

Before You Start Draping

Please prepare your dress form before you start to practice your bodice and skirt slopers. (You need to cover your gaps if you have any)

1: Watch the Video on taping your dress form and how to measure your form, to prepare your muslins. This measuring technique mostly goes for all other basic slopers of the first week.

2: My dress form in this session is standard size 6. Please do not follow the numbers in the video, instead measure your own dress form to have measurements.

3: We measure in length and width and add 3” for draping base bodices and skirts. Check the video to see how I measure them.

4: After having your measurements and numbers you need to prepare your muslins. **Few elements you need to be careful:**

a: Press your muslin/calico before you use them to drape

b: Understand your fabric grains. You must know your straight grain and your cross grain. (Straight grain is length/ selvage of your fabric, and crossgrain is the width of your fabric)

c: You need to draw your bustline on your muslin (watch the video of Basic Bodice with 1 dart, I explain how to measure it)

d: You need to Iron/press your CF Straight-grain of your fabric about 1/2” or 2cm before placing on your dress form CF.

5: After draping and marking your pieces, please remove your muslins and place on a flat surface before you transfer them to the pattern making paper. Do Not Iron Them! Do Not Wash Them! before you transfer to patternmaking papers.