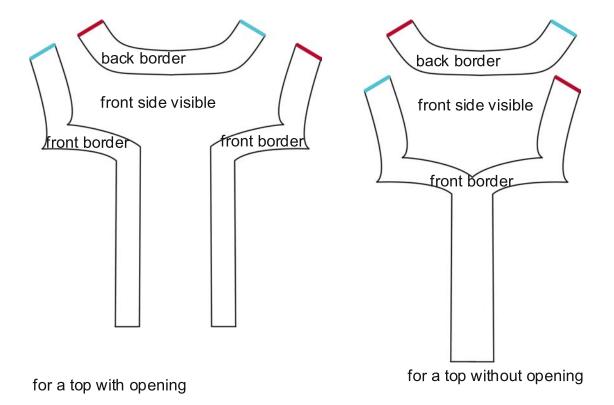


Pin the front border to the sides of the back border. Iron the seams apart.



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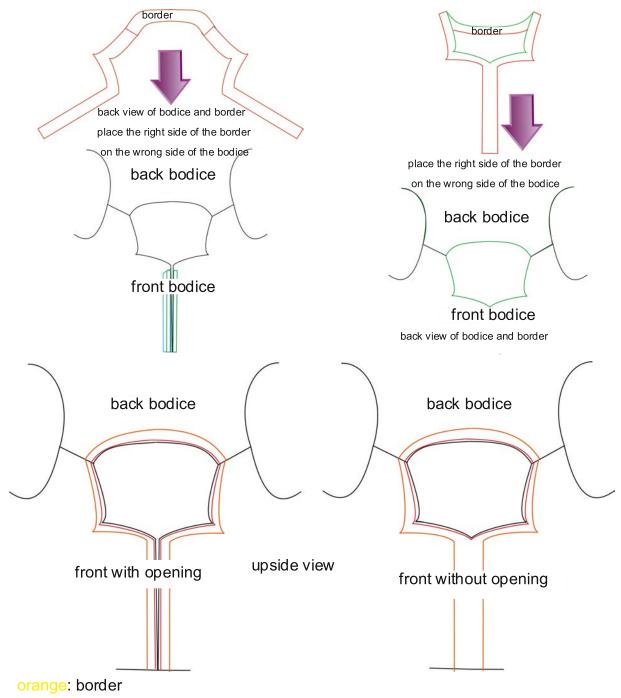
Pin the border thus created to the bodice.

you pin it right side against the wrong side of the bodice... Yes yes, you read that right!

Sew, notch then fold the border entirely on the place.

If you sew the top without a front closure, i.e. the front bodice in one piece, the border will look like a tie.

First you will assemble the neckline but not the "tie". You do as written just above on the neckline only.



red: seam before binding on the right side

10.

If you don't feel like creating a fill on the border, you can roll the entire border of the loose edge then sew, near the rolled edge, on the right side, the border to the bodice.

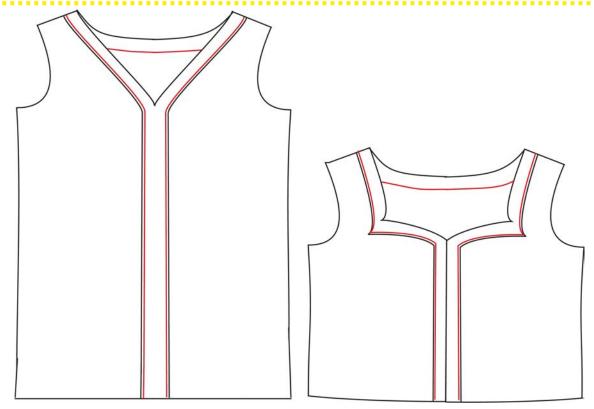
There is also the possibility of overcasting the border and laying a lace or other joy to hide the overcast.

Either way, remember to pin the border to the bodice before stitching.

Otherwise, pre-iron a 1cm fill all around the border.

Pin it to the bodice then stitch close to the edge of the border.

If you are doing the bodice front option in one piece, remember to align the middle of the lower front bodice with the middle of the lower front band by pinning them. Then do as described above.



red: stitching on the outer edge of the border

We see that it is the same work whether the bodice has an opening in front or not.

11.

**If you don't want to lay down the sleeves**, simple, don't lay them down. However, it needs a finish. A nice finish is the bias folded on the reverse, you can also make a rolled, overcast and put a lace or other...

In the annex, use the 2 annexes to fold down the bias and make a bias connection. Read the 2 appendices from page 20, they complement each other.