

Aidan's Appliqued Shorts

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Difficulty Level: Beginner

Materials Needed:

- Fabric (see chart below for quantities needed)
- Fabric Scraps for Appliques
- Scissors or Rotary Cutter
- Cutting Mat if using Rotary Cutter
- Ruler
- Pins
- Sewing Machine and/or Serger
- 3/4" Elastic
- Double Stick Fusible Webbing
- Iron

Fabric Requirements:

Size	Shorts
6-12 months	1/3 yard
12-18 mos.	3/8 yard
24 mos./2T	1/2 yard
3T	1/2 yard
4T	1/2 yard
5T	1/2 yard
6	5/8 yard
7	1 1/8 yards
8	1 1/8 yards

The fabric requirements are based on the use of 1 fabric as shown in the cover photo.

Size	Approx. Length of Finished Shorts	Approx. Length of Finished Inseam
6-12 mos.	8.5"	2"
12-18 mos.	9.5"	3"
24 mos./2T	10.5"	3.5"
3T	11.5"	4"
4T	12.5"	4.5"
5T	14"	5"
6	15"	5.5"
7	16"	6"
8	17"	6.5"

Cutting the Fabric:

Size	Elastic cut 1 3/4" wide
6-12 mos.	17"
12-18 mos.	17.5"
24 mos./2T	18"
3T	18.5"
4T	19"
5T	19.5"
6	20"
7	20.5"
8	21"

Cutting Out Shorts:

When printing out the pants pattern piece make sure the "Auto Rotate and Center" Box is not ticked and page-scaling is set to "None". This is VERY important. After cutting out the pattern pieces in the size we are making, tape the black lines together so they are one on top of another being sure to match up the letters.



Step 1(optional for size 6-12 months to 6): Open up the fabric to its complete width and fold both ends in half width wise towards the center. Now fold that in half so both of the end folds are on top of one another.

Step 2: Put the pattern on top of the fabric on the side where both folds are and pin in place. Cut out. We should now have two legs cut out.

Cutting Out Applique:

Step 1: For the applique we will print out the applique piece and placement piece just as we printed out our shorts piece. Using scraps, pin the applique pattern pieces to the designated fabrics. Cut out.

Step 2: Pin and trace the applique pattern pieces onto the double stick fusible webbing. Cut out.



Construction:



Step 1: Take both of the shorts pieces, put them right sides together, and sew around the two curves shown in red to the left. This will become the front middle and back middle of our shorts.

Step 2: Line up the two crotch pieces, as shown to the right with right sides together and pin. The two seams we have just sewn will now be going down the middle of the front and back. Sew along the red line as indicated. It should now begin looking like shorts!

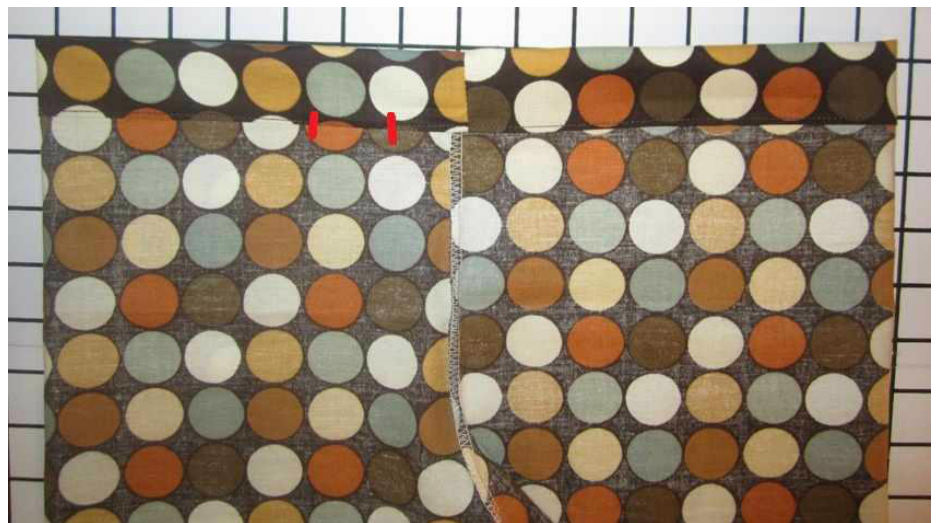


Step 3: We will now hem the legs by folding the bottoms back 1/4", ironing, folding back an additional 3/4", ironing, and sewing 1/8" down from the top.



Step 4: Starting at the center of the back of our pants, fold back and press 1/4" down all the way around. Now we fold over an additional 1" down and iron pinning as we go making sure to match up seams at side.

Step 5: Now we can sew 1/8" up from the bottom of our fold all the way around the waist being sure to leave a 1.5" opening as shown to the right.



Step 6: Using a safety pin, thread the 3/4" elastic through the waist casing making sure that it doesn't twist while doing so. When we reach the end, sew the two elastic ends together again making sure that it is not twisted.

Once sewn together, pull the waist and spread the fabric around so it is evenly distributed. We can now sew the 1.5" opening close

Adding the Applique:



Step 7: Following your double stick fusible webbing's manufacturer's directions apply it to the back of all the applique pieces.

Step 8: Peel off the back of all the applique pieces and place them where you'd like them to be on the shorts. Apply them to the shorts using the manufacturer's instructions on the fusible webbing.

Step 9: Using a straight stitch on your sewing machine, sew 1/8" in from all edges of your applique pieces.



You are now done and you completed it in less than 10 steps!!! Was that easy or what?!? Here are some more pictures of this shirt completed using various fabric combinations for inspiration.



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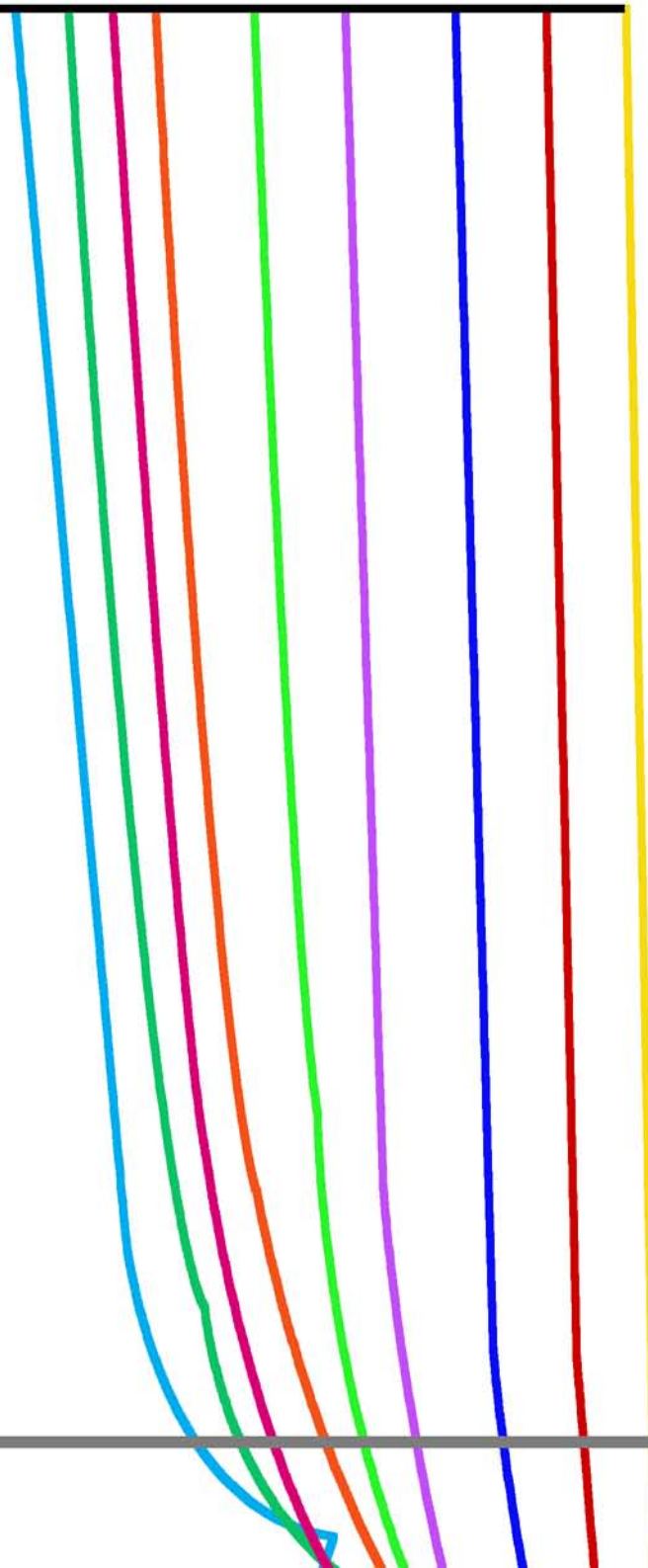
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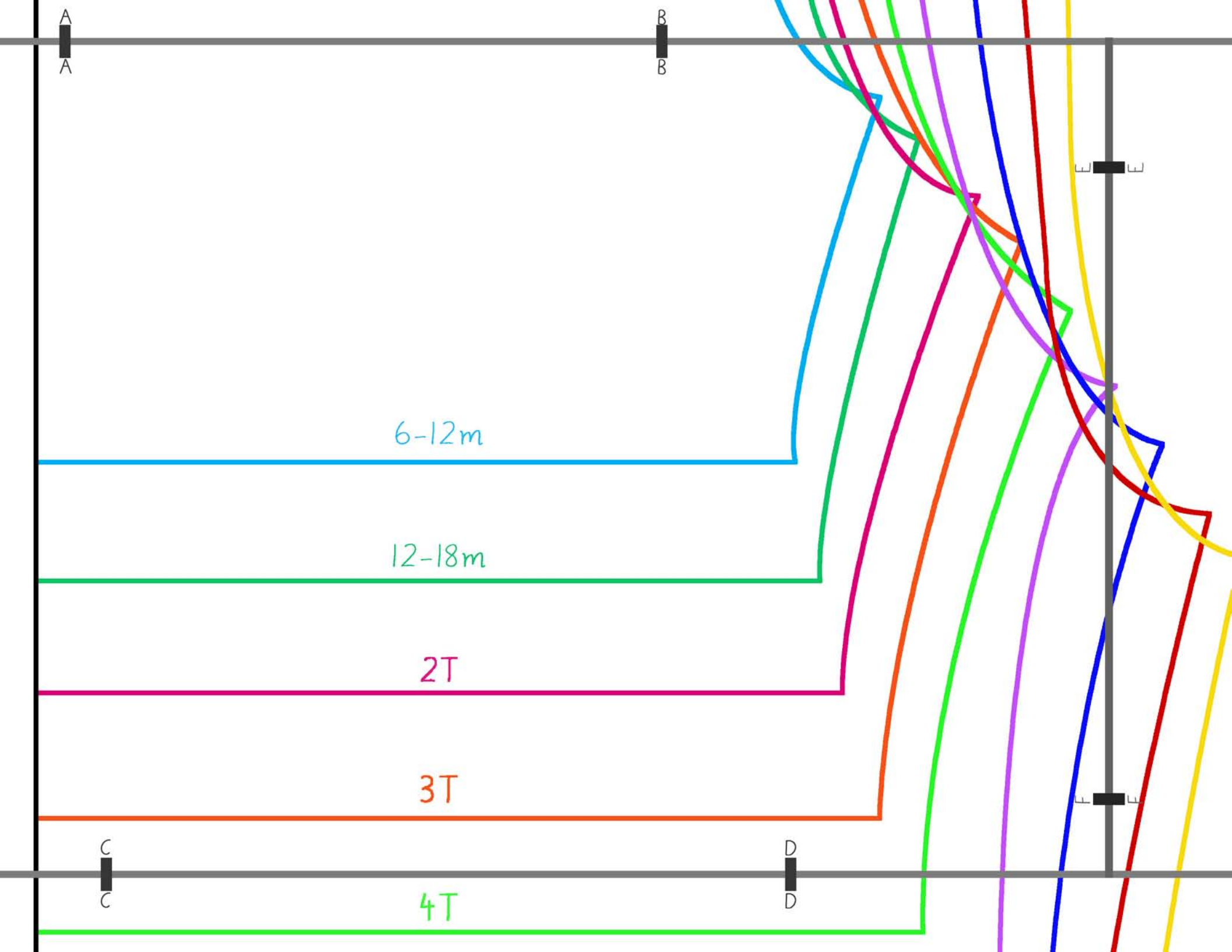
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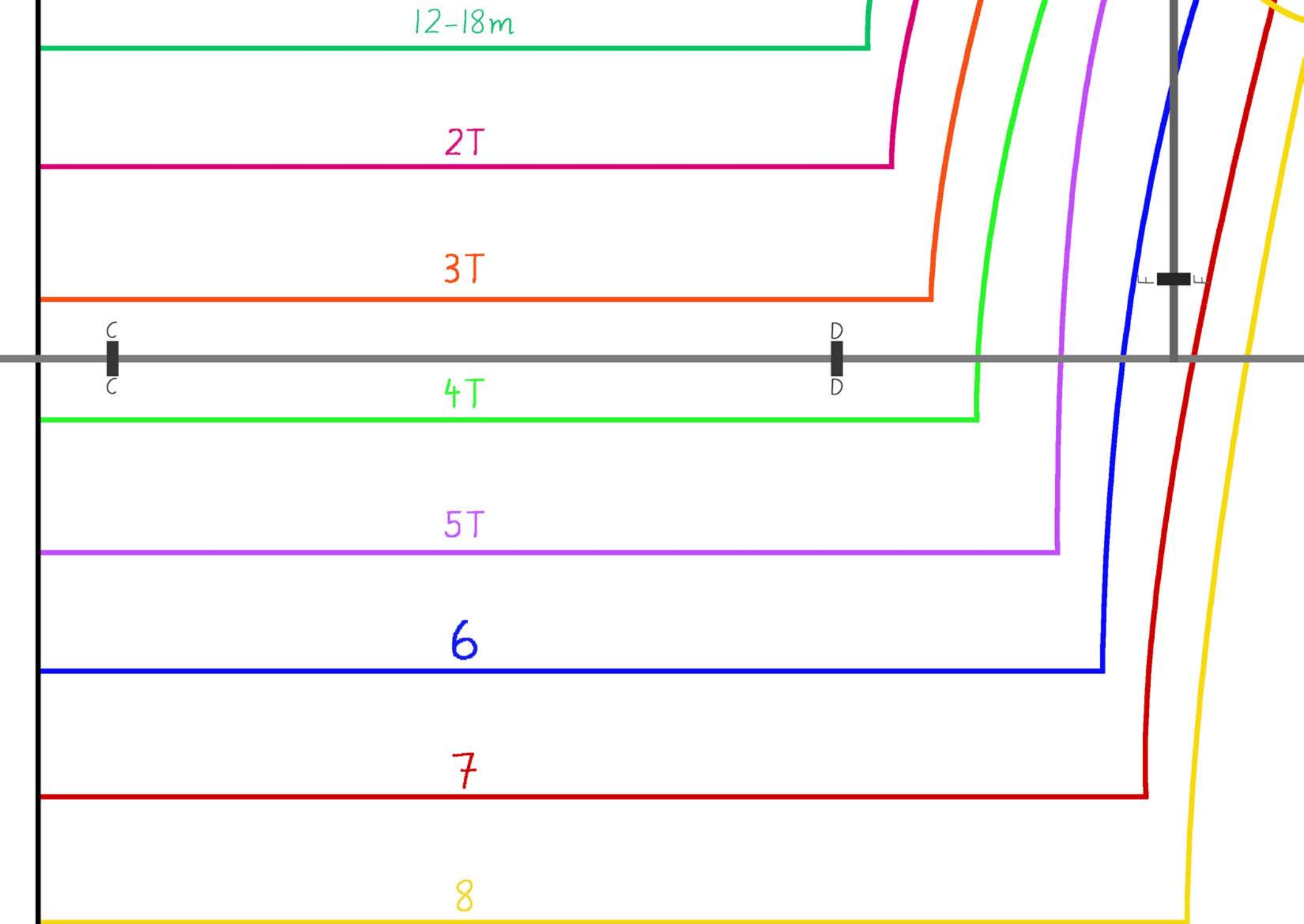
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