



## INFORMATION ABOUT PRINTING OFF YOUR DOWNLOAD PATTERN

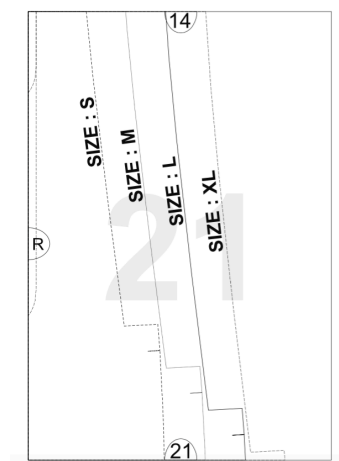
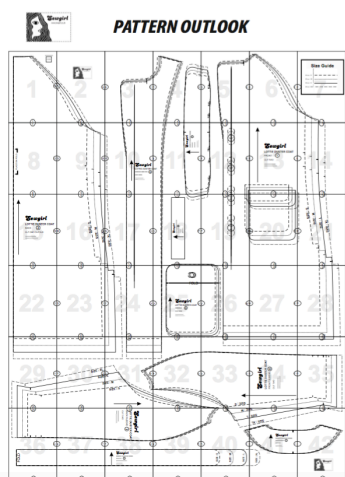
Thank you for purchasing your **Sewgirl** download pattern. We want your sewing experience to be a happy one, because in our books, there's nothing better than sewing your own clothes or anything for that matter. Please follow the check list below when printing out your pattern.

Your download should include a PDF for the instructions and one or more PDFs for the pattern pieces.

The instructions can be downloaded and made into a booklet, you could print double sided to save paper or just keep on your laptop/iPad/phone and use when you need it to save paper. Remember there is also a photo step by step blog to refer to with useful tips and extra info about how to make your project as well as fabric sources, visit the website for a link to the blog post.

The instructions contain information about sizing and fabric requirements along with step by step illustrations, photos and text for every stage of the making process.

The pattern consists of a pattern over view (which is how the pattern looks when its pieced together) and then the individual A4 portions of the pattern to assemble. You don't have to print the pattern overview as it's more of a guide than a piece of the pattern.



## PRINTING AT HOME

The pattern is formatted as tiles across a number of printer paper-sized sheets, it's like a large piece of pattern tissue unfolded and then cut into small rectangles that fit onto individual A4 sheets of paper. The PDF can be printed on your home printer and the pages can be taped or stuck together to reconstruct the large pattern layout.

Regardless of which printing method you choose, the most important thing about printing a PDF pattern is setting the correct print scale. Many printers try to scale a document to best fit a paper size. You don't want to do this with a sewing pattern because it would make the pattern pieces the wrong size.

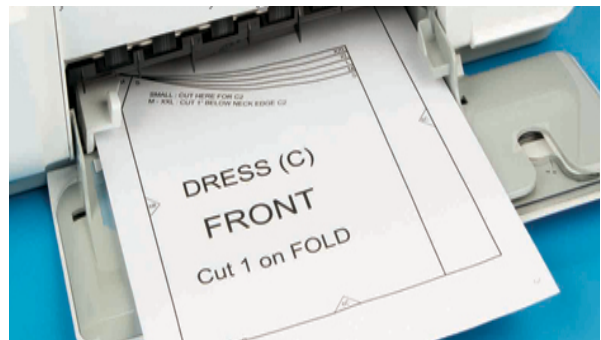
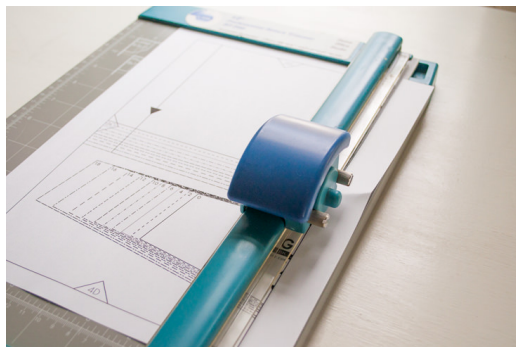
Printing a PDF pattern at home is pretty much like printing any document. Open the PDF, choose File>Print and your print dialogue box opens, set the print scale at 100%. Do not check "Scale to Fit".

Before printing the entire pattern, locate the page in your pattern that has the test square, it's usually the first pattern page. Always print this page first on its own to check that you got the 100% scale correct. Measure the test square, and if it does not measure correctly, check your print scaling options. Another factor you can control is the printing quality. Choosing an option like "draft" or "fast" will use less ink.

### PRINTING AT A COPY SHOP

If you want to skip using your home printer, you can put the file on a USB drive or send as an email attachment to your nearest print shop and have them print the tiled version for you.

Again, make sure you check the scale, let them know you need it printed at actual size i.e. 100%. Tell them to print it on the cheapest/thinnest paper they have, as some places by default print it on paper that is a little thicker than your standard printer paper.



### ASSEMBLING YOUR PATTERN

The first step of PDF pattern assembly is trimming to overlap the edges accurately, from every page, trim off the left and top margins. If you'd like, you can skip the top along the first row of pages, and the left on the first page in each row.

You can use paper scissors and cut each page one at a time, or you can use a paper cutter or guillotine and trim a few together. Just make sure that all the cutting lines are aligned.

Once the pages are all trimmed you can start putting them together. Your pattern will have an number marking system to help you figure out which pages should be next to each other. Line up the marks and all pattern lines and use a glue stick to adhere the pages together or use clear sticky tape. Make sure you are lining up the edges straight and that the pages are laying flat.

Once all your pages are stuck together, cut out your pattern pieces just as you would a normal pattern.

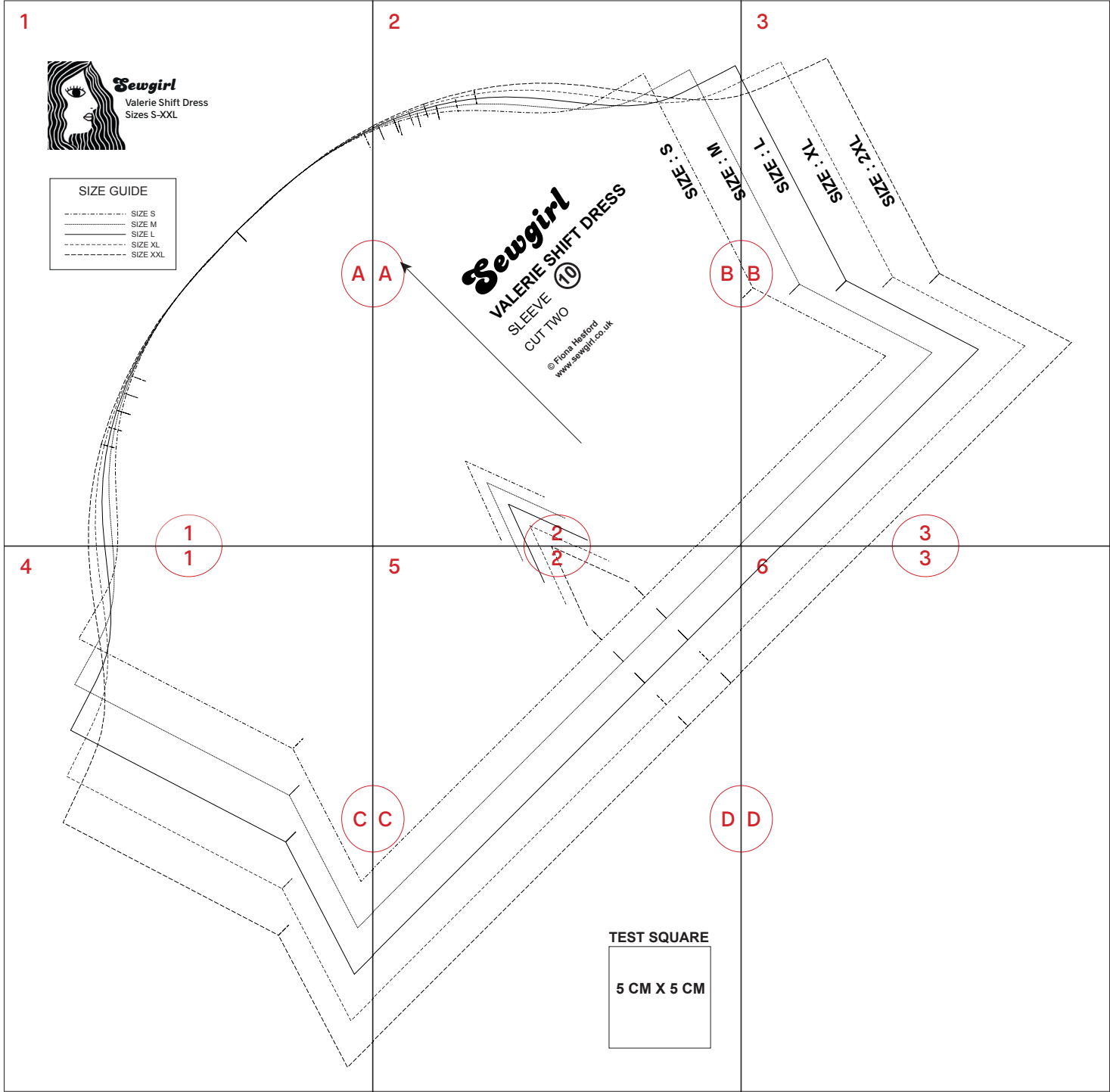
### TRACING THE PATTERN

After assembling the pattern, I would advise tracing your size off so that if you need a different size you don't have to reassemble the pattern again. Store your patterns in an C5/C4 sized envelope and mark what it is and what size it is on the outside. Folded patterns can be ironed with a cool iron to smooth out any creases but remember to switch off the steam!

So I wish you all the best with your sewing projects and remember it's the enjoyment of the process so slow down and take it one step at a time!

Fiona x

# VALERIE SHIFT DRESS DOWNLOAD OVERVIEW



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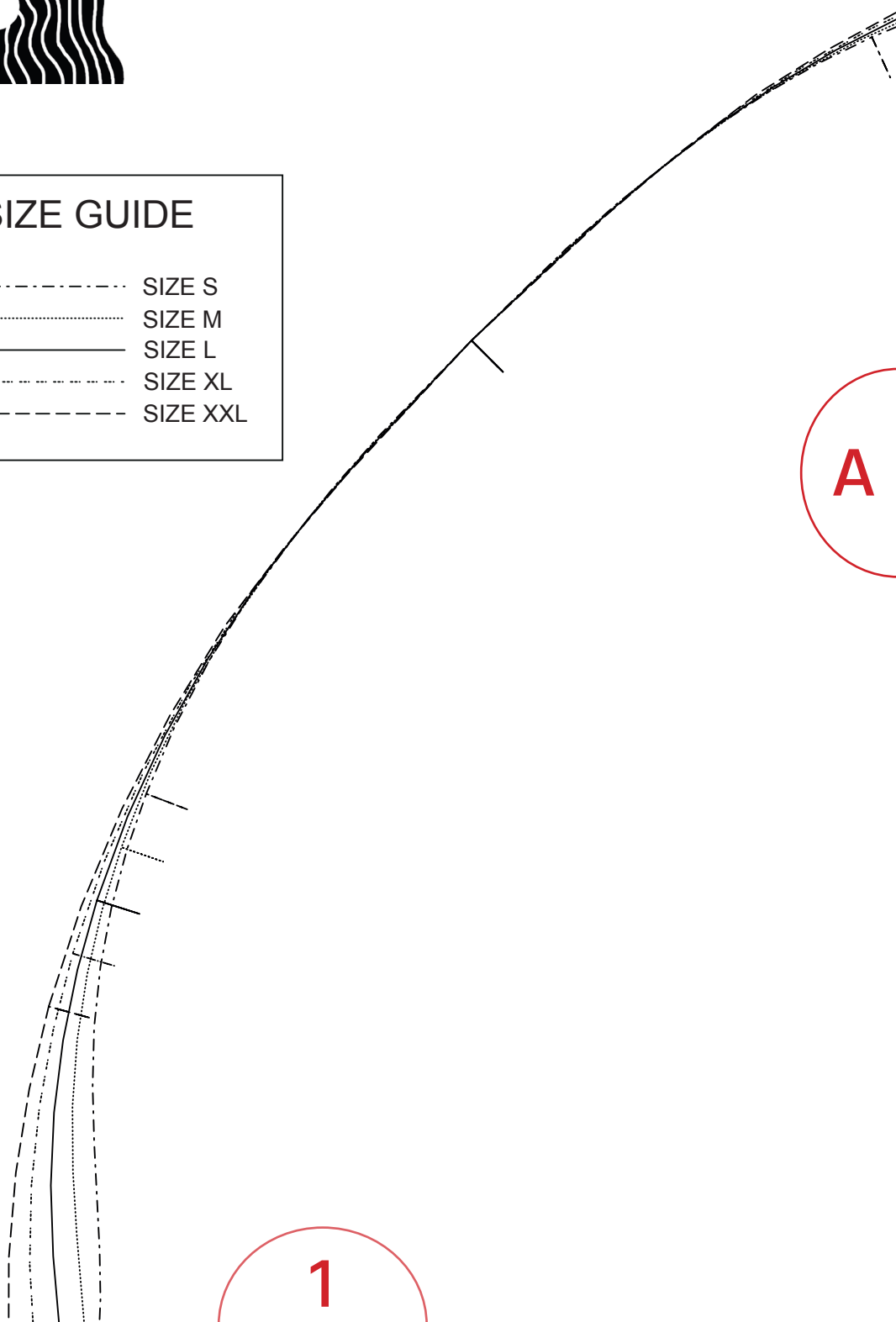


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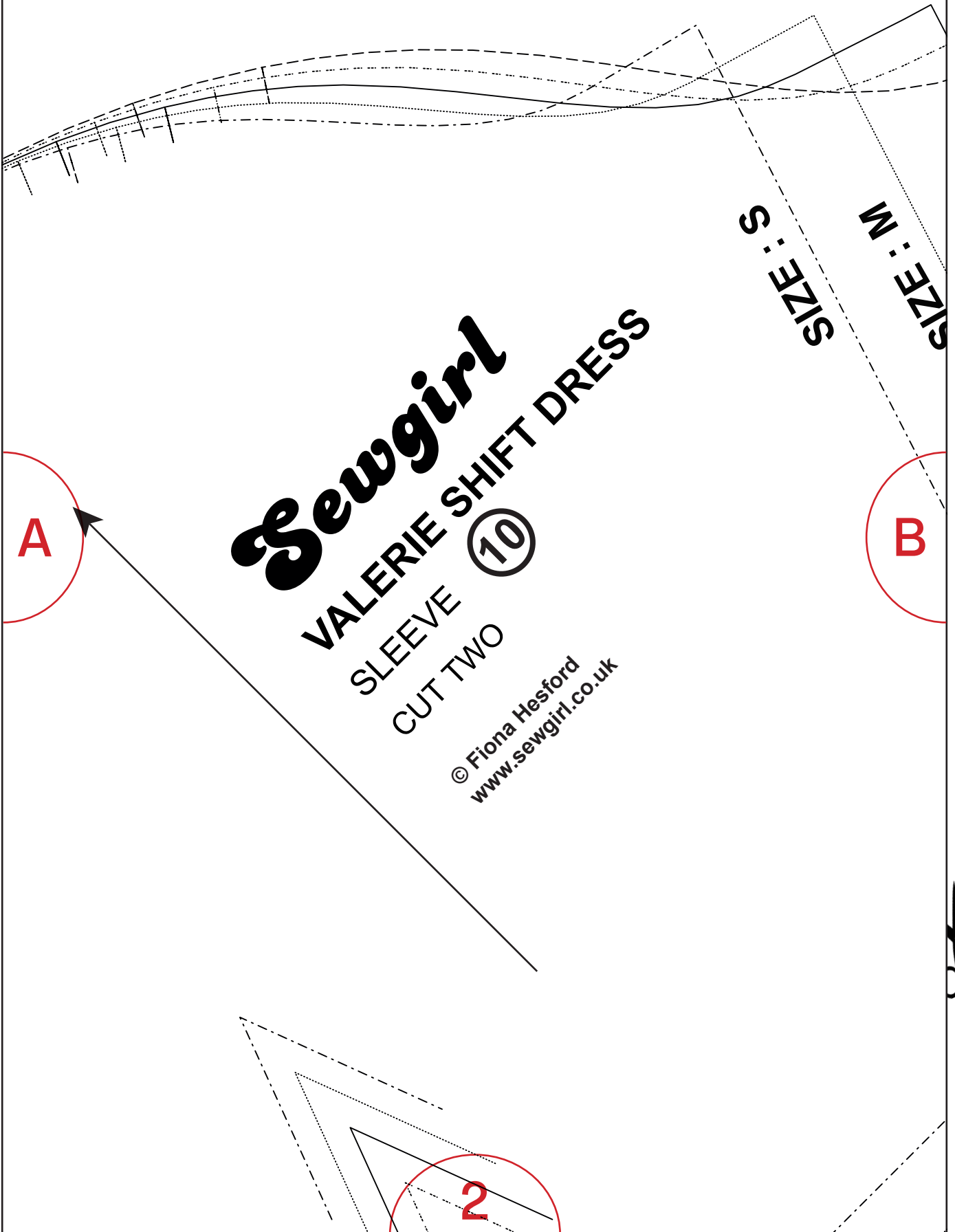
Valerie Shift Dress  
Sizes S-XXL

SIZE GUIDE

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**VALERIE SHIFT DRESS**  
**SLEEVE 10**  
**CUT TWO**

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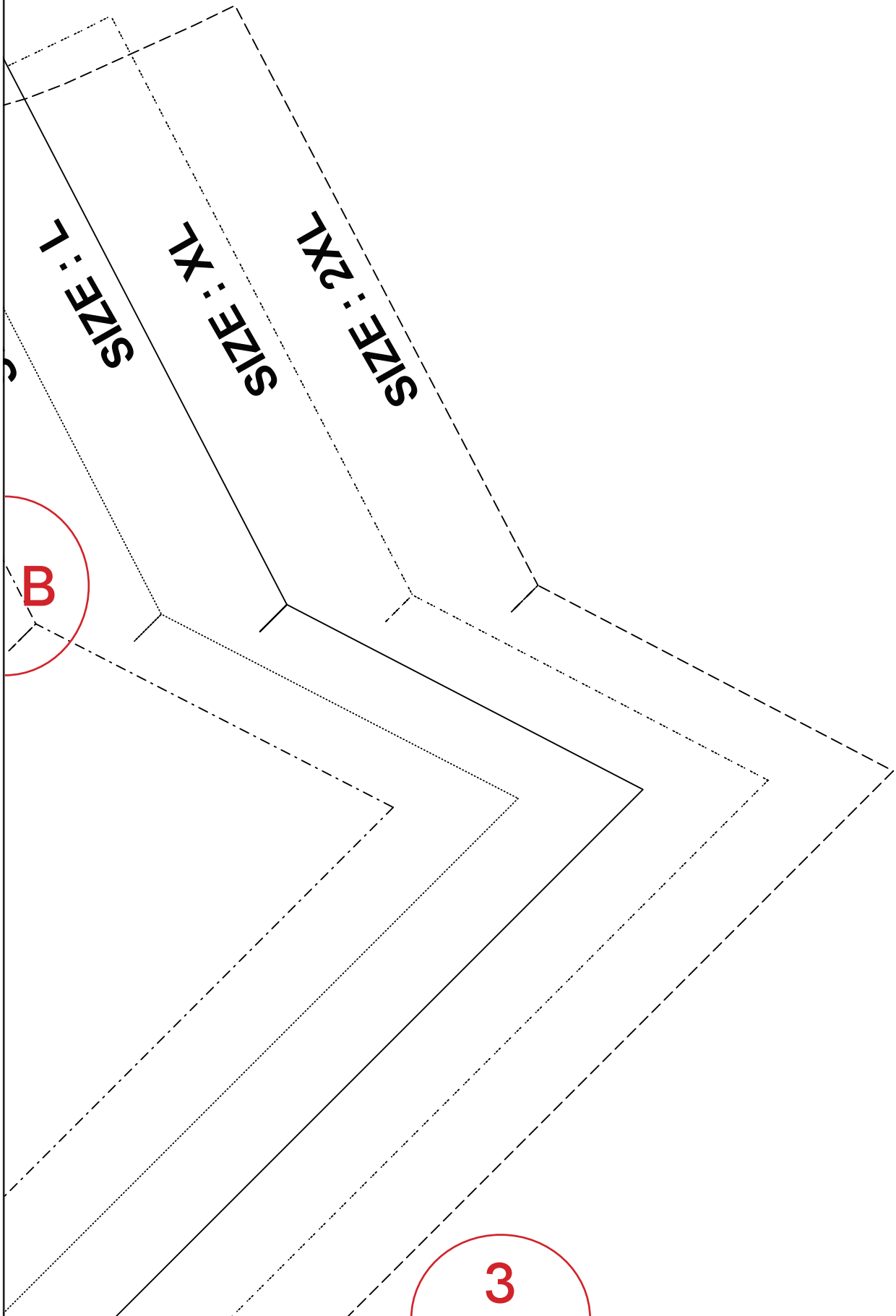
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