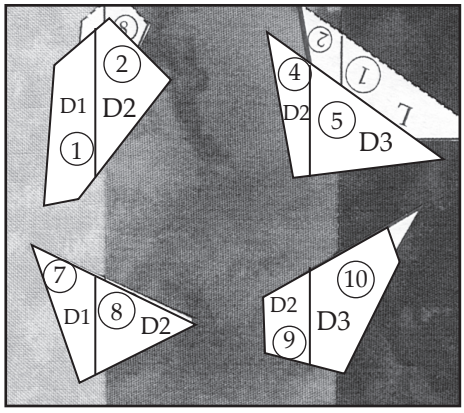
Helpful Info!

To make the small pieces easier we recommend **Pre-Sewing Fabric Strips.**

When cutting out the pattern, leave small pattern pieces that share a common seam together. Iron the pattern pieces along the seam as shown in the illustration at right. When pre-sewing, we recommend using fabric strips that are no longer than 22". They do not need to be the same length as indicated in the illustration. We usually use a strip that is 4" to 5" wide, but any width is fine. If you are working from one of our fabric kits use the width they are.

Note: Directional fabrics like hair and tree bark can be difficult to pre-sew. It is easier to work with them individually. Feel free to pre-sew any combinations. Listed are the most common. You can sew different colors to either sides of the strips.



"Pairs" ironed to pre-sewn fabric strips. Make sure and leave 1/4" seam allowance around when trimming. *Note illustration above for clarification only. These particular pattern pieces are not in your pattern.*

Pre-sewing is optional --
Work with the pattern pieces separately if you prefer.

To prepare the fabric, place two strips right sides together and sew a 1/4" seam allowance down the length of the strip. Press seam open with a hot, dry iron.

Iron the paper pattern "pair" to the right side of the fabric onto the prepared sewn strips. Line up the seam with the line on the paper and press. When cutting out the ironed "pairs", leave 1/4" seam allowance around each pattern piece.

Using the Pre-Sew Strip Chart

In the illustration at right, bars indicate fabric strips.
Notations (D1, D2, etc.) represent fabric color.
Sew these color combinations together; they are the most common. Space between shows three separate groups. If a color is listed twice, cut the strip in half (width wise).

The information inside the yellow boxed area offers suggestions as to which pattern piece pairs can be left together when cutting out the freezer paper.

Several sections are listed to get you started. Once you get the hang of it, this will come natural. Look for two pattern pieces that share one common seam (or are the same length) as you are cutting the pattern apart.

Three numbers together, such as 1/2/3 in Section S mean that you can leave all three of these pattern pieces together when cutting them out. Iron one of the pairs (doesn't matter which... 1/2 or 2/3) onto the pre-sewn strips. Trim leaving a 1/4" around. Then fold the paper for the third pattern piece towards you, creasing the paper on the line. Trim about 1/4" from the creased paper. Add a scrap for this third pattern piece to complete the three. Trim 1/4" around.

The patterns have 4 pages of instructions inside and there are FREE videos online for clarification. Have fun!

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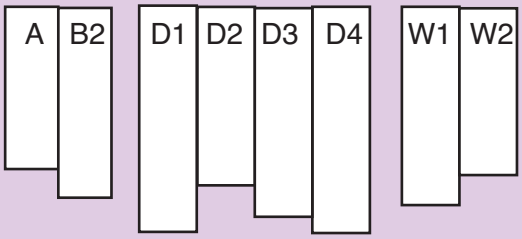
The Buck Stops Here

Sew the following fabric strips together.
Right sides facing each other. Press open.



Recommended sections to start with --
When cutting freezer paper pattern, leave together these pattern pieces.

Section V: 1/2, 4/5
Section W: 1/2, 6/7, 8/9
Section U: 1/2, 4/5, 6/7
Section S: 1/2/3
Section T: 1/2, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12/13
Section A: 1/2, 3/4, 6/7, 9/10, 13/14
Section B: 1/2, 5/6, 7/8
Section F: 1/2/3, 4/5/6, 8/9, 10/11, 15/16/17
Section E: 1/2, 4/5, 6/7, 15/16
Section L: 1/2/3, 11/12, 15/16