

Off-set Plackets With Faux Bands in 4 Steps

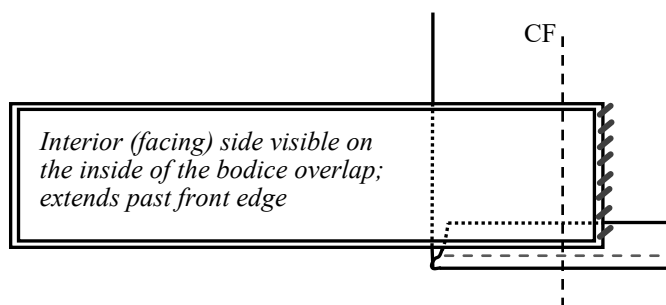
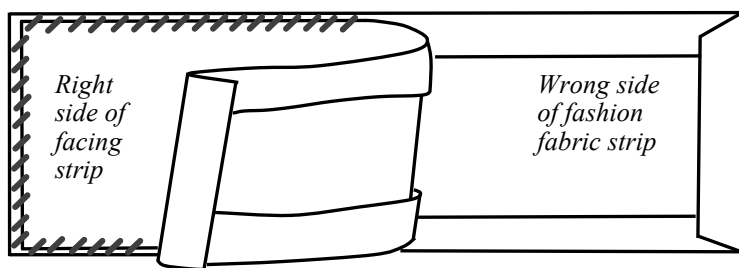
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Make (Faux) Band Extensions

- Cut two each: 1.5" x 4" strips fashion fabric and facing (lining) fabric
- Press all edges 1/4" to the wrong sides.
- Lay one fashion fabric strip wrong sides together with one facing fabric strip. Whip or fell the edges to finish the band 1" x 3.5" Repeat with second strip set.



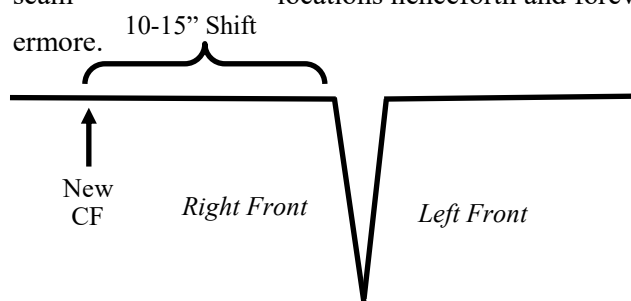
Whip the short end of the extension band firmly to the bodice lining.

- On the underlapping side of the bodice, position the extension band to have the free short end line up with the edge of the bodice front; whip the other short end down firmly to the bodice lining.
- Match the quarter marks of the skirt to the bodice. Adjust the fullness, distributing it to the ends of the band extension.
- Whip to attach the skirt just behind the bodice piping. As you reach the extension bands, whip to the lower band edge instead, leaving the bodice piped edge free.

2

Mental Shift

- Seam skirt panels, hem, and balance
- Mark the new Center Front about 10-15" to the right of the center front skirt seam.
- Fold the skirt to find and mark a new Center Back point, and Side points, ignoring the skirt seam locations henceforth and forevermore.



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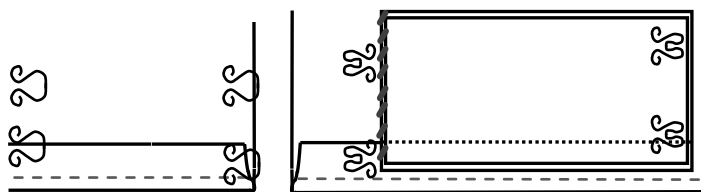
Match & Attach

- Finish the bodice waist edge with piping.
- On the overlapping bodice side, position one extension placket (faux band) with a short edge about 1" back from the front edge of the bodice, making sure it is about 1/2" past the center front line.

4

Finish Closures

- Try on the bodice: overlap the faux band extensions and mark hook and eye placements.
- Whip hooks down the center front of the overlapping bodice interior (see below)
- Whip hooks on the free end of overlapping band extension (folded back in the illustration to show them)
- Whip eyes at the edge of the underlapping bodice front, with another set to fasten the overlapping band



To wear: fasten band extension, then center closures.



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