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# Mini Sewing Class

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Did you dreamed to make your own clothes?

If yes ,you are in the right place.

It isn't too difficult to make a simple pencil skirt ,even a pair of trousers or a top.

Just follow the instructions and you'll be able to make your own skirts ,trousers and blouses.

I would like to teach you the basics and some alterations and variations of the basic sewing patterns.

...Or just look for the inspirations.

Note: Me ,Valerie ,I am the author of the text and pictures of this "Mini sewing class" and is based of my knowledge and experience of many-many years.

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# Part 1

## How to make a pencil skirt sewing pattern

You need some measurements and minimal mathematical operations, in order to make the sewing pattern of the pencil skirt.

Take your measurements of:

waist circumference=**WC**

hip circumference=**HC**

hip length=**HL**

skirt length=**SL**

Now, I take an example to demonstrate all the mathematical operations, to get the sewing pattern:

1. WC=72 cm    2. Divide WC and HC in 4:  
HC=92 cm      WC=72:4=18  
HL=**18** cm      HC=92:4=23  
SL=**40** cm

3. Add 3 cm to the WC for the waist dart depth: WC=72:4=18+3=21

4. WC=72:4=18+3=21 (final result)

$$HC=92:4=23 \text{ (final result)}$$

Front skirt: add 0,5cm to the final result of the WC and HC:

$$WC=72:4=18+3=21+0,5=\mathbf{21,5cm} \text{ (last final result)}$$

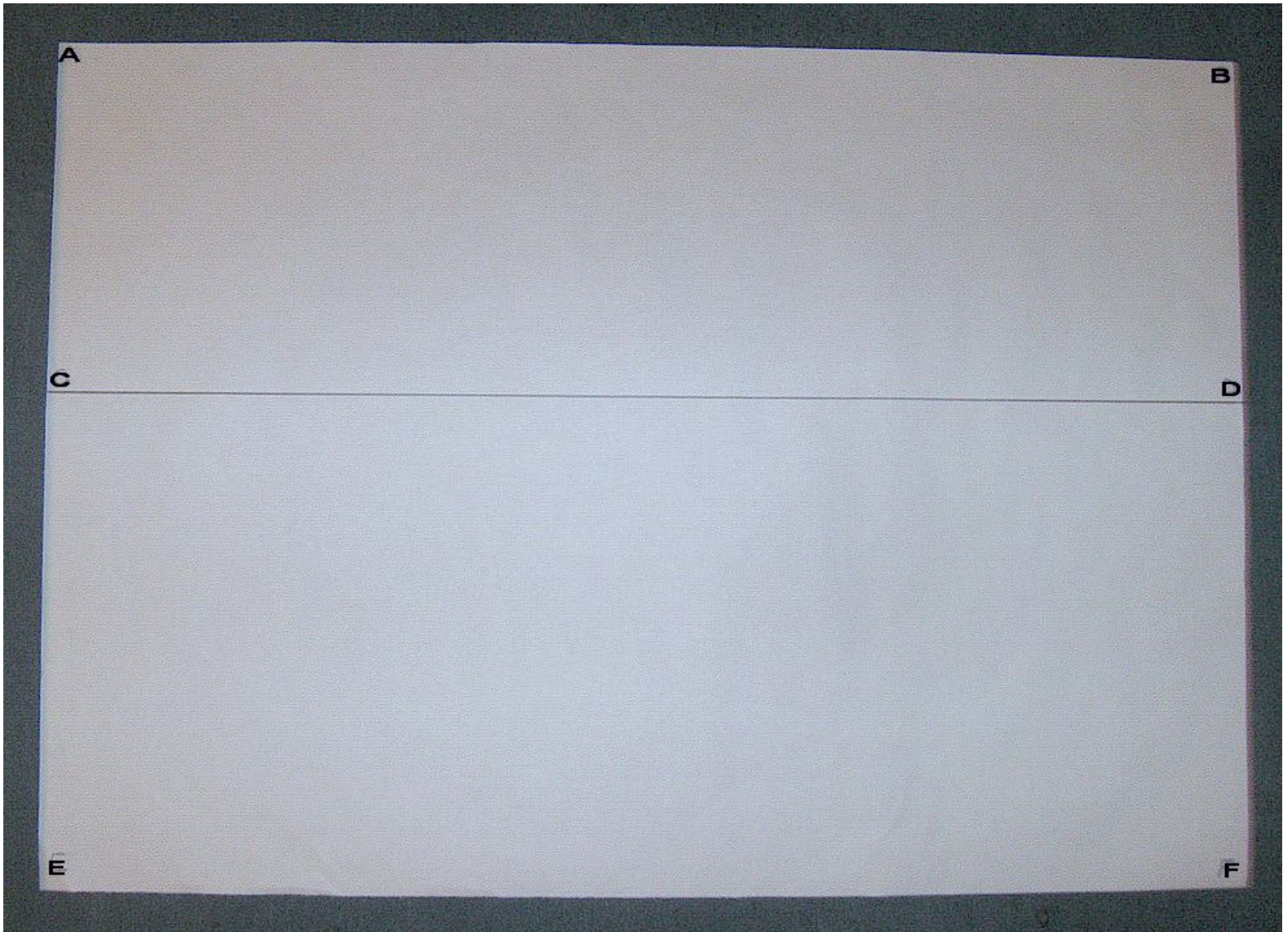
$$HC=92:4=23+0,5=\mathbf{23,5cm} \text{ (last final result)}$$

Back skirt: subtract 0,5cm from the final result of the WC and HC:

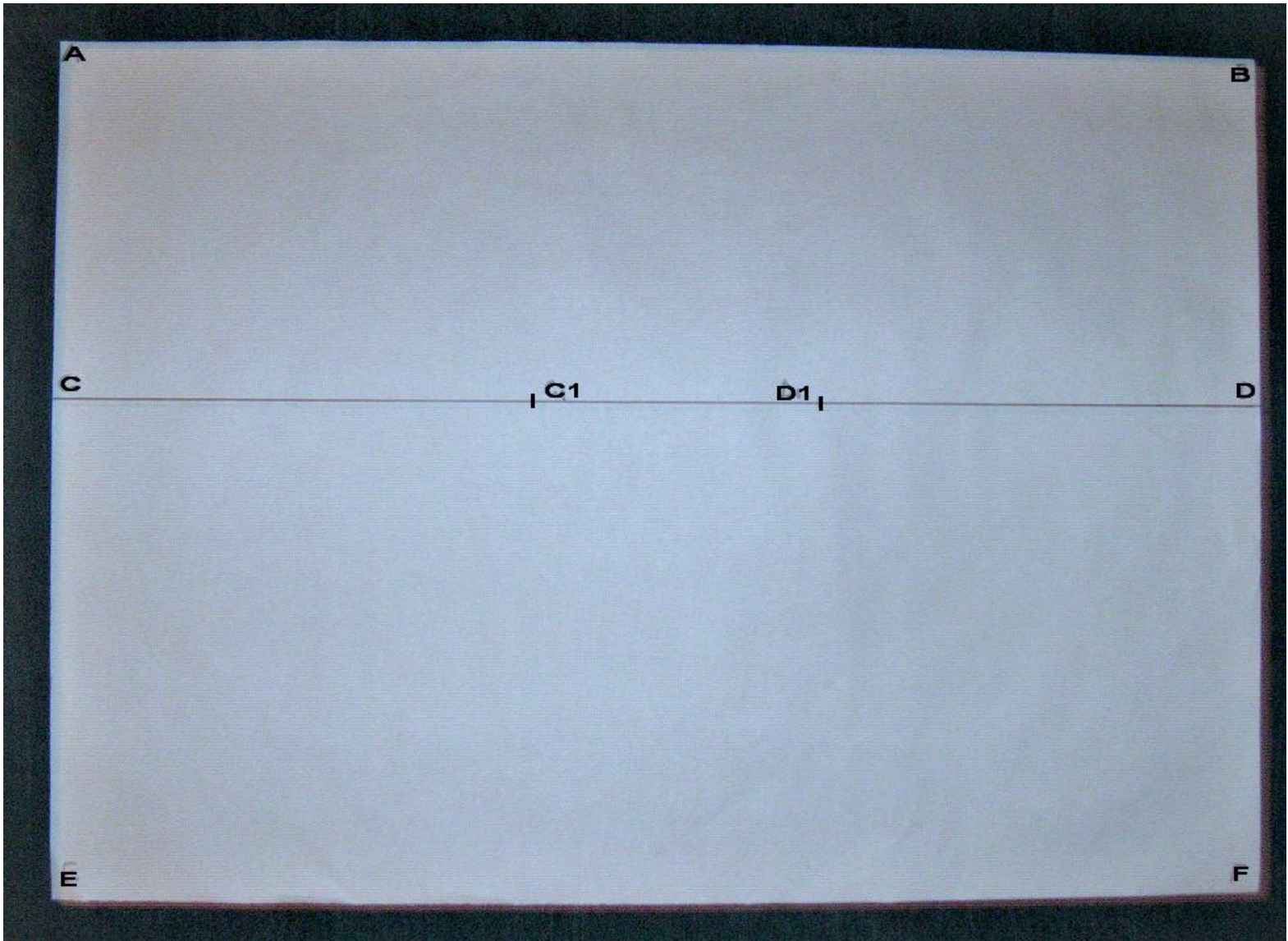
$$WC=72:4=18+3=21-0,5=\mathbf{20,5cm} \text{ (last final result)}$$

$$HC=92:4=23-0,5=\mathbf{22,5cm} \text{ (last final result)}$$

Note: Use only the last final results of WC and HC to make the sewing pattern!



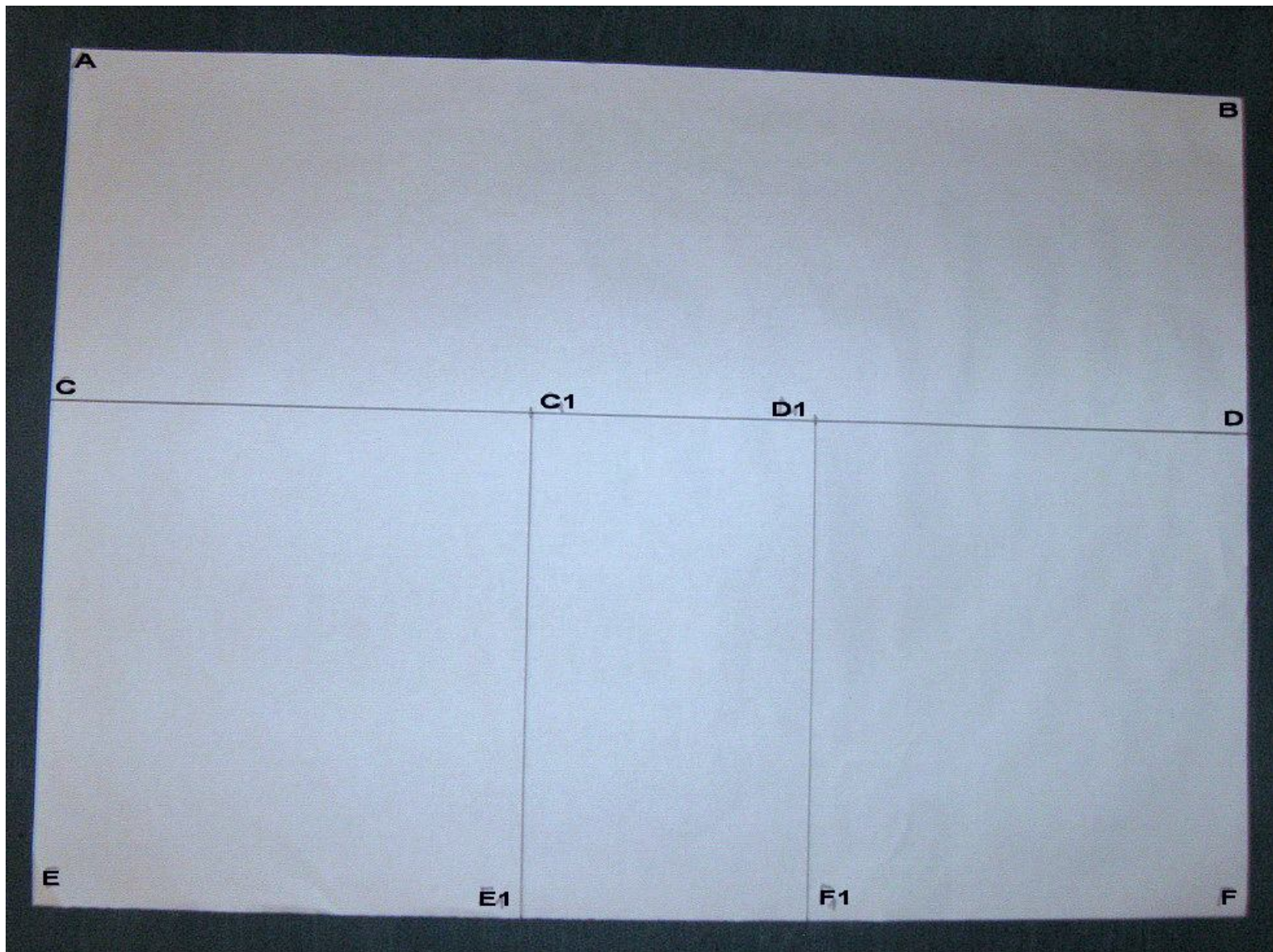
**Mark hip line (CD), parallel with the upper edge of the paper (AB).  $AC=BD=18\text{cm}$  in my example, which is the hip length. (See picture above.)**



**AE and BF are the center of the front and back of the sewing pattern.**

**Measure the front hip line from C toward to the right side and mark C1 (CC1=24 cm in my example).**

**Measure the back hip line from D toward to the left side and mark D1. (DD1=23cm in my example.)**

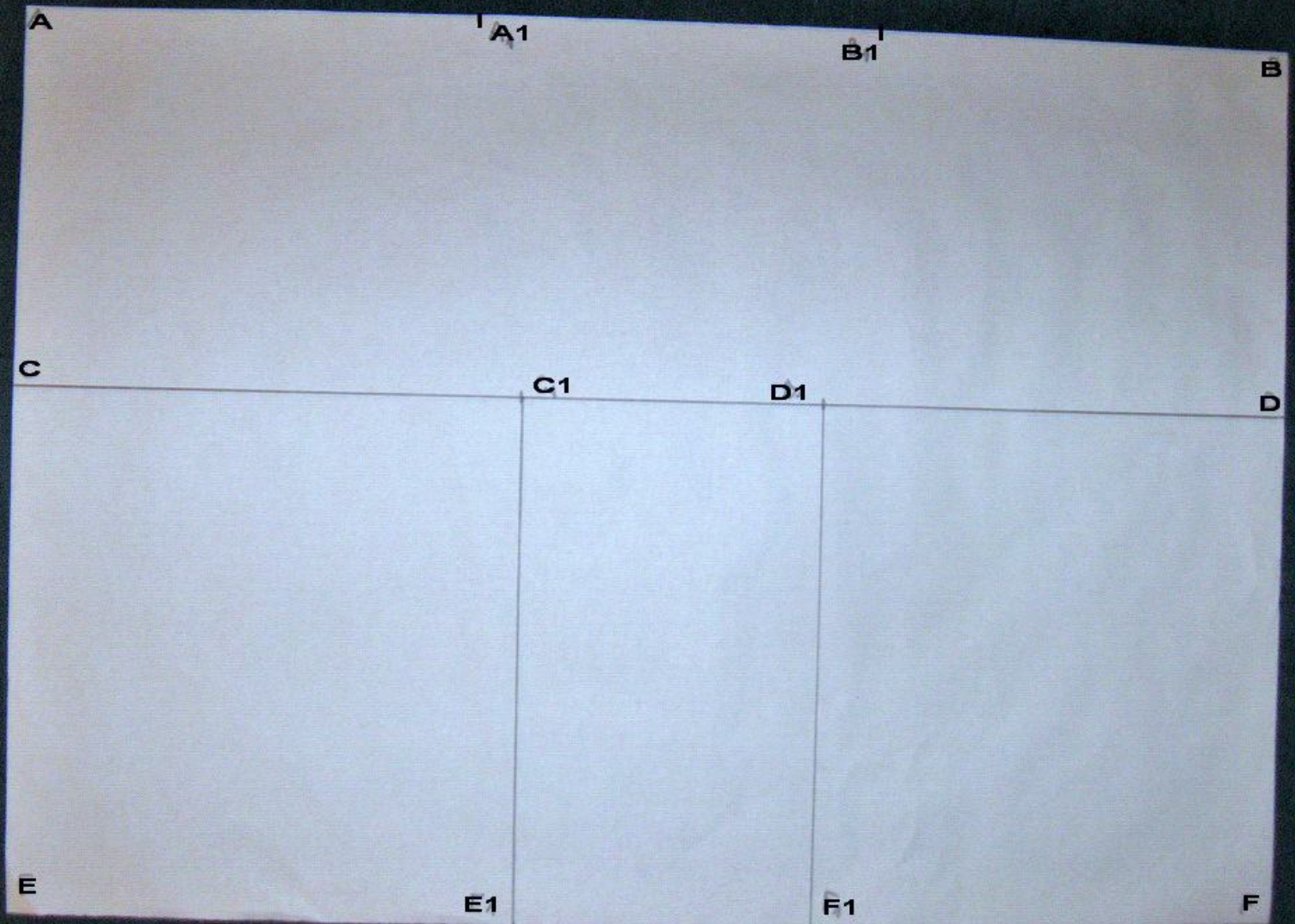


**CC1=EE1 (EE1-the lower edge of the front skirt sewing pattern)**

**DD1=FF1 (FF1-the lower edge of the back skirt sewing pattern)**

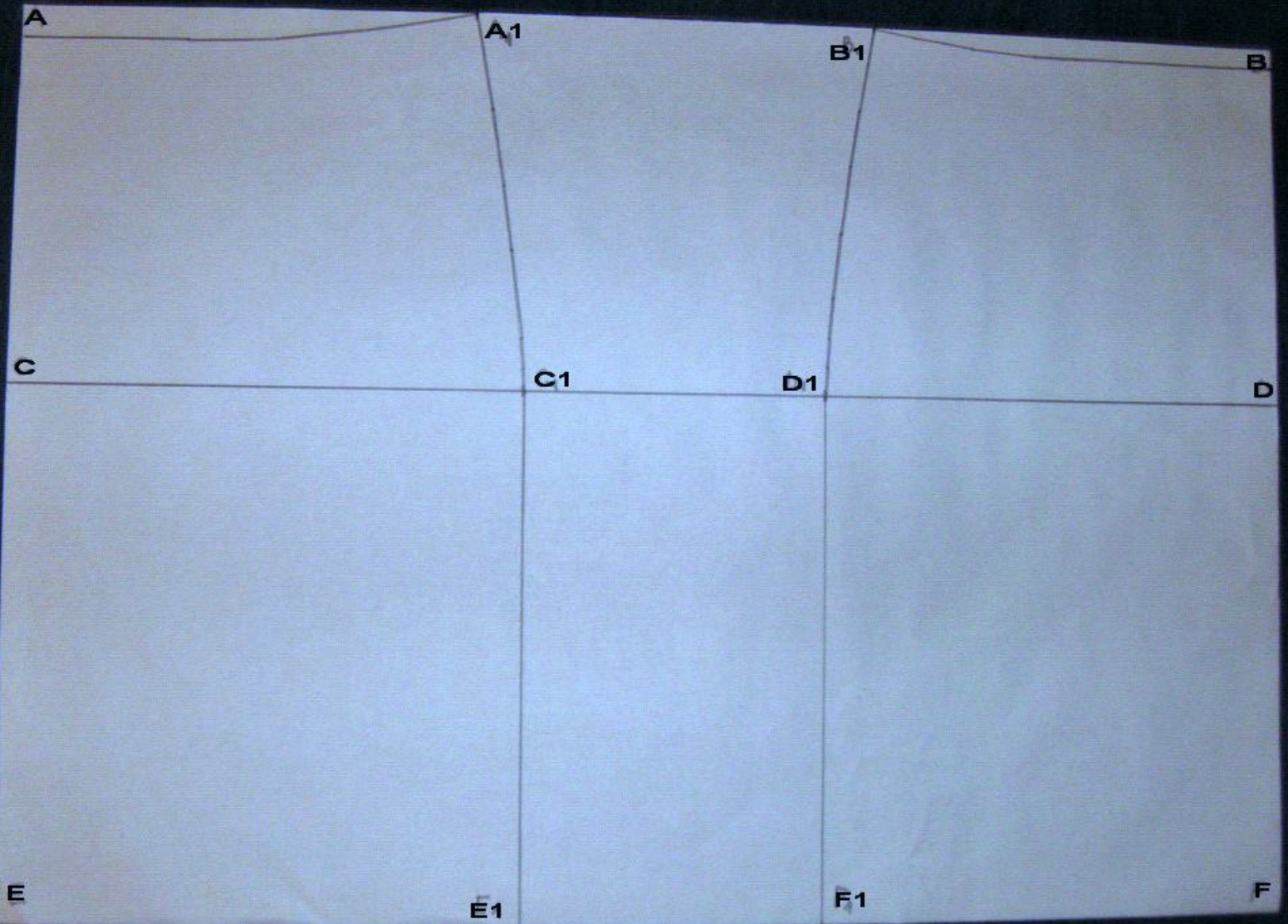
**Trace a line from C1 to E1 (C1E1-front skirt side seam)**

**Trace a line from D1 to F1 (D1F1-back skirt side seam)**



Measure front waist line from A toward to the right side and mark A1.  
(AA1=21,5 cm in my example)

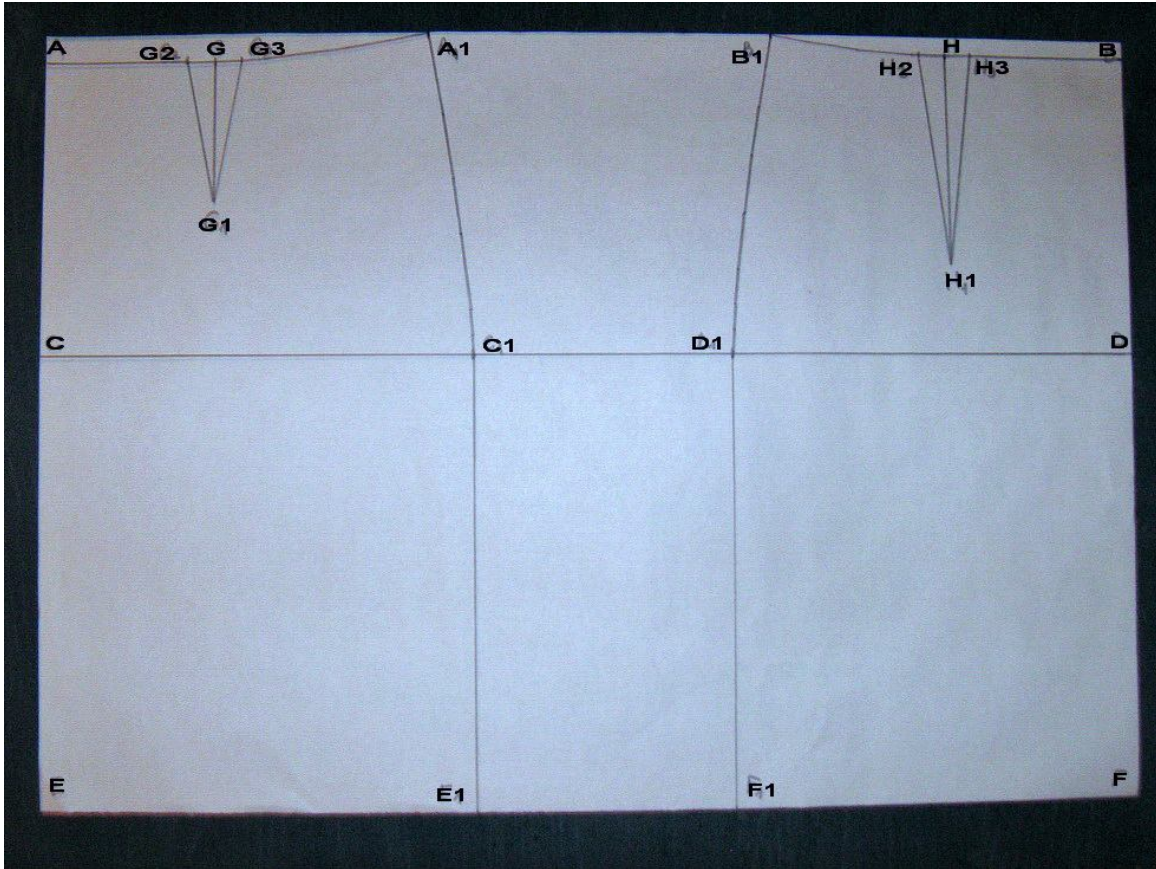
Measure back waist line from B toward to the left side and mark B1.  
(BB1=20,5cm in my example)



Trace a curved line from A1 to C1 and from B1 to D1. Now you have the finished side seam of the front and back skirt sewing pattern.

Measure from A point 1,5 cm downward. Trace a curved line from this point to the A1 point. This will be the real waist line of the front skirt.

Measure from B point 1 cm downward. Trace a curved line from this point to the B1 point. This will be the real waist line of the back skirt.



### **THE WAIST DARTS OF THE FRONT SKIRT:**

Measure 9,5 cm from A to G. Trace a line of 8-9 cm from G to G1 downward. GG1 is the middle of the dart. Measure 1,5cm from G point ,once toward to the left side (G2) and once to the right side (G3). Trace the lines from these points to the G1 point. So  $G2G3=3\text{cm}$  ,which is the depth of the waist dart (already added to the waist line measurement).

### **THE WAIST DARTS OF THE BACK SKIRT:**

Measure 10,5 cm from B to H. Trace a line of 12-13 cm from H to H1 downward. HH1 is the middle of the dart. Measure 1,5 cm from H point ,once toward to the left side (H2) and once toward to the right side (H3). Trace the lines from these points to the H1 point. So,  $H2H3=3\text{ cm}$  ,which is the depth of the waist dart (already added to the waist line measurement).



