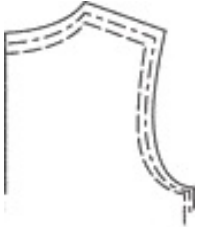
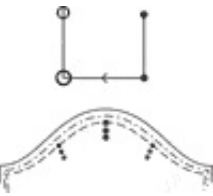


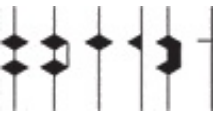


# Pattern Symbols

## Identification Guide

 <p>Cutting Lines</p>	<p>The outside line on a sewing pattern. A scissor icon often appears on this line. The line is solid on single-sized patterns. Different line styles may be used on multi-sized patterns.</p> <p>The purpose of these markings indicate where to cut both pattern piece and garment fabric.</p>
 <p>Dots, Squares, Triangles</p>	<p>Solid circles, squares, or triangles of varying sizes used to match pattern pieces at seamlines and for details within the garment construction such as pocket placement or zipper application.</p>
 <p>Place on the Fold</p>	<p>Rectangular bracket with arrow tips pointing toward the folded edge.</p> <p>For layout efficiency, pattern pieces are often produced as half pieces. The pattern piece must be placed along the folded edge of the fabric (cutting out a double layer) to create a full piece.</p> <p><b><i>The on-the fold edge is never cut.</i></b></p>
 <p>Grainline</p>	<p>A solid line with an arrow point at each end.</p> <p>This arrow is used to align pattern on fabric. It usually indicates lengthwise grainline. The lengthwise grain of fabric are the threads that run parallel to the fabric selvage.</p>
 <p>Notches</p>	<p>One diamond, pair of diamonds, or triple set of diamonds, usually half inside and half outside the cutting line.</p> <p>Notches are used for matching seamlines. One diamond often indicates the garment front. A pair of diamonds usually indicates the garment back. A triple set of diamonds indicates a seam reference other than back or front.</p>



Seam or Stitching  
Line

Dashed or broken line on single-sized patterns, often accompanied by a presser-foot icon.

This line indicates where you sew garment pieces together. Corresponding seamlines will always have the same seam allowance.