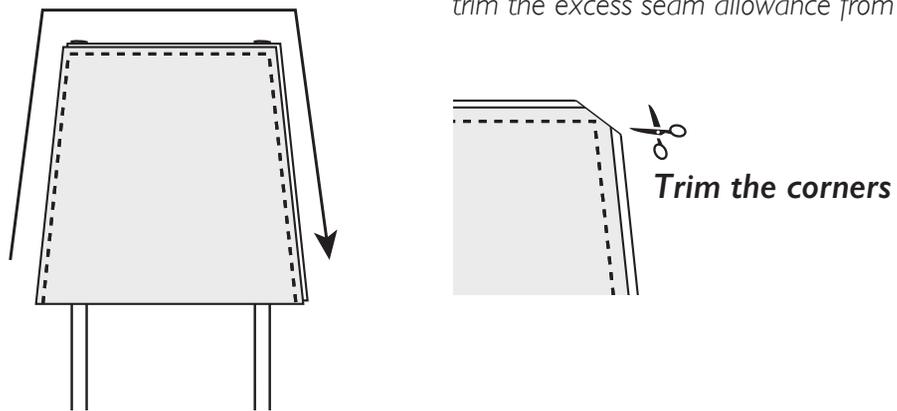


**Step 8.** Next, we'll attach the **Straps** to the **Bib**. Position the first strap in the top corner of the bib as shown below. Make sure it is at least 1 cm (3/8") away from the side of the bib, as this area will be used for seam allowance. Tack the end of the strap to the top edge of the bib. Repeat with the remaining strap in the opposite corner.

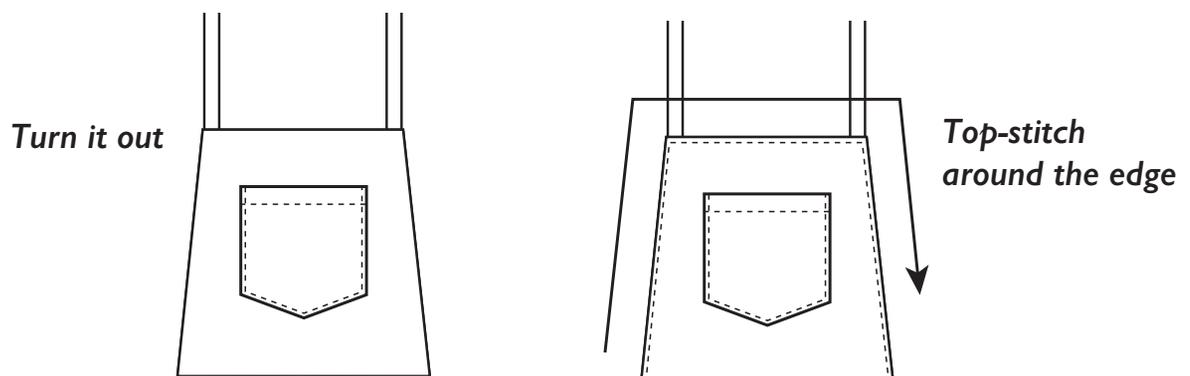


Now take the other Bib piece, and place it right-side-down on top of the piece you've been working on. Stitch around the sides and top edge with a 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance.

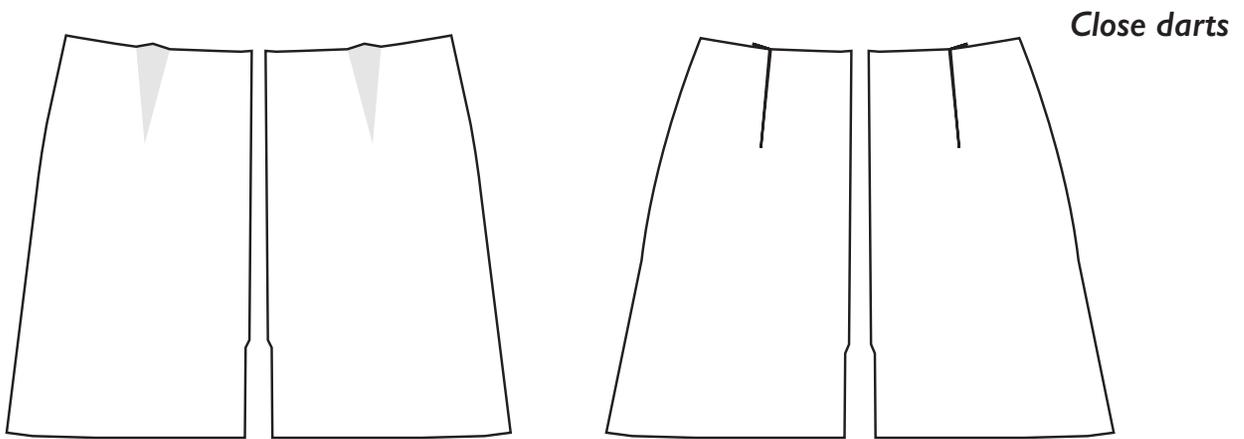
Once you have joined the two pieces, trim the excess seam allowance from the corners.



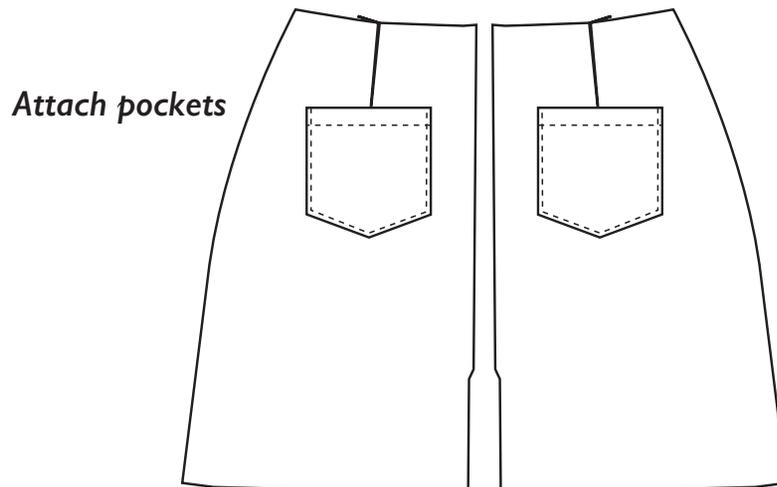
Turn the bib right-side out. For a neat finish, iron the bib so the edges are crisp, and then top-stitch around the outside as shown.



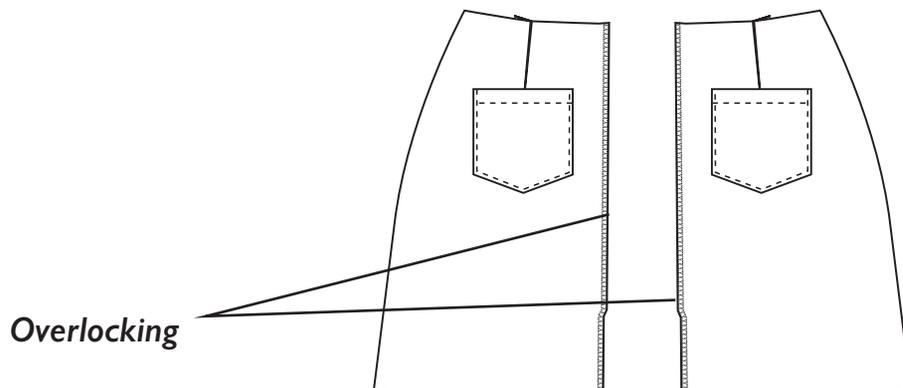
**Step 9.** Now set the bib aside, because we're moving on to the Skirt. Start with your **Back Skirt** pieces. Stitch the two waist darts closed.



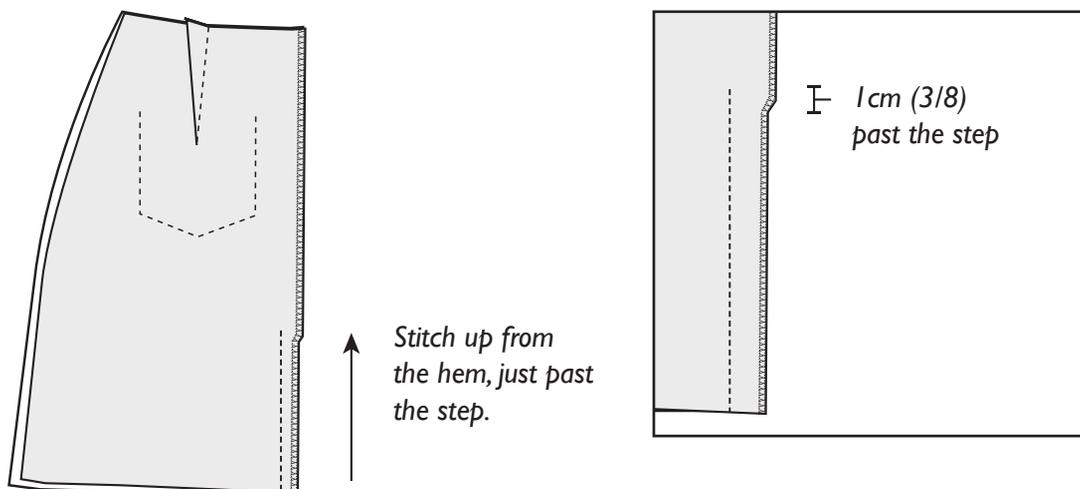
Repeat the steps from the earlier to attach the Back Pockets to the Skirt pieces. Just like the bib, the Back Skirt pieces also have a pocket placement guide on the pattern, to help you place them correctly.



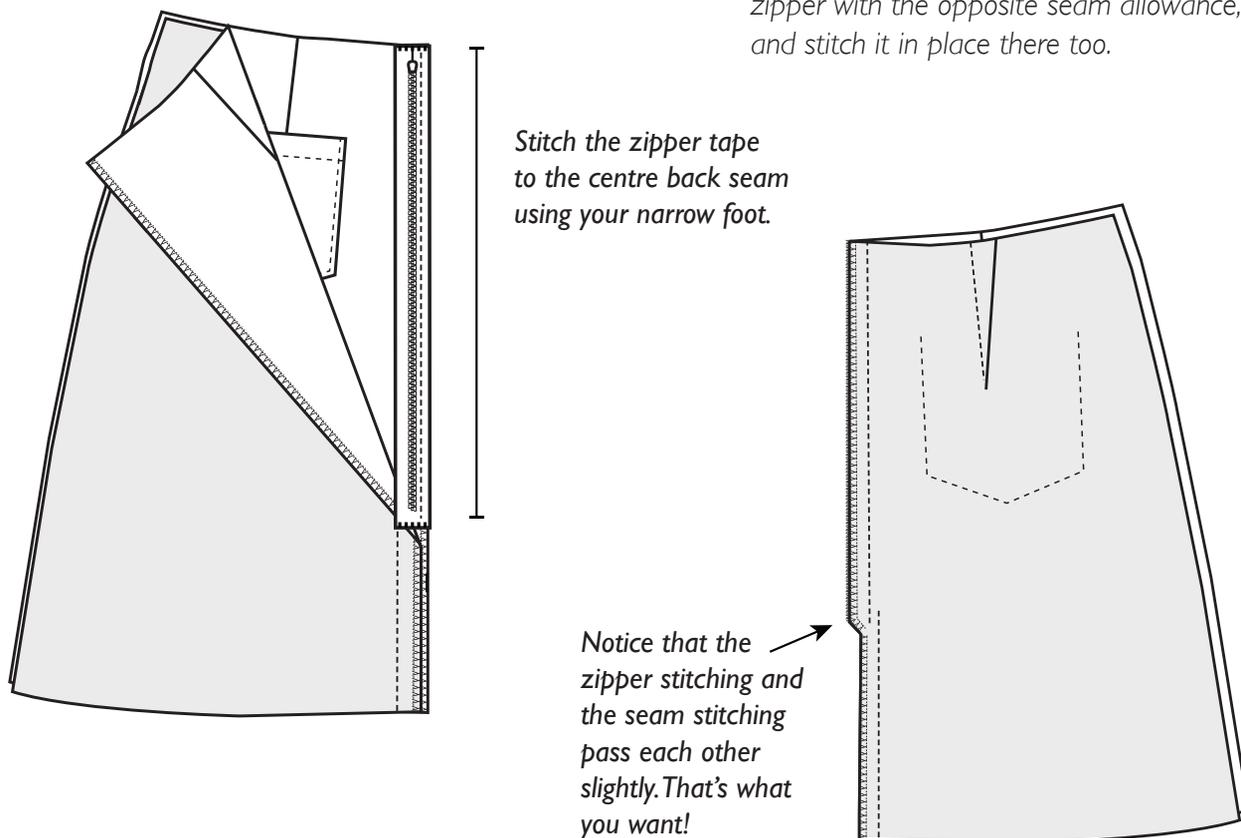
After the pockets are attached, overlock (or otherwise finish) the Centre-Back edge, ready to install the centred zipper in the next steps.



**Step 10.** Place the two **Back Skirt** pieces right-sides-together, and join the centre back seams, stitching upwards from the hem until you're about 1 cm (3/8") past the 'step'.

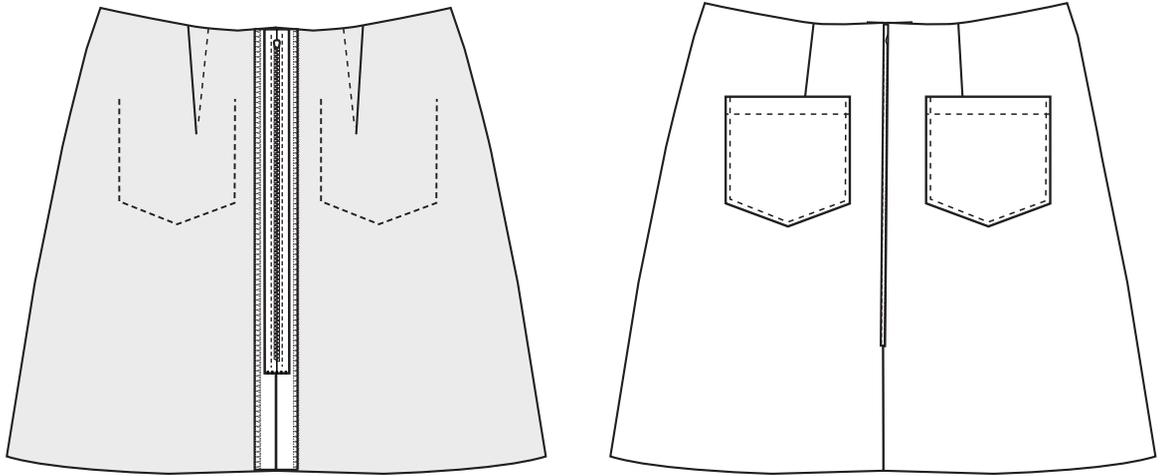


Now we're going to attach the zipper to the seam allowance. As in the diagram below, line up your zipper tape with the centre back seam allowance. The tape should sit squarely along the edge. Use your narrow foot to stitch down one side of the zipper. (Note that the zipper is face down in this diagram).



Then, line up the other side of the zipper with the opposite seam allowance, and stitch it in place there too.

When you've attached both sides of the zipper, the **Back Skirt** should look something like this. Everything should sit flat, and the zipper should be mostly covered by the extra seam allowance.

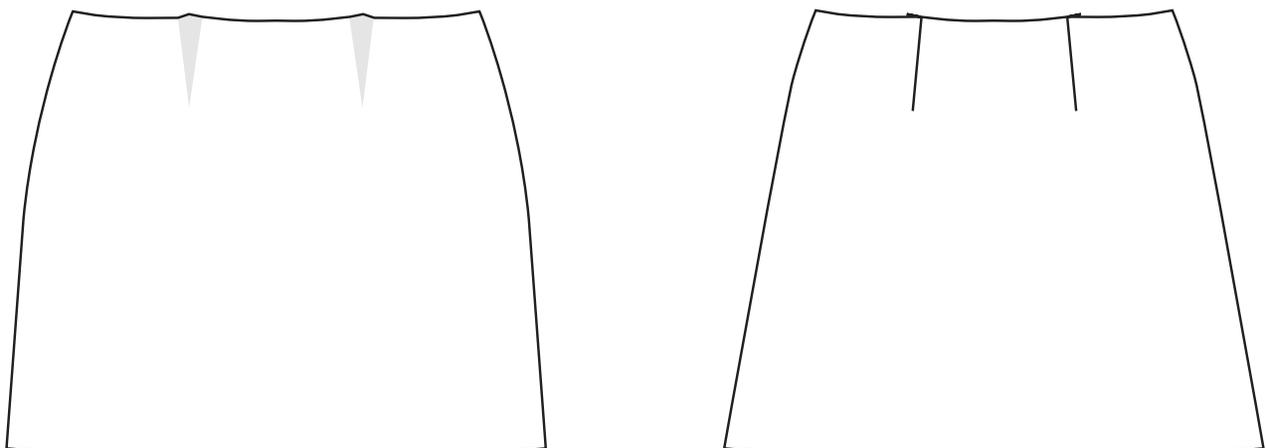


**Note:** Need more help with these steps? Take a look at Kathleen Fasanella's centred zipper tutorial on Fashion Incubator: [http://fashion-incubator.com/centered\\_zipper\\_construction/](http://fashion-incubator.com/centered_zipper_construction/)

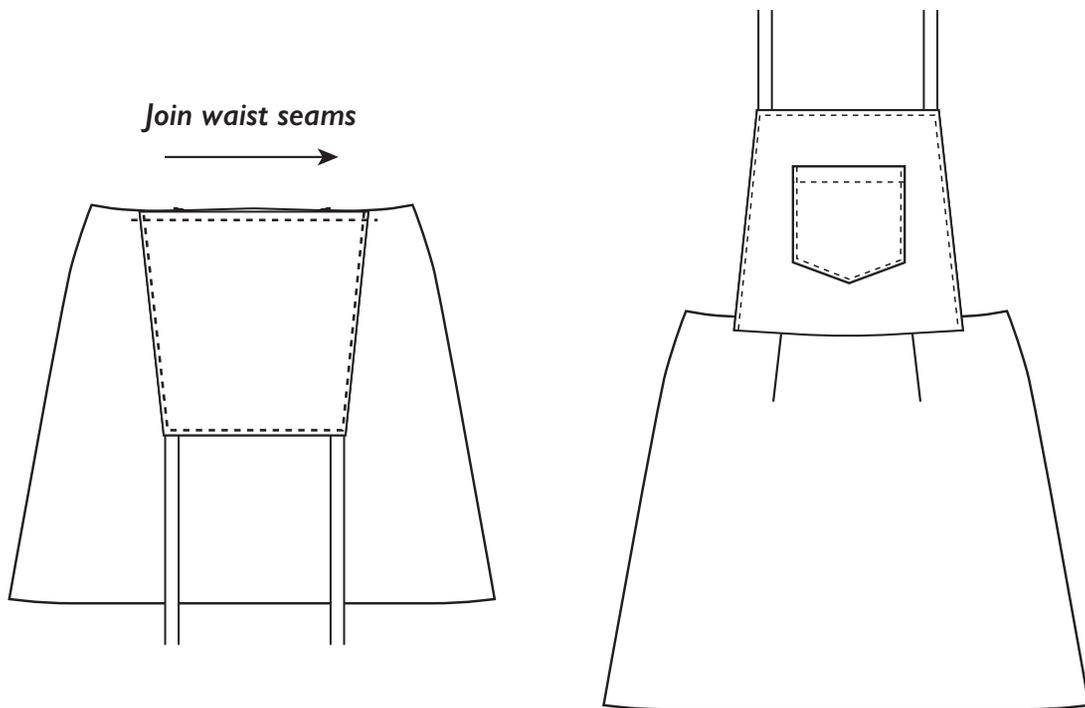
Set the Back Skirt aside.

**Step 11.** Next, we will assemble the pinafore. To begin, take your **Front Skirt** and stitch the two waist darts closed.

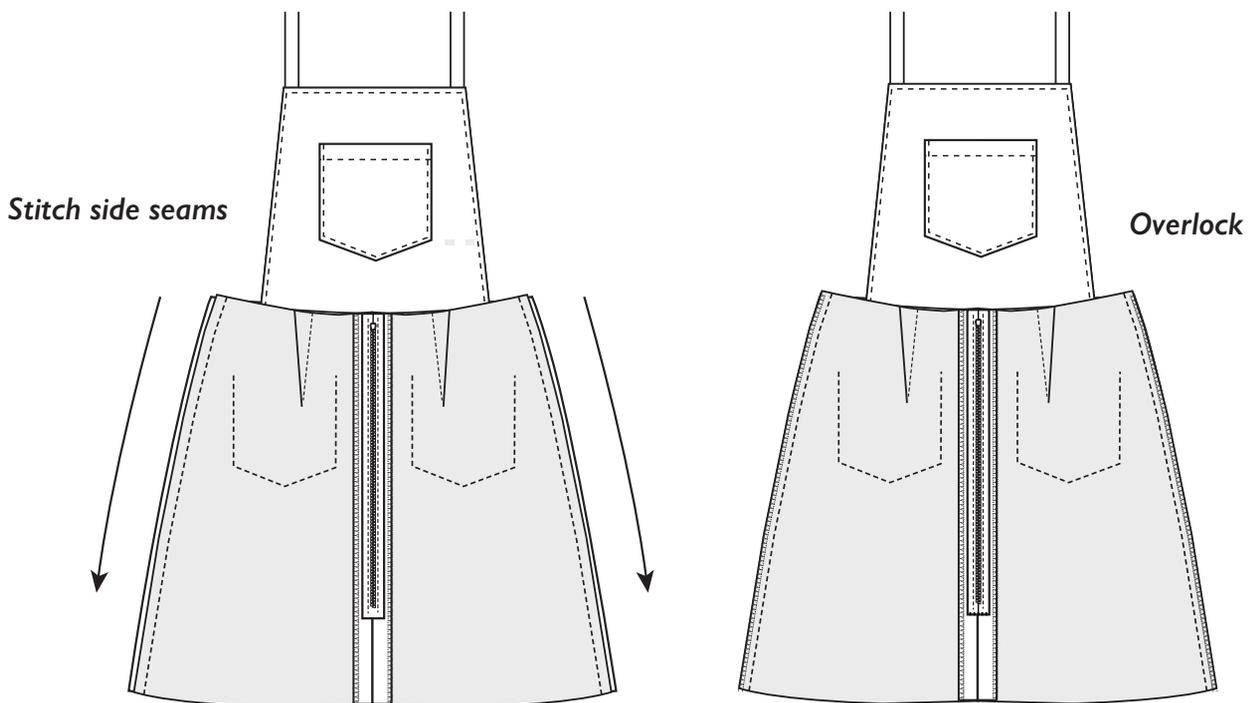
**Close darts**



**Step 12.** Place the **Bib** right-sides-together with the **Skirt Front**, aligning the waist seams (as shown in the diagram below). Stitch the pieces together along the waist seam, with a 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance.

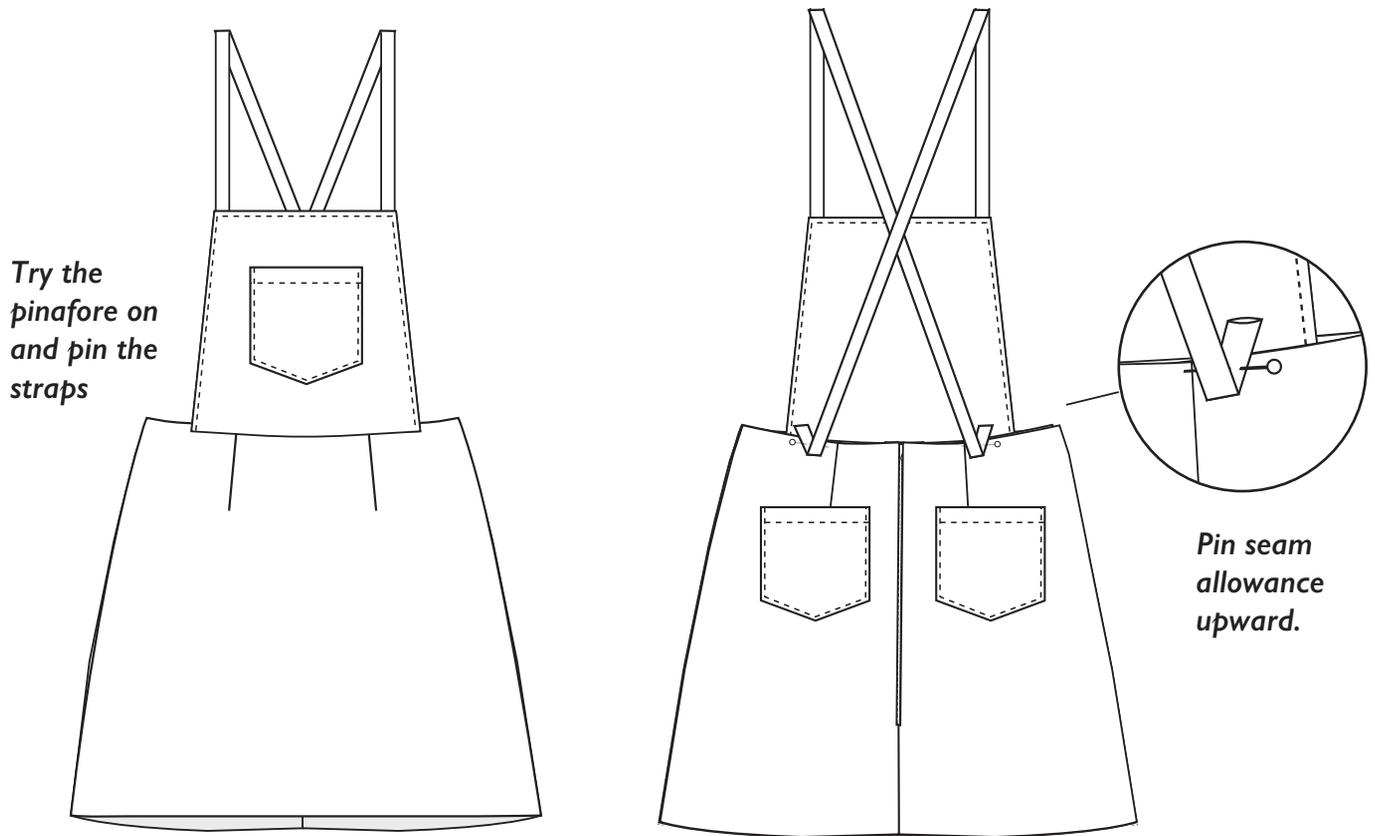


**Step 13.** Now, place the **Skirt Back** on top of the **Skirt Front**, with right sides together. Make sure the **Bib** and **Straps** are moved well out of the way, and then stitch the side seams together with your 1 cm (3/8") seam allowance. Finish the seams with overlocking or your preferred seam finish.

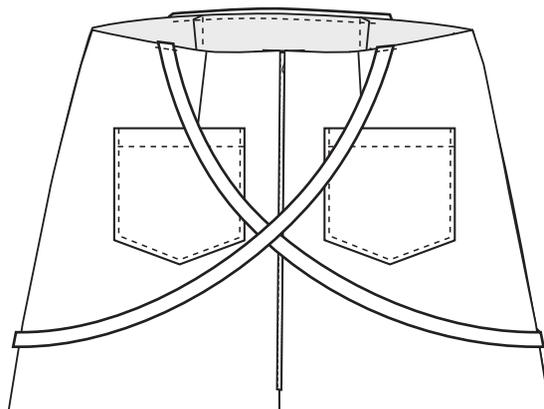


**Step 14.** Now is the perfect time to try the pinafore on, before you finish up the garment.  
Try the garment on and pin the straps to a length that suits your body. The straps are designed to cross over in the back, but you can arrange them another way if you prefer.

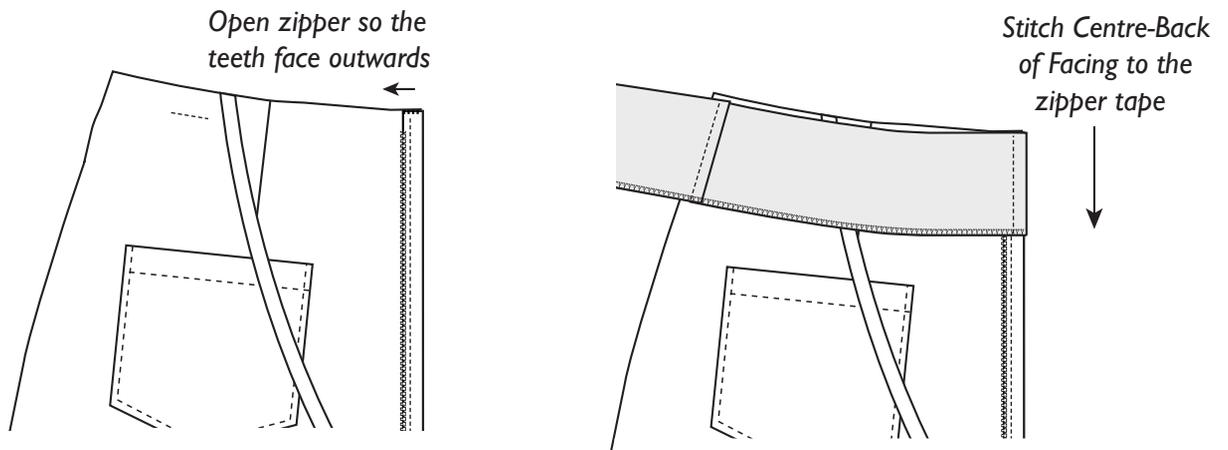
Remember to pin the straps with the seam allowances facing upward (into the waist seam).



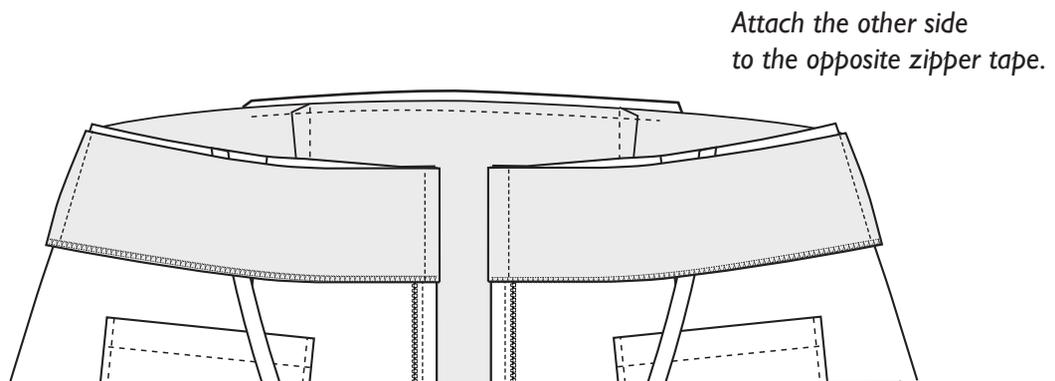
Take the pinafore off and stitch the straps in place.



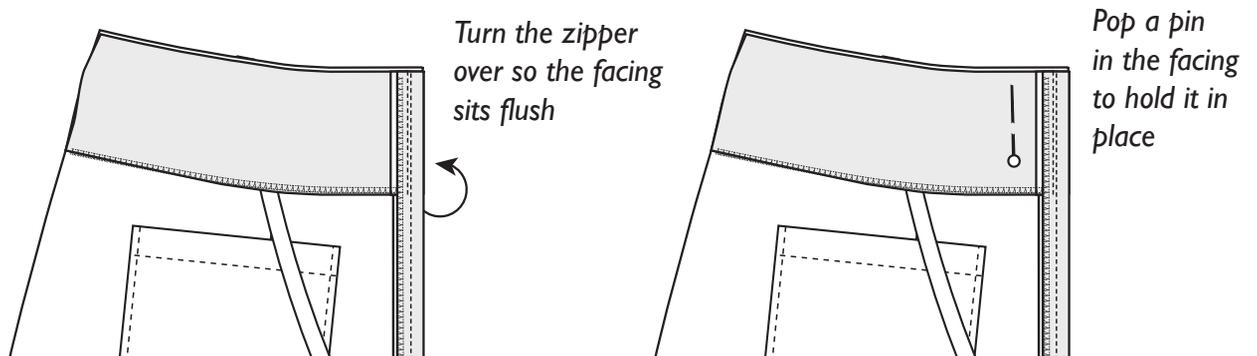
**Step 14.** Now we'll attach the **Waistband Facing** we made earlier. Start by opening the zipper and turning the tape open so the zipper teeth face outwards, as shown in the first diagram below. Then, with right-sides-together, position the **Facing** so that it lines up with the seam allowance at centre back. Stitch it in place on the zipper tape.



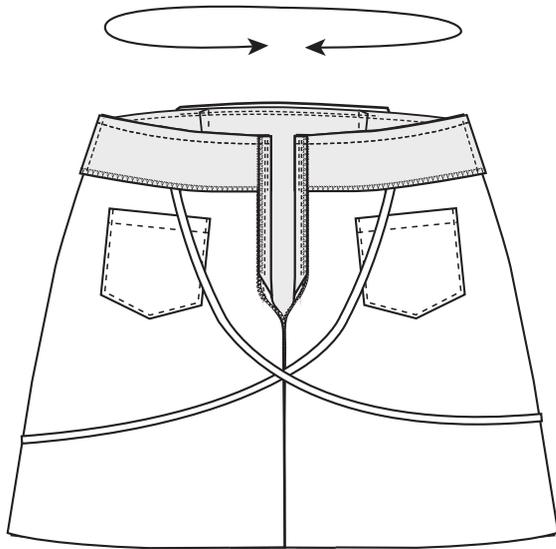
Do the same with the other end of the facing on the opposite zipper tape.



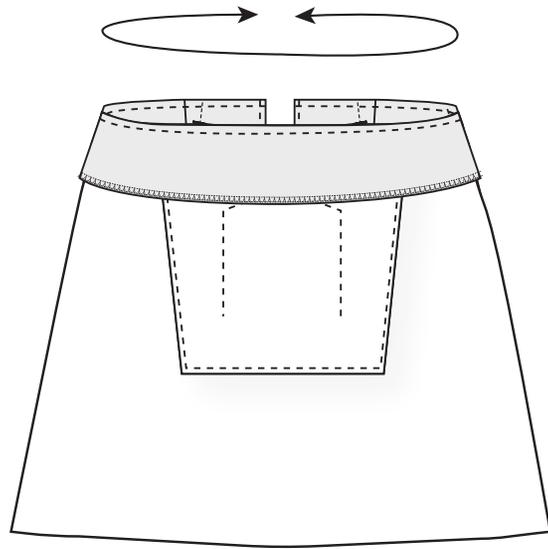
Now, notice how the facing seems slightly too small for the waist? We want to roll the zipper over one more time, so the Facing fits well. Turn the zipper and the seam allowance over so that the side seams line up.



Then, stitch around the waist seam, joining the **Facing** to the **Skirt** and catching the Bib and Straps in your stitching.

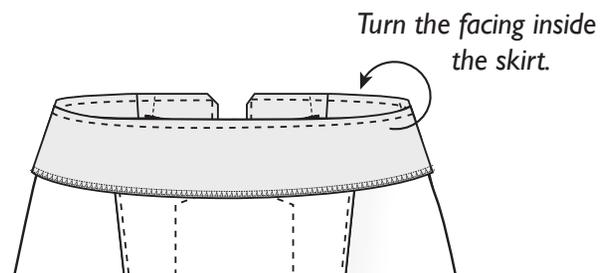
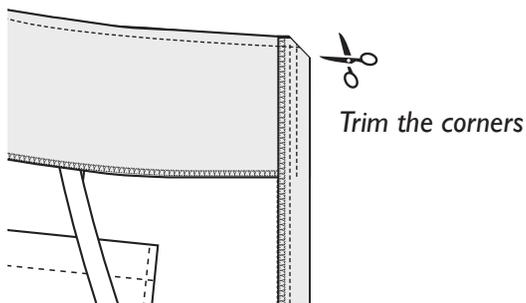


*Stitch Facing to Waist (Back View)*

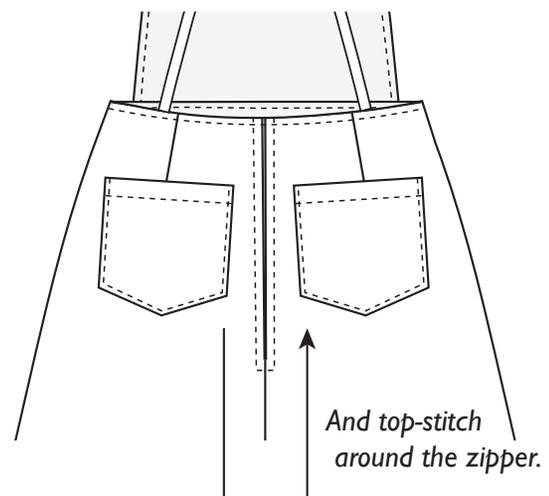
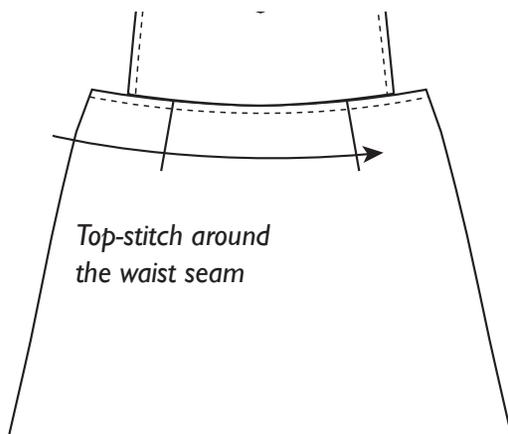


*Front View*

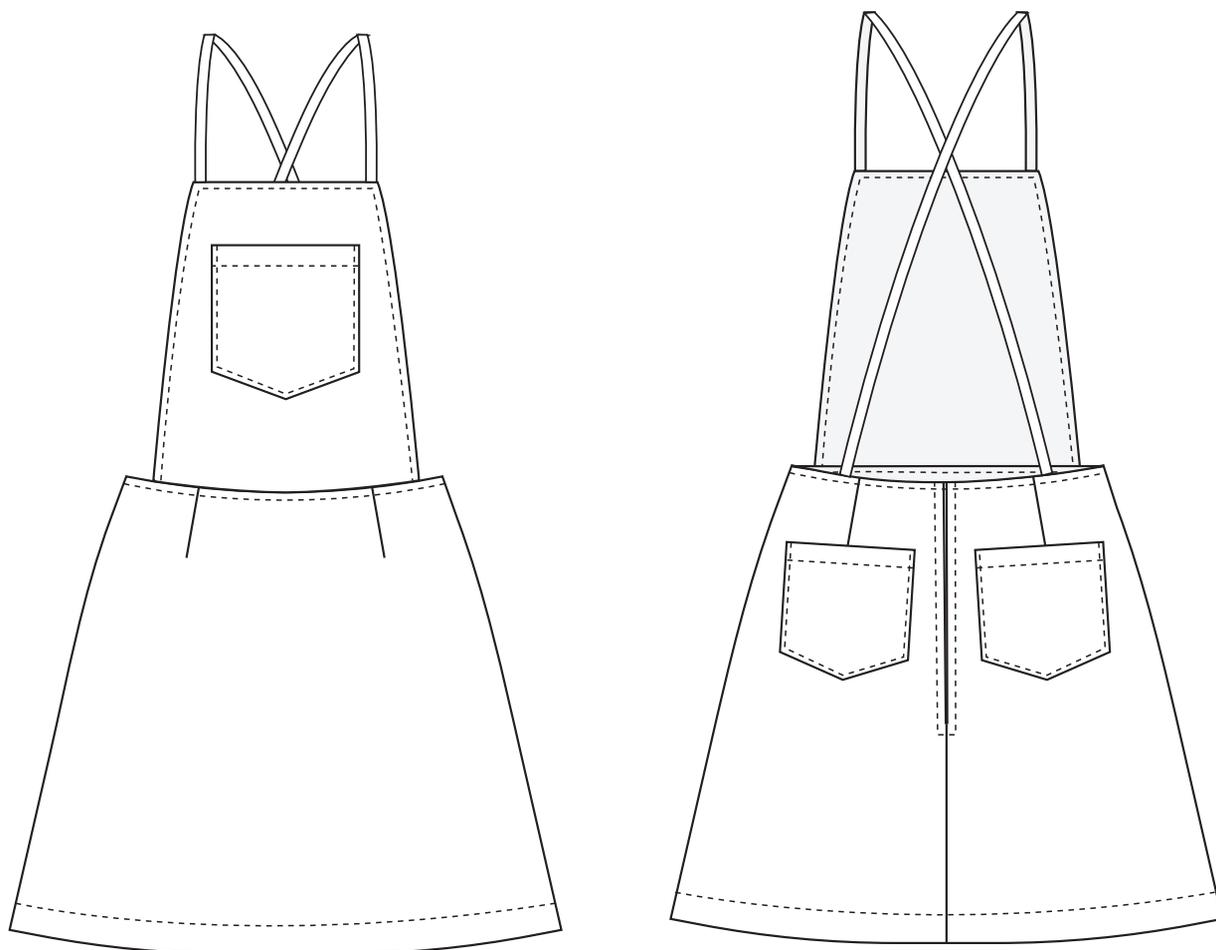
Trim the excess seam allowance from the corners of the zipper area, and then turn the facing inside.



Iron the waist and zipper area so the seams are crisp, and then top-stitch around the waist seam, and down each side of the zipper.



**Step 15.** Almost there! Finish the pinafore by stitching the hem to a length that suits you. A hem allowance of 5cm (2") is included, but do hem it shorter or longer as you wish.



***And that's it! You're done!  
Enjoy your lovely Rickey Pinafore!***