LAKANANA DRESS

EASY - NO PATTERNS NEEDED
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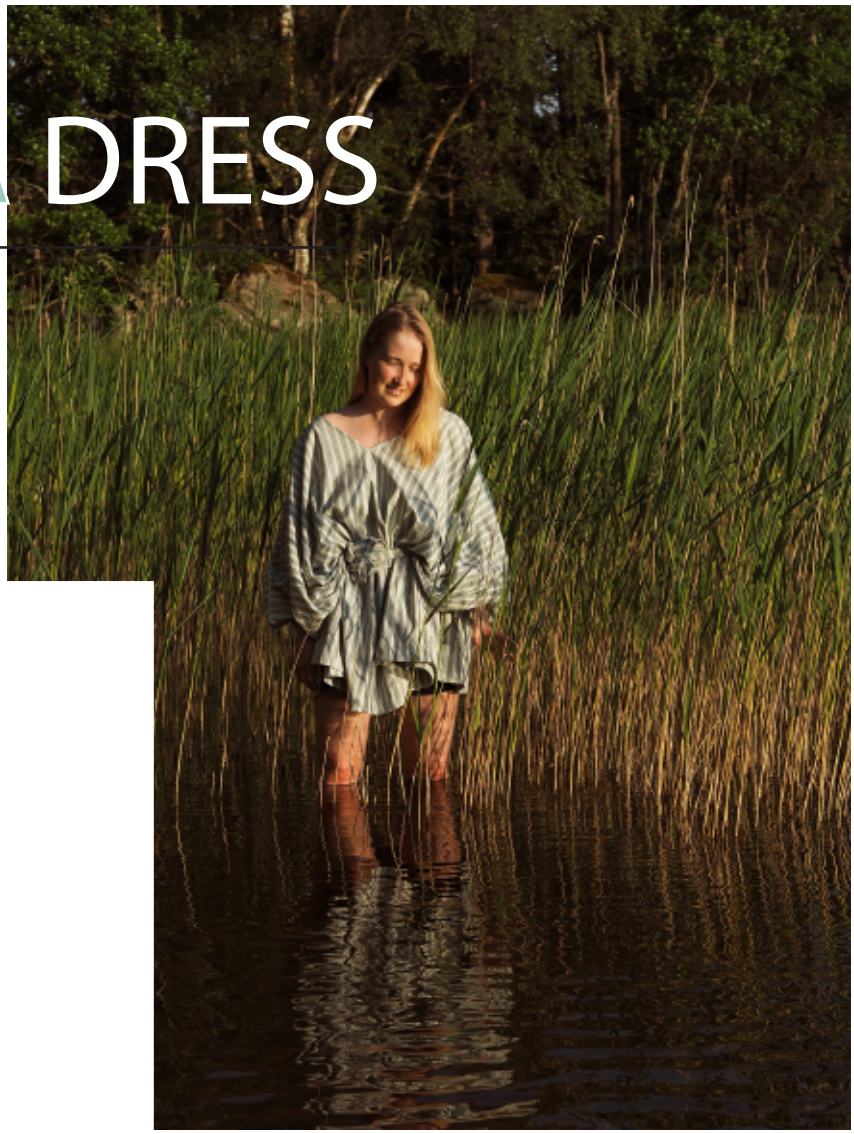

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In this dress, we are going to give a new life for an old duvet cover, and that's where the dress got its name. Lakanana is Finnish and means 'as a bedsheet'.

This dress is easy for beginners - no patterns needed! All you need is an old duvet cover (the one with hand holes on sides, see picture), scissors, a pen, pins, an iron, sewing thread and a sewing machine (if you don't have a sewing machine, you can also use a needle and hand stich)

To find an old duvet cover, ask from your family, friends and neighbours, or visit a local second hand store, if you dont't have one. I found mine from a second hand store.

And then let's start!

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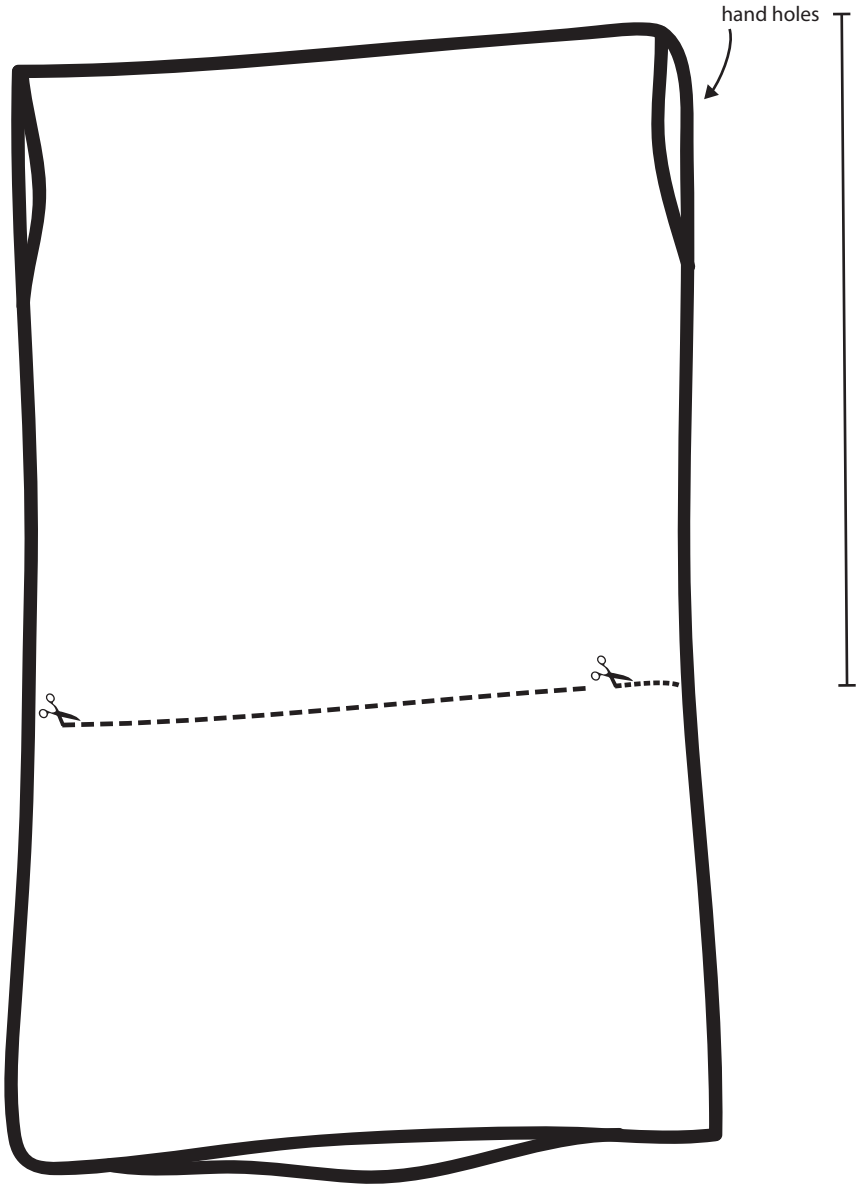

Measure and cut the wanted length + 5 cm

Cut rather too long at this point than too short. You can also make the neckline first and then fit the right length. When letting the dress hang, without a belt, it's longer than when gathered together with a belt. When using a belt, the dress rises a bit from the sides.

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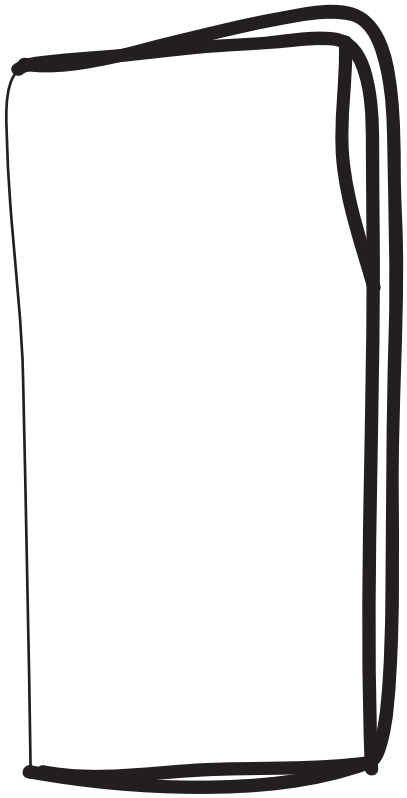
Fold the duvet cover in a vertical direction



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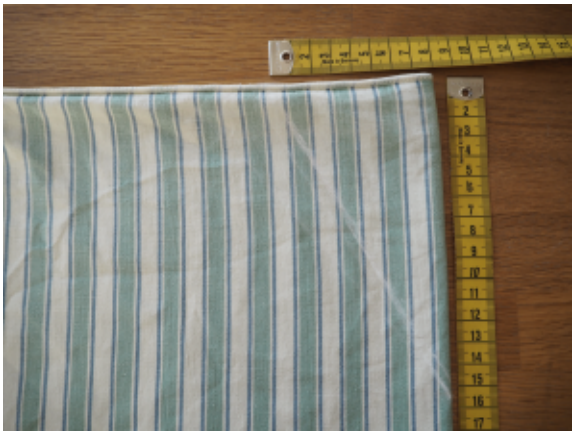
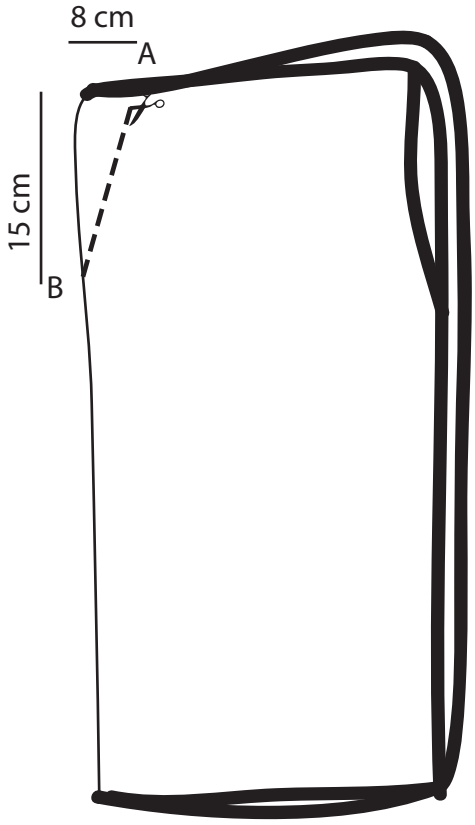
Measure A, max 8 cm from the fold, on top edge and B 15 cm from the top edge, on fold, and cut between the spots. Make sure that duvet cover is evenly folded





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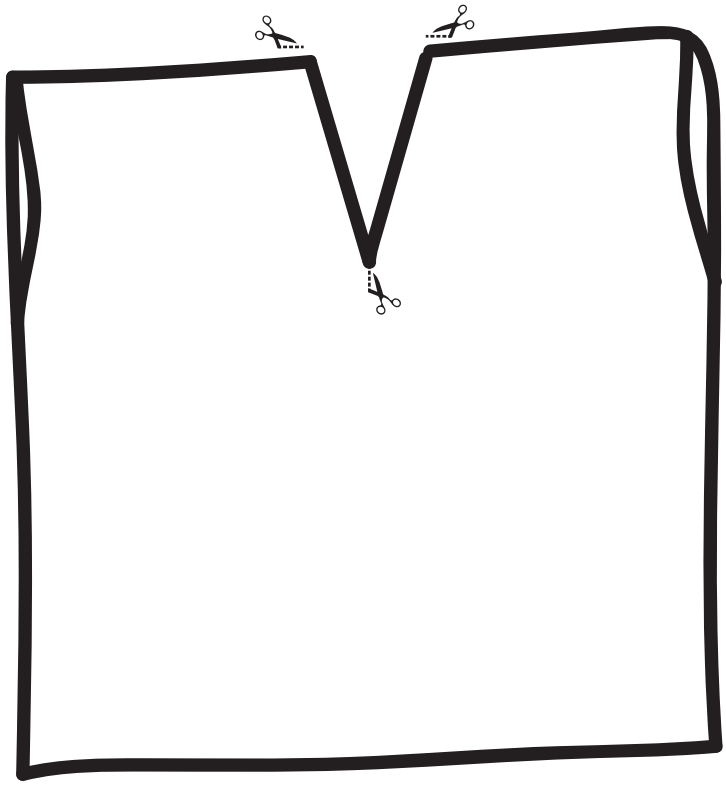

Cut 2 cm at the point of V and on shoulders like pictured

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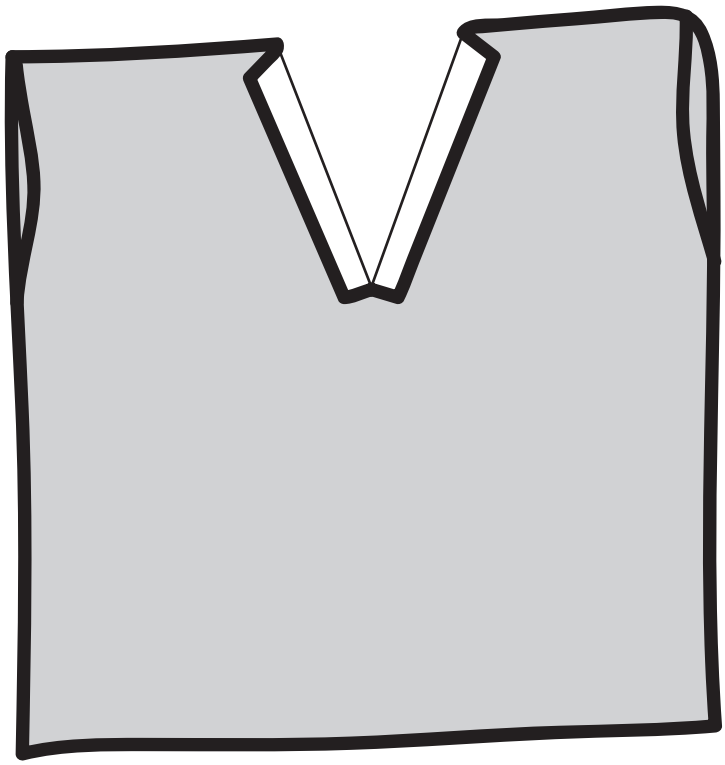

Fold and iron the neckline inside of the duvet cover, or at this point, we might already call it a dress

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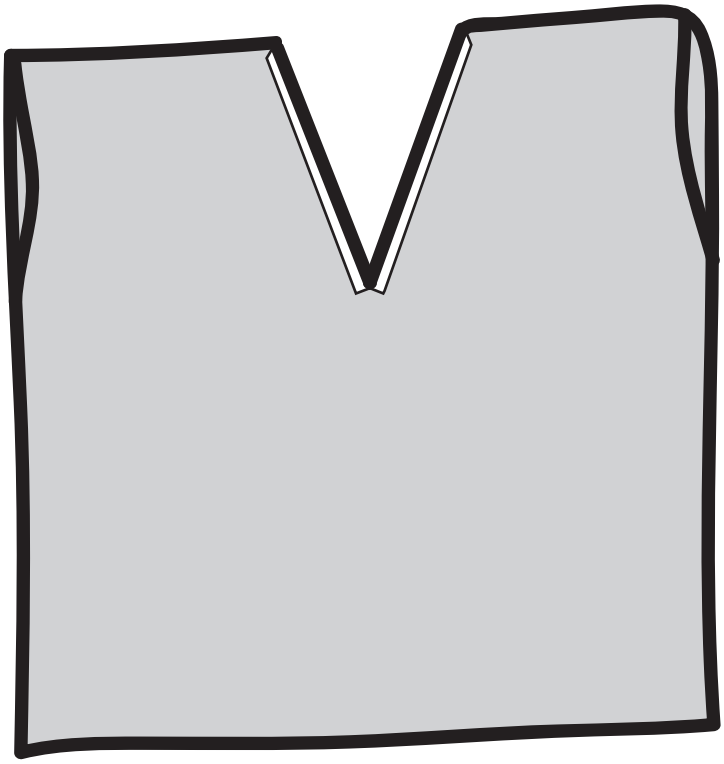
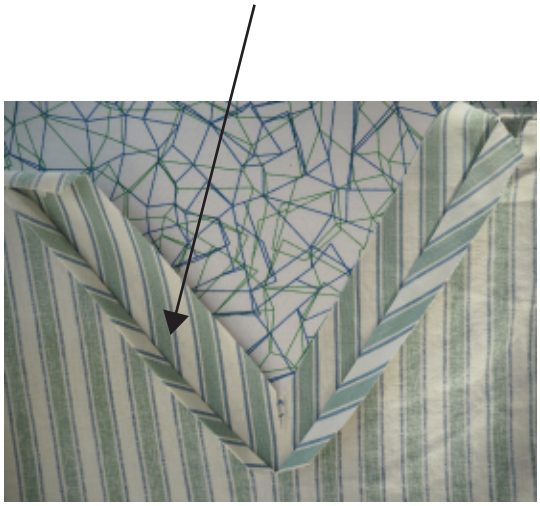


Fold and iron the neckline edges once more under the previous fold



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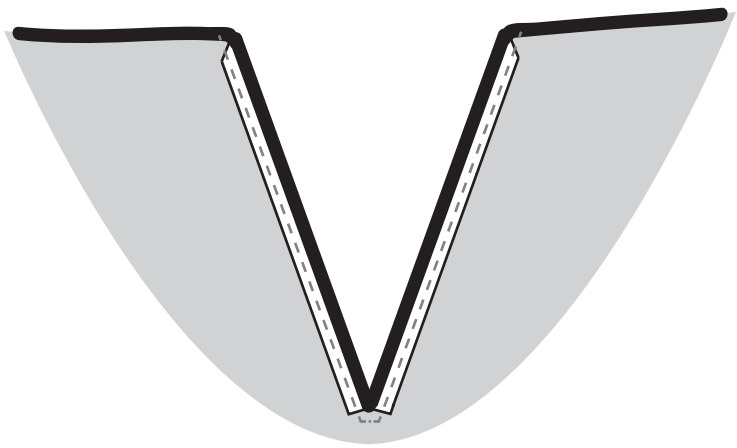

Sew around the neckline

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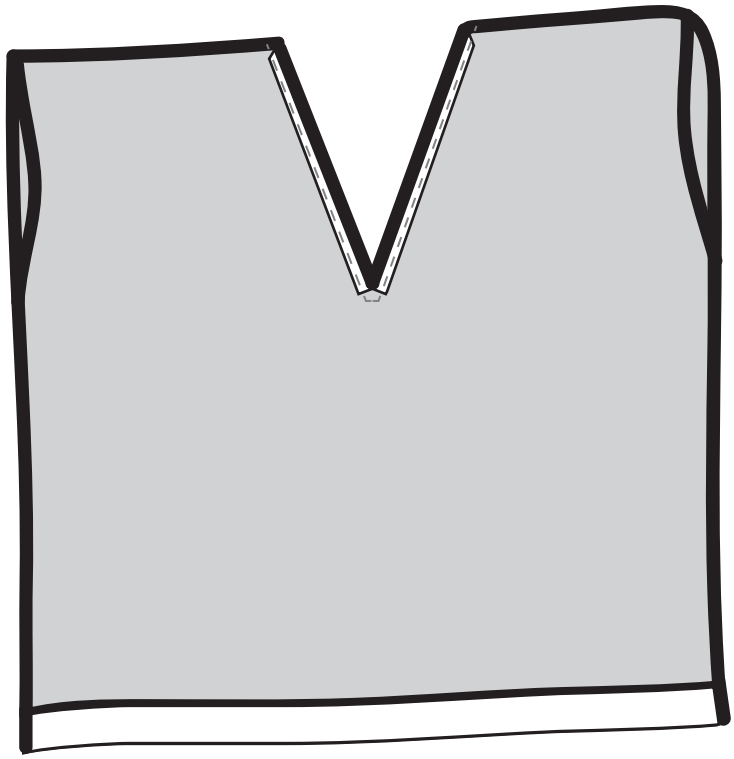
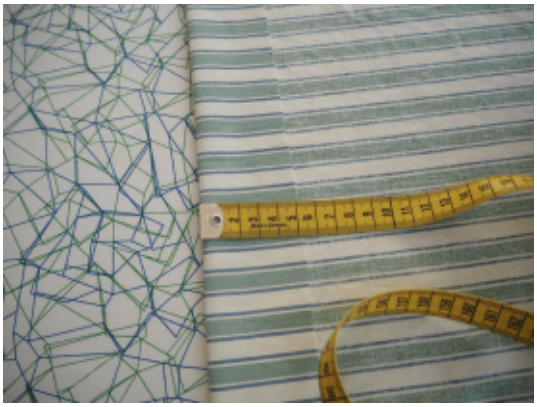


Fold and iron 5 cm from the hemline inside of the dress

(Measure the right length now if you haven't yet)



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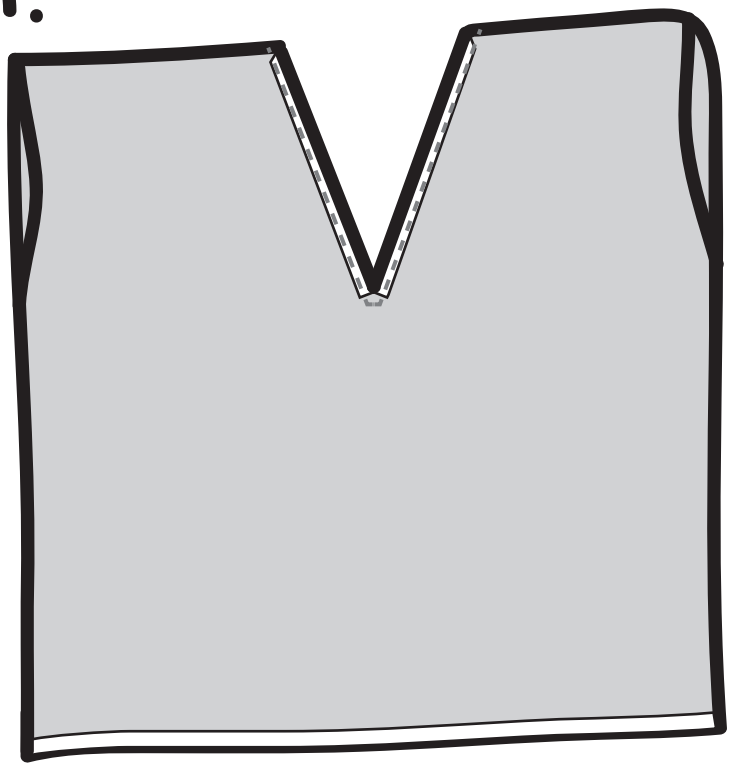
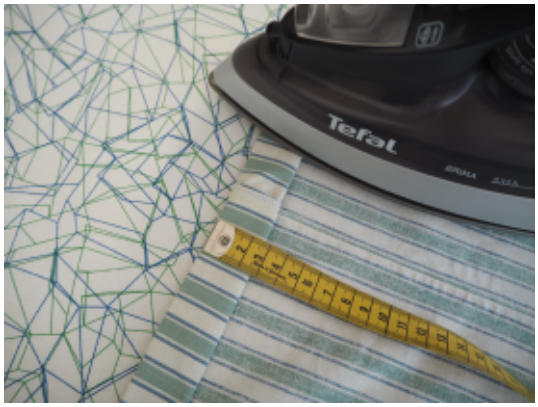


Fold and iron the edge into the just ironed fold



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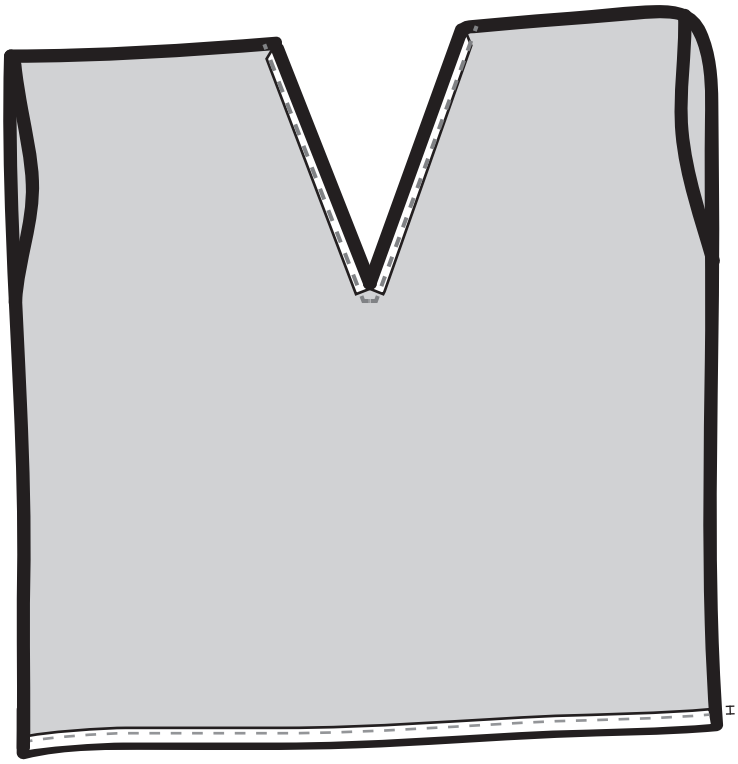

Sew the hemline with 0,5 cm allowance

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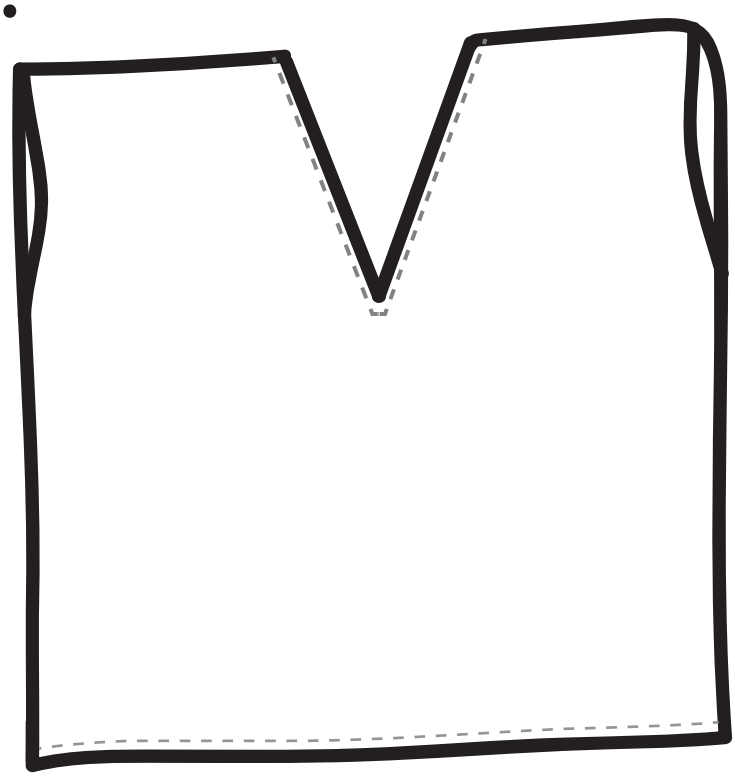

Turn around, and the dress is ready.
Now it's time to make a belt.

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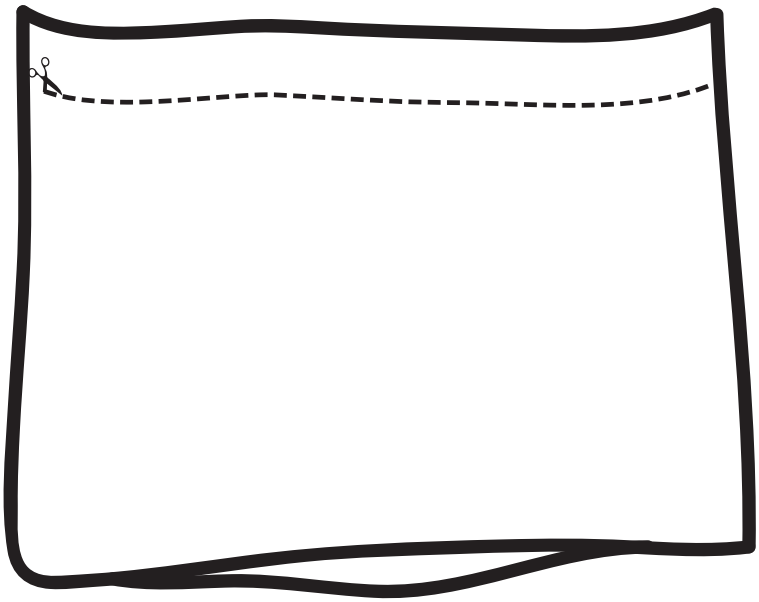
12a./ Belt A



Measure and cut the wanted belt height + 2 cm.
Make sure that the edges of the duvet cover are even before cutting.

The length of the belt is going to be the width of the duvet cover.
If you want to make it longer, check instructions for belt B.

Turn the belt inside out

Make sure all edges are even and sew long sides with 1 cm allowance, but leave approximately 5 cm hole to one side

Turn the belt the right side out by using the hole, iron and sew along all edges with 0,5 cm allowance

DONE!

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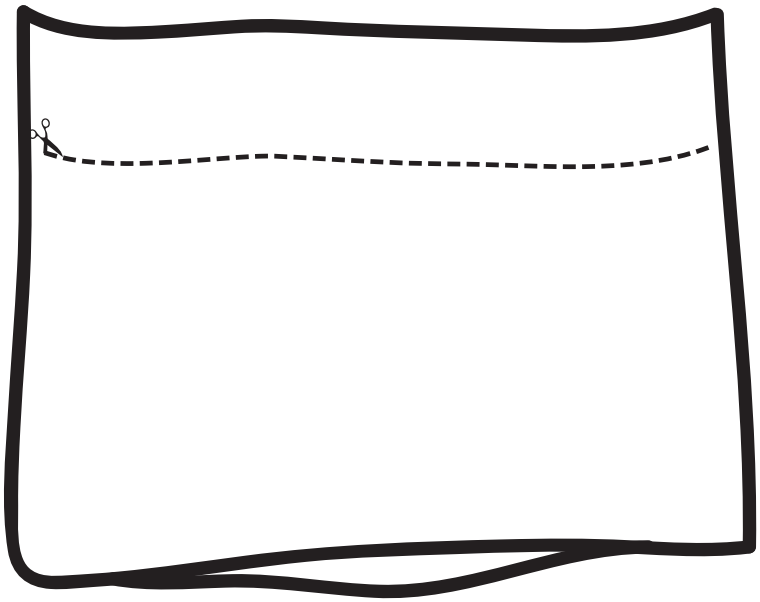
126./ Belt B



For a longer belt measure and cut
the wanted belt height x 2 + 2 cm
(for example 8 cm x 2 + 2 cm = 18 cm)
Make sure that the edges of the duvet cover
are even before cutting.

Cut one of the side seams open

Open the belt and fold in half along the long edge right sides against each other

Sew the open long edge and one of the short ends with 1 cm allowance

Turn the belt the right side out, fold the short open end in, iron and sew around with 0,5 cm allowance

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