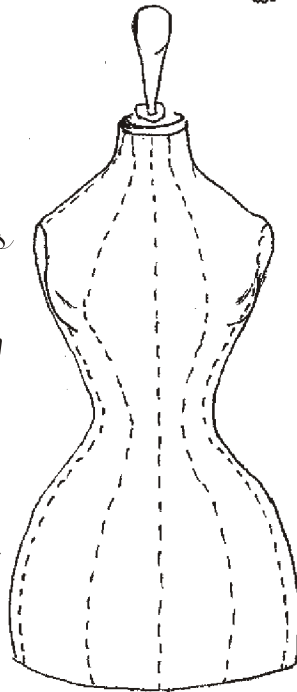


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Size 24 Inch
Victorian Dress
Form
For all Size 24"
Patterns



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VICTORIAN DRESS FORM
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Size 24 - 19th Century Fashion Plate
Patterns Fits This Dress Form

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Pattern Pieces:

1. Center Front Panel
2. Side Front Panel
3. Side Panel
4. Side Back Panel
5. Center Back Panel
6. Bottom Cover
7. Bottom Cover Cardboard Insert
8. Neck Cover
9. Neck Cover Cardboard Insert

Materials Needed:

1/2 yd of Heavy Muslin; 1 Bag of Poly Fill;
10 inches of 1/2 inch PVC pipe; Heavy
Cardboard; Small Finial to finish the top;
Thread to match; a 6 or 7 inch wooden wall
plaque from the Craft Store for base; 18
inch long Dowel (3/8 inch); White Glue;
Wood Glue; Sand paper; Varnish/Stain

MAKE WOODEN STAND FIRST

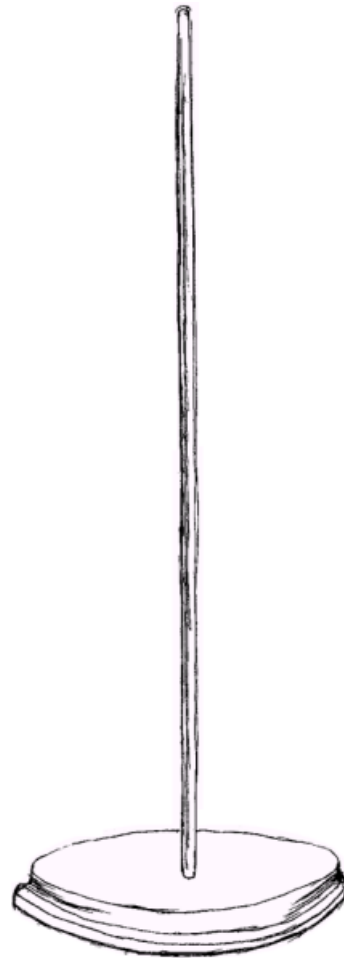
1. Sand and varnish the wooden base, the dowel and the finial for the top piece.
2. Using a drill press, drill a hole in the center of the plaque the size of the dowel. Use a 3/5" drill bit to fit a 3/5" dowel. Make a perfect 90 degree angle.
3. Spread wood glue inside the drilled hole and on the end of the dowel. Push the dowel into the hole. Make sure the dowel does not extend below the plaque. This will cause the form to be unsteady.

4. Using a hand drill and the smallest bit, drill a hole through the base of the dowel sideways extending into the plaque. Hammer a finishing nail into the drilled hole. This will make the stand stronger.

5. Let it dry according to glue directions. Take off any excess glue. Sand the wood and stain and varnish. Let dry.

6. Cut a felt circle the size of the bottom of the wooden base. Glue felt circle it to the wooden base. This protects your furniture when dress form is placed on it.

Use the wooden stand when stuffing the Dress form. It will be needed in order to make the form stand properly and not lean in a strange way.



MAKING THE DRESS FORM

NOTE: Seams are 1/4 inch unless instructed otherwise.

1. Cut out pattern pieces. Mark the •'s.
2. Stitch the center front seam of the center front panels (#1). Back stitch each end. Press seams open.
3. Stitch in a double row of gathering threads between the squares shown on the pattern piece. The seams should be placed each side of the center front seam and on the pressed open seam allowance.

4. Draw up the threads to measure 2 1/2 inches. Place a narrow twill tape on the inside of the center front seam and stitch in a ditch in the seam, stitching on the outer side. Back stitch each end. Now the gathering threads may be pulled out.

5. Pin the two side front panels to the center fronts matching notches waist line and ends. Machine stitch and back stitch. Press seams open.

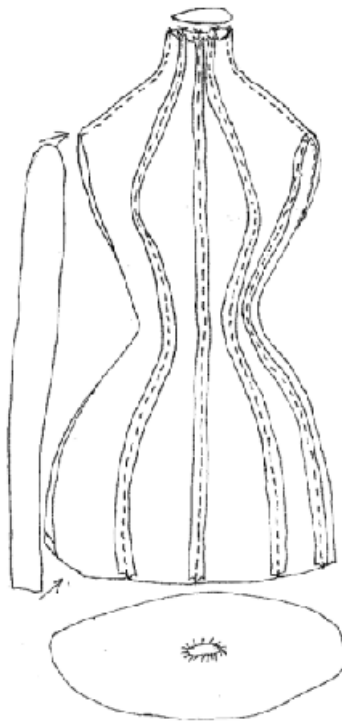
6. Repeat with the back 4 panels. When stitching the center back seam, leave the opening unstitched as indicated on pattern piece. This is for stuffing. Back stitch at each end of the opening. Turn the seam allowance back and machine stitch around the opening. This will keep the edges from raveling as it is being stuffed and will also make it easier to hand stitch closed after stuffing.

7. Pin the shoulder seams together matching the •'s. Back stitch at each end.

8. Match and pin the side panel in place. First match the shoulder • and pin secure. Match the lower • and pin.

9. Begin machine stitching at the shoulder • and stitch downward. Gently stretch the side panel just below the shoulder • as indicated on pattern piece.

10. Pin the cloth neck cover piece in place matching •'s. Even up the space between pins. More important than matching the •'s is that the round neck cover is round and even. Just keep working with it until it is even. Then machine stitch.



11. Pin cloth bottom in place. Match the •'s with the center front seam and the center back seam first. Then match the side •s and pin. Pin all around evenly. Machine stitch.

12. With the Dress Form wrong side out, check to see if the cardboard bottom fits the cloth bottom area. Adjust to fit evenly. The hole should be made in the cardboard and fit evenly over the hole in the cloth bottom.

Glue the two cardboard bottoms together for extra strength before placing in the dress form. Cut the corrugations in opposite directions in each piece. This will also make it stronger.

14. Turn the form right side and pull the wrinkles and puckers flat in the fabric.

15. After it is dry enough to handle, pull the neck out through the back opening. Make sure the cardboard disk will fit inside the neck cover and place the neck cardboard in place. A spot of glue will hold the cardboard in place. Seam allowances should not be cough between the cardboard and the top fabric circle. It will make a bump there and there will be no flat surface to glue the finial.

STUFFING THE DRESS FORM

16. Place the PVC pipe up inside form and begin to stuff it pushing pipe up inside body as you stuff.

17. Place the form onto stand and make sure pipe is falling in place so that it will stand naturally.

18. Use a pusher for the stuffing and make sure the form is very tightly stuffed. The shaping of the body is done at this time. Push stuffing around until you get the shape you want. You will not get a nice body shape unless this step is followed carefully. Punch, push and kneed the stuffing into place.

19. If the body leans back to much, put more stuffing in front of the pipe. If the bust is not rounded out as you want, use the pusher and push more stuffing in. Kneed the stuffing to the proper shape, as you stuff. The same can be done with the hips, shoulders, neck, etc.

20. When the form is tight enough and in the proper shape, stitch up the back opening by overcasting.

21. A wooden finial (finished up the same way as the stand) may be glued on the top of the neck to finish it off. Or, use your imagination to put the finish of your choice to the top.

MEASUREMENTS OF DRESS FORM

Waist - 8"

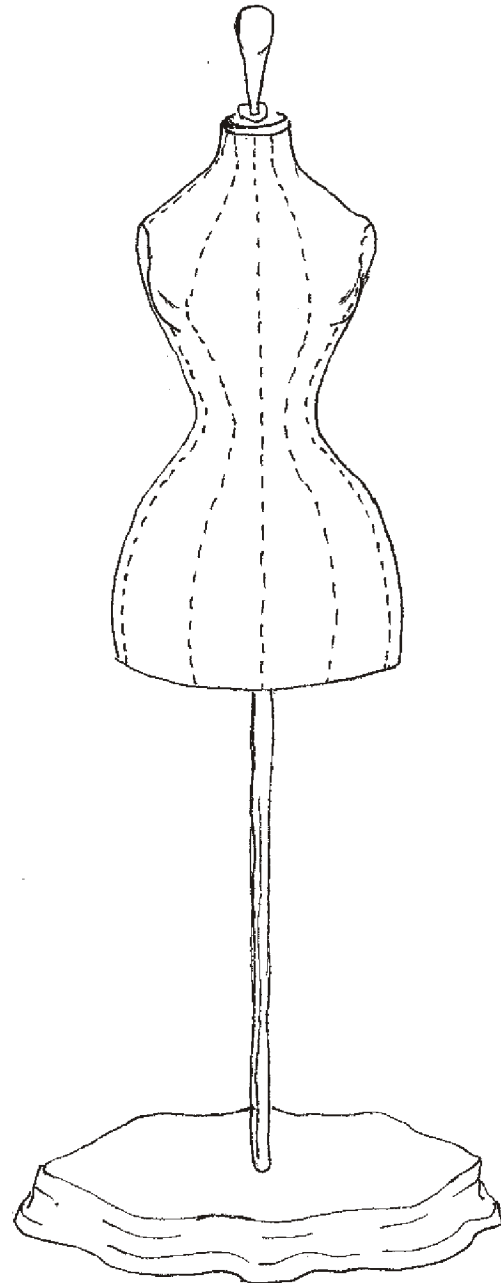
Bust - 11 1/2"

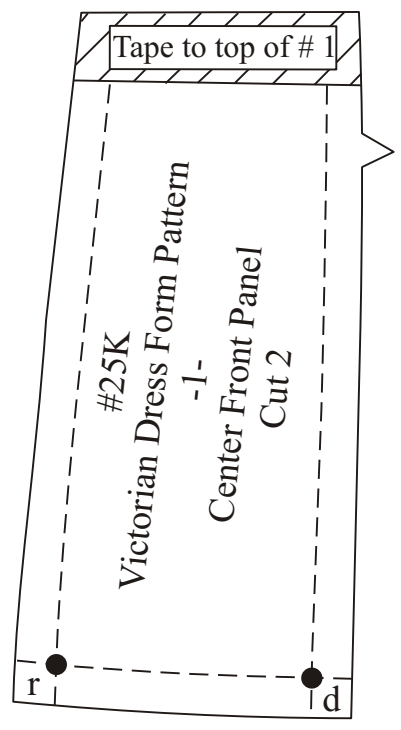
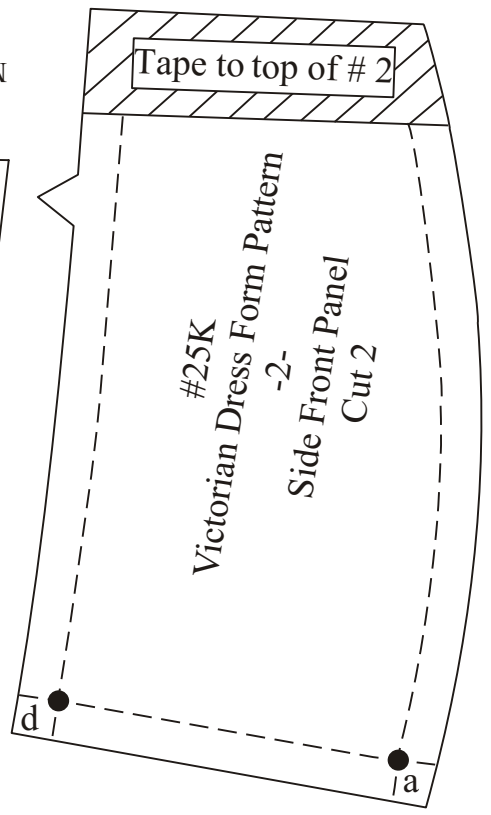
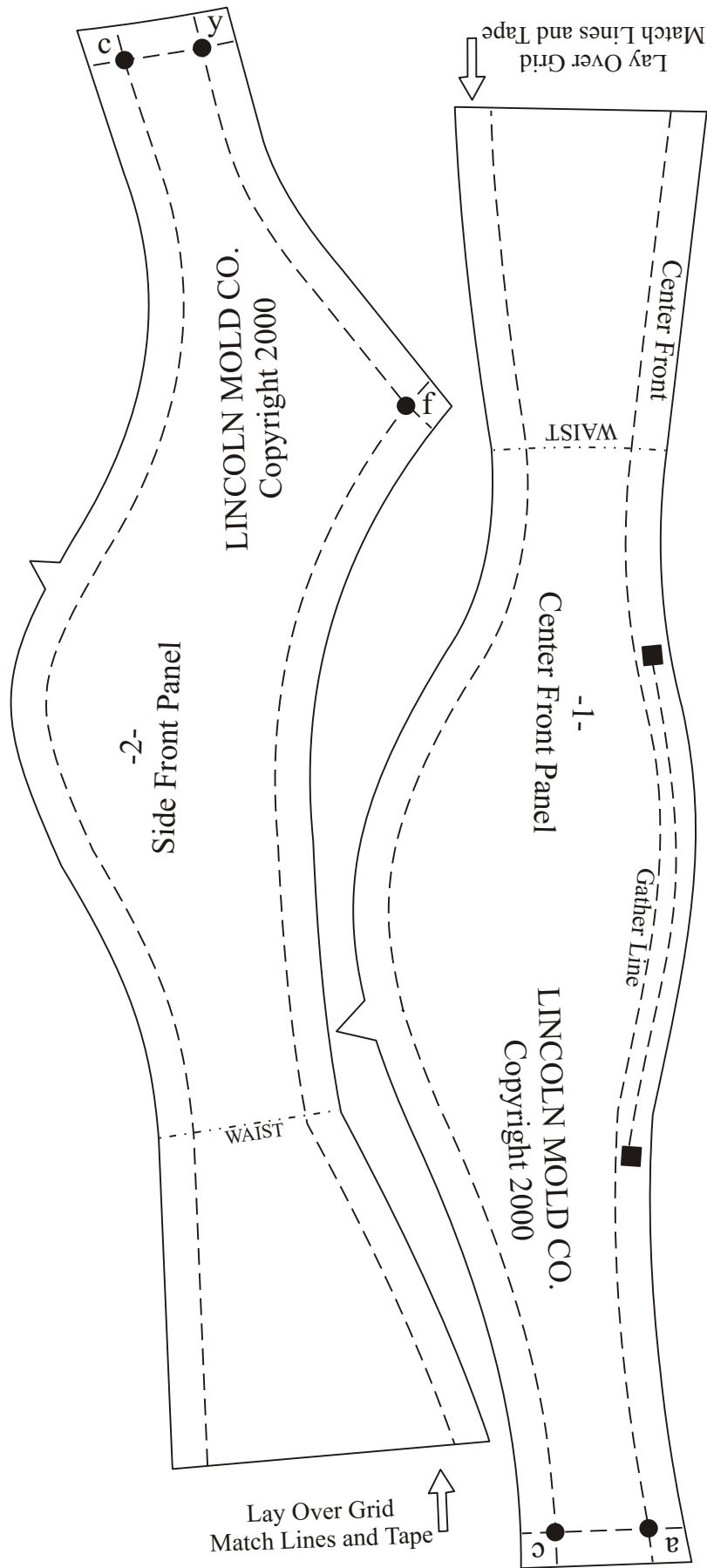
Hips - 14 "

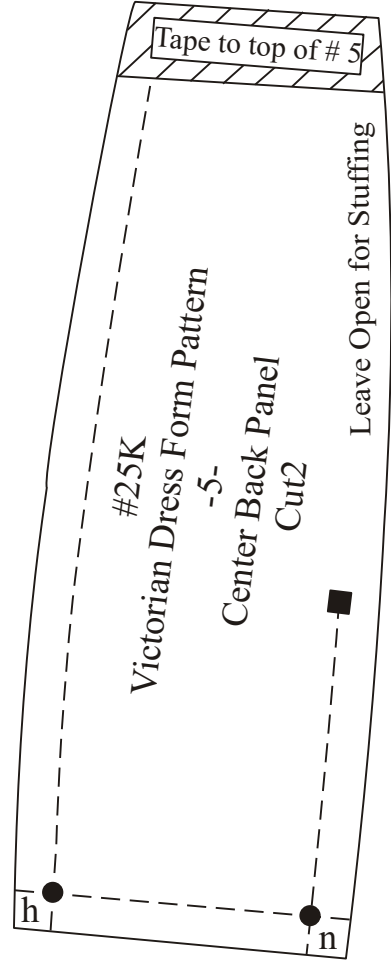
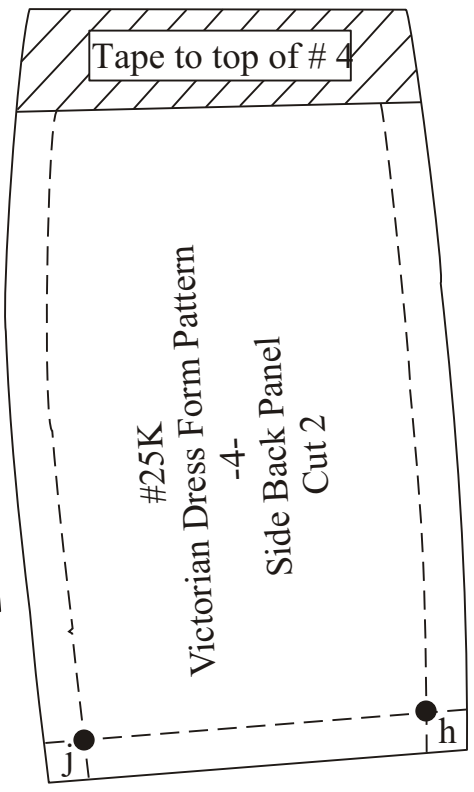
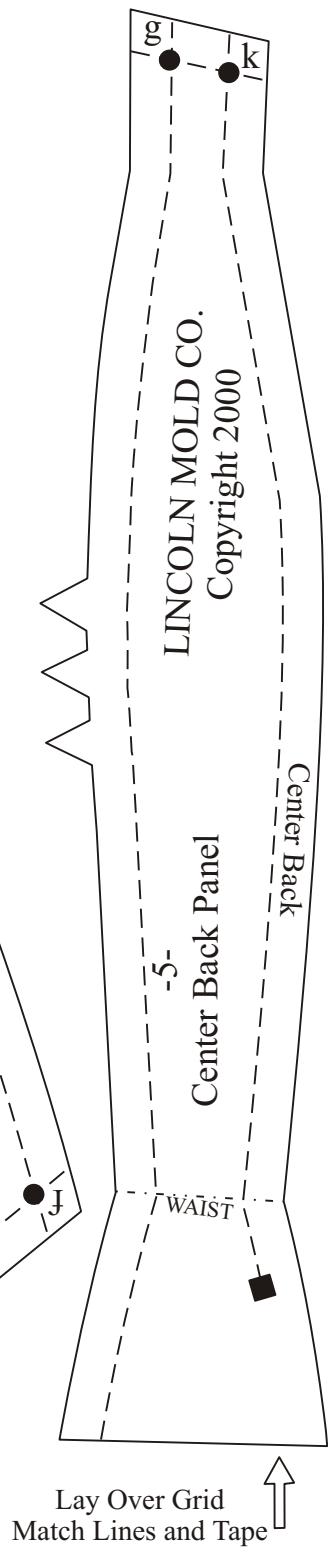
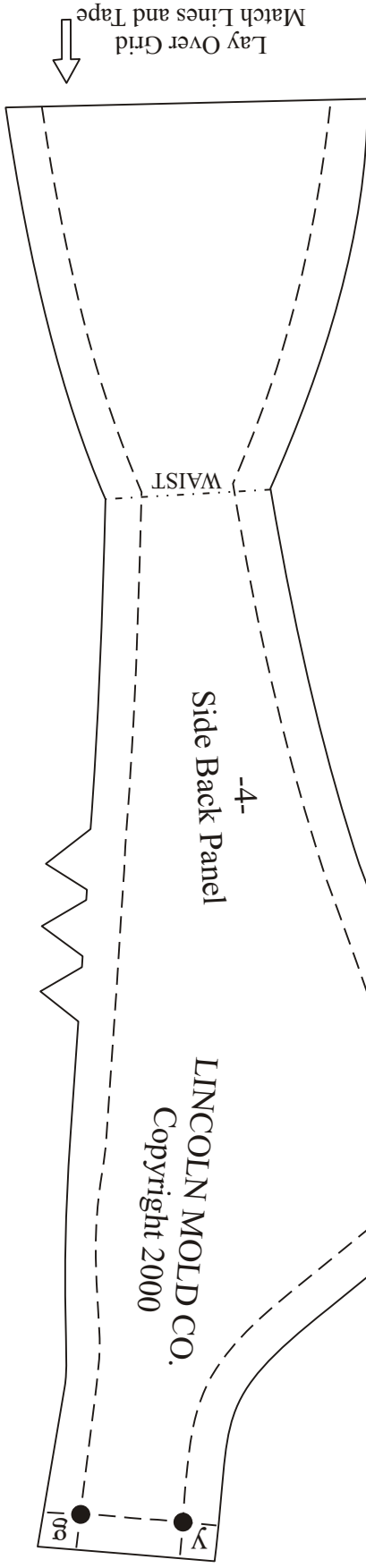
Neck - 6 3/4"

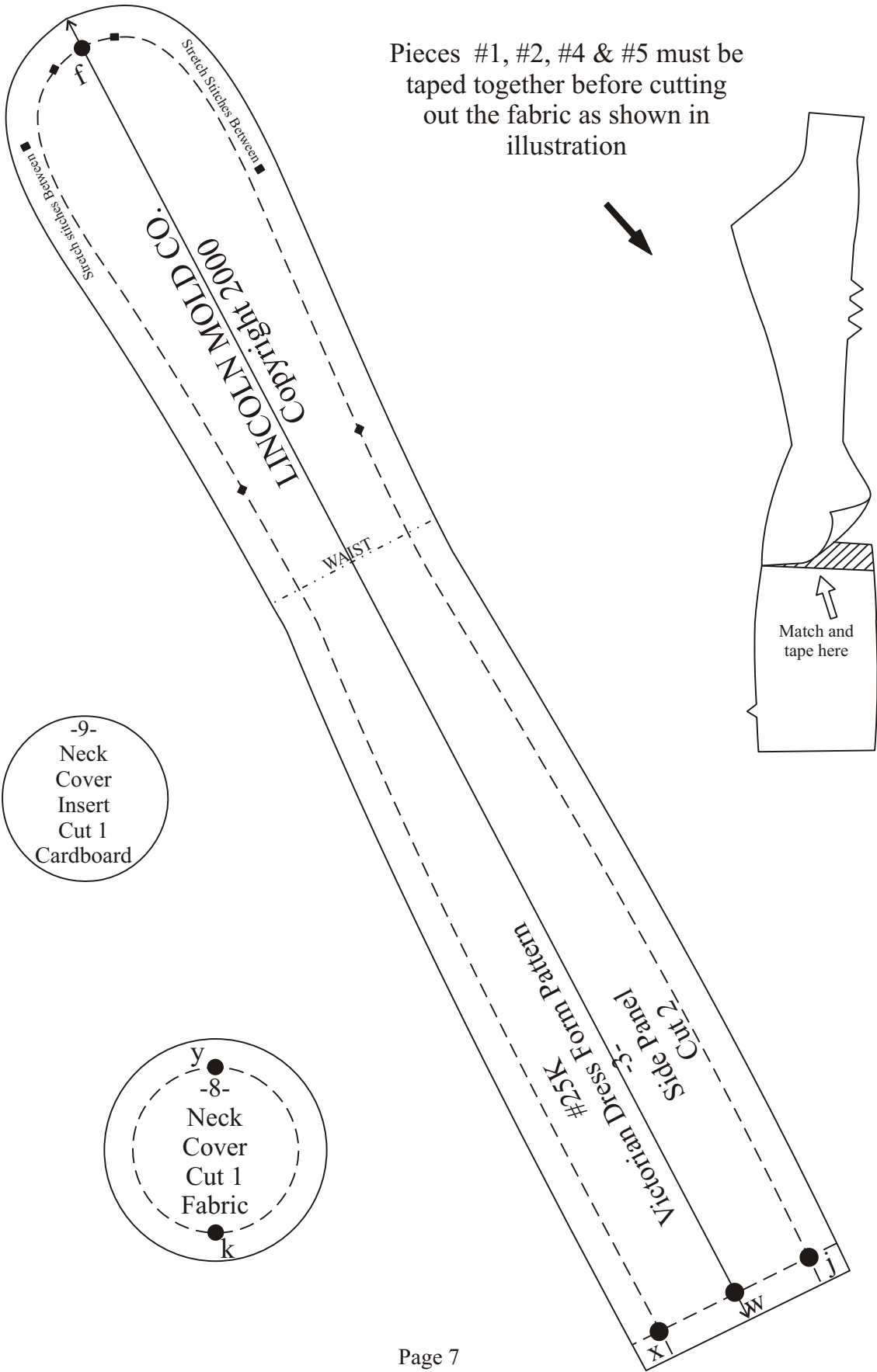
Back (Lower Neck to Waist) - 5"

Top Surface of Plaque to Neck Circle - 21"









Pieces #1, #2, #4 & #5 must be taped together before cutting out the fabric as shown in illustration

-9-
Neck
Cover
Insert
Cut 1
Cardboard

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-8-
Neck
Cover
Cut 1
Fabric
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