

## 1905 Collet Pelerine: Cutting and Sewing

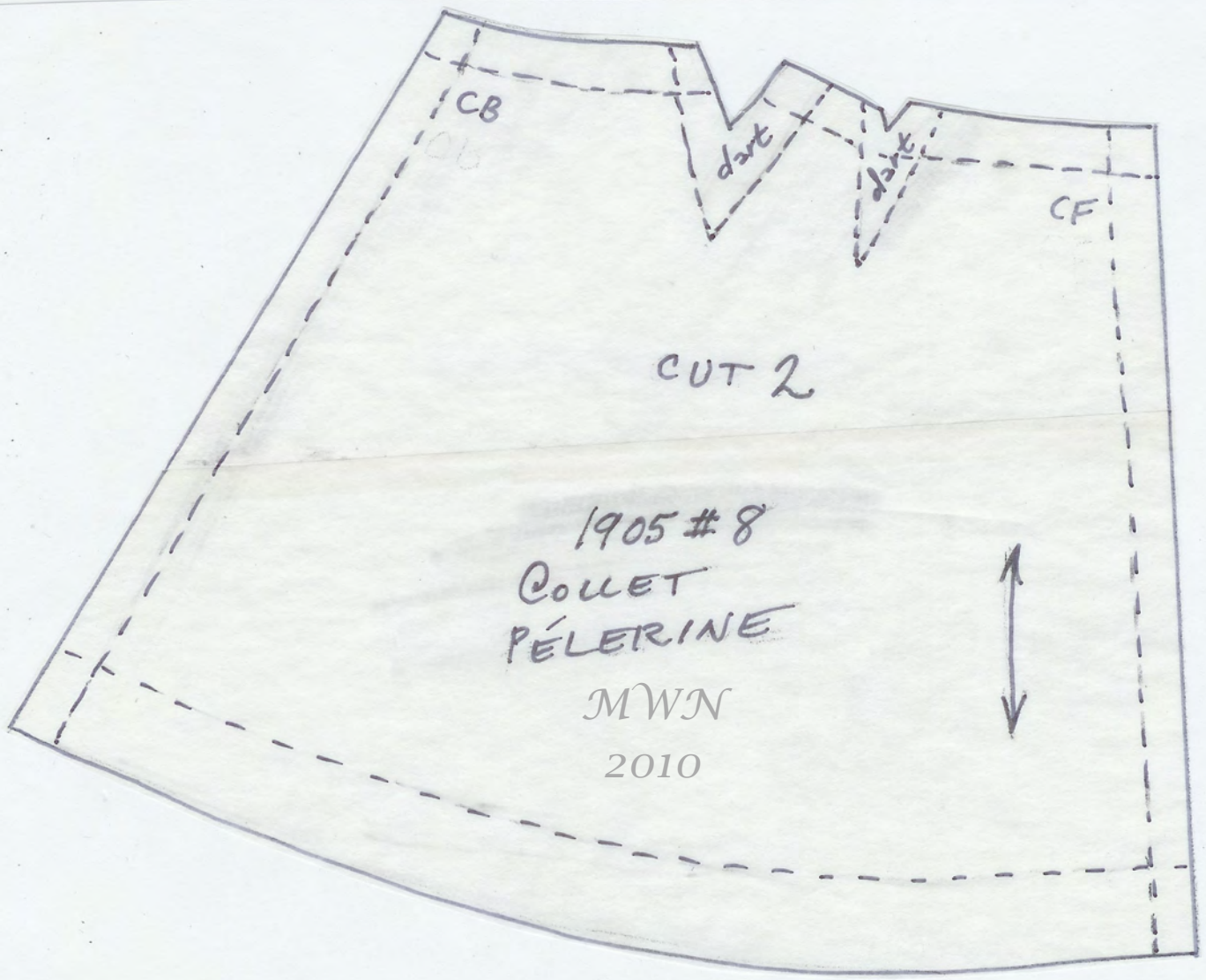
If a cape on the bias with tucks (1906 Jupe a Pelerine) is not your cup of tea, here is a cape on the straight with darts. Collet often means collar, but here it means a short cape, which in another of its meanings in French. It was recommended to be a cape for the garden, but with a more formal fabric, it can go anywhere.

The front is placed on the straight of grain, while the back seam is nearly on the bias. The short darts come just on either side of the shoulders, so it sits well. Cut two on the straight grain. Sew the center back seam, and the four darts. Press them well. The rest is finishing.

In the striped silk example, an evening cape, the outer edges are hemmed and the neckline is bound in a bias strip of the same silk. One detail is that the narrow bias is extended past the edge on the left side, and brought back around to be stitched down just below the collar. This makes a loop for the button closure at the top. Cut the bias strip about  $\frac{3}{4}$ " by 9" if you would like to make the loop detail.

In the fleece example, which is a garden cape, the raw edges of the hem and fronts are turned towards the outside and covered with about 22" of ribbon trim. The same ribbon is used for the neckline binding, and tie closure at the neck. Turn the top of the neck over  $\frac{1}{8}$ " inch toward the outside of the cape and baste it down. Then stitch a 19" length of ribbon over the raw edge, making sure to center the ribbon at the back seam, so the tie ends are even.





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