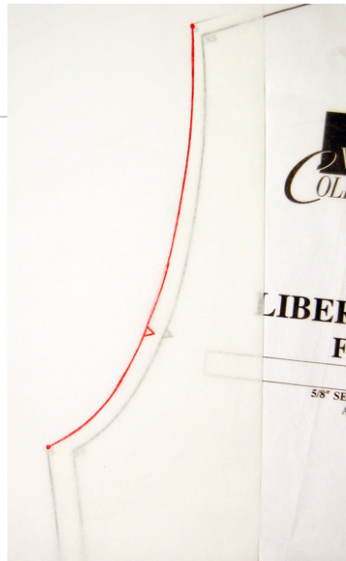


Narrow Shoulders

Tracing the Armscye

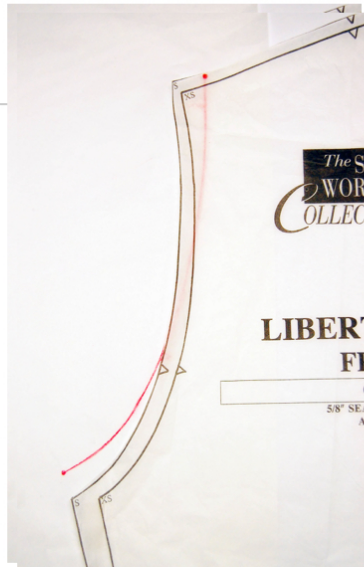
- We will refer to this technique more than once in this tutorial. Here's how to do it.
- Use pattern tracing paper or vellum to trace and record the original armscye shape of both the front and back.
- Linda likes using the Primacolor Col-Erase 20045 Carmine Red pencil with an eraser to draw lines on pattern paper.



The word "armscye" is an historical fashion term describing the armhole opening in an item of apparel. Alternative spellings are "armseye or arm's eye".

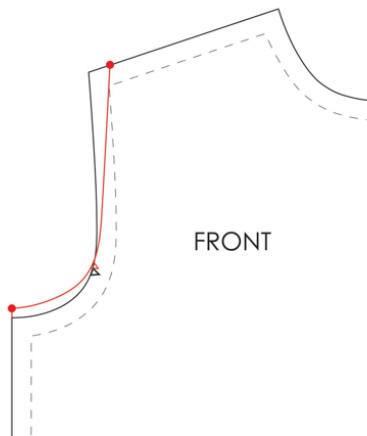
Using the Tracing

- Mark the new end point for the shoulder width.
- Lay the tracing under the pattern matching the top of the traced armscye with the new shoulder point.
- Pivot the paper until the bottom armscye point is in line with the side seam.
- Tape the tracing in place and trace the original armscye shape to the pattern.
- Repeat for the back piece.



Using the same armscye contour does not require drafting skills or the need to change the sleeve cap shape or length. The original sleeve pattern will fit.

- At the end of the shoulder seam, mark the new shoulder width (*both front and back*).
- Trace the original armscye, and place it under the pattern piece.
- Position the top of the traced armscye at the new shoulder mark. Pivot the tracing until the bottom of the traced armscye is aligned with the side seam.
- Redraw the armscye of the **front** and **back** to the original shape.



*Use the reverse technique to adjust for **BROAD SHOULDERS**. The new shoulder width will be wider than the original pattern and the side seam slightly lower.*