

# WHITE

**Put a Slant on Your Summer Apparel...  
...Fun Mother and Daughter Outfits!**



**It's easy to tap into this season's popular chevron-pieced styling! Blend together those brightly colored fabrics you've been stashing—first, by strip piecing and then by slanting the sewn strips under the pattern pieces. The fabric you make can add lots of personality and originality to a basic design. Plus, the angled strips emphasized in repeated colors produce a slenderizing effect!**

## NECESSARY SUPPLIES:

Pattern selection—Skirts, shirts and dresses are good candidates for chevron piecing. Find a pattern with basic lines and preferably no darts. Simplicity patterns 5178 (girls) and 5528 (misses) were used to create the girl's ensemble and mother's dress shown here.

Fabric—assorted 100% cotton fabrics (we used 7-8 different colors and prints)

Use the Pattern Guide to select the necessary pattern pieces. Check the suggested layout to estimate the amount of strip-pieced fabric needed; keep in mind more fabric will be used as the fabric is turned on a slat to achieve the chevron effect. NOTE: For the girl's top, 1 1/2"-wide strips were used; 2"-wide strips were used to make the mother's dress.

Other notions and supplies based on the pattern

3- or 4-thread serger (optional)

## MAKING YOUR FABRIC

Prewash all fabrics prior to cutting.

From each fabric color, cut several strips across the width of the fabric either 1 1/2" or 2" wide. Prior to sewing, lay out the strips to determine your color order. Using a straight stitch and your 1/4" piecing foot, sew the strips, right sides together, mixing the colors. Press all the seams in one direction.



**\*\*\*NOTE:** In general, to strip piece fabrics, a 1/4" seam is suggested. Your garment will be easier to maintain and the seams will not ravel if the seam allowances are clean-finished. Use a zig zag or overedge stitch from your sewing machine OR use a serger and a 4-thread overlock stitch, the most time-efficient method to piece the fabric strips and clean-finish the edge at one time. This serger stitch is a perfect 1/4" width and serves as an all-in-one seam and finish.

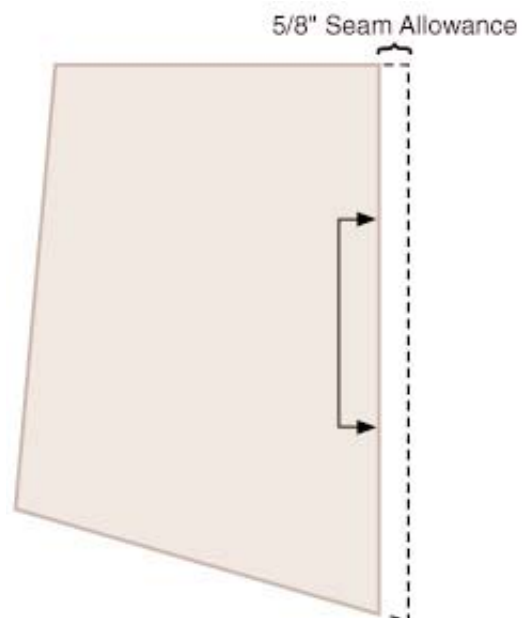


## READY, SET, SEW

Chevron-pieced garments require precise cutting and seams that match. Cut the pattern pieces from the strip-pieced fabric, one piece at a time, giving special attention to matching seams as you cut. This will make the seams easier to match as the garment is sewn together.

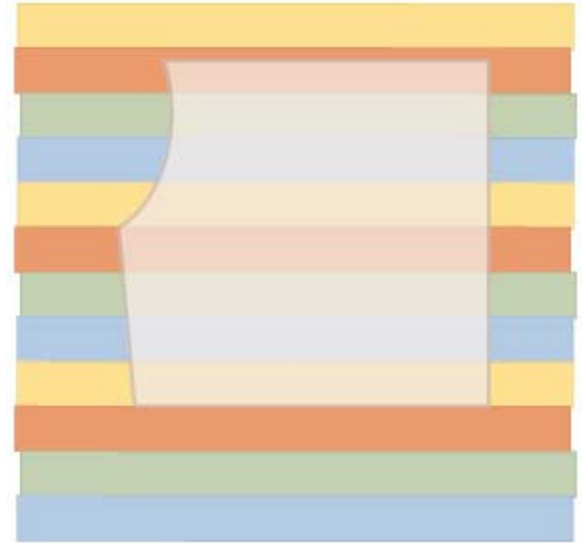
*For the girl's top:*

Create a chevron effect on the lower front section of the top by adding a 5/8" seam allowance to the edge marked "Place on fold". Cut out a new pattern piece.





Next align a sewn strip with the hemline of the lower front section. Cut one lower front piece, then place the cut piece, right sides together over the strip-pieced fabric matching the seams and colors to cut a second lower front. Use the lower front pieces as your guide to cut the lower back pieces matching the strips at the side seams.



Add a 5/8" seam allowance to the upper front section in the same manner as you did on the lower front.

Cut the upper front and back sections with the strip piecing running horizontally. First, cut the front with the strips parallel to the bottom edge of upper front pattern. Then use the upper front as a guide to match the strips at the side seams.

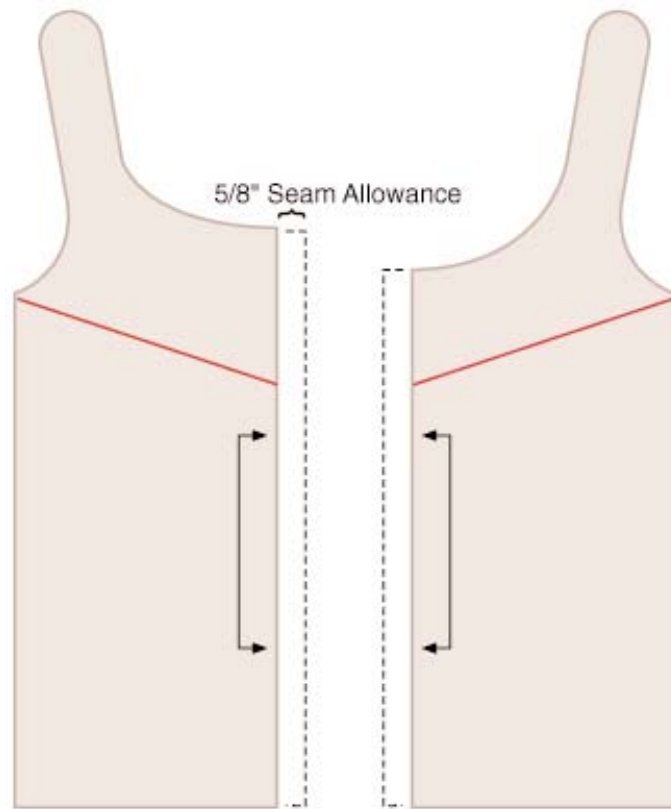
Seam the lower front pieces, right sides together, matching the seams. Press the seam open. Clean-finish the edges with a zig zag or your overlock machine. Follow the construction steps as shown in the pattern guide.



*For the mother's dress:*

Draw a line on the front pattern piece angling down from the armhole toward the center front. Copy this line onto the back pattern piece. Add a 5/8" seam allowance to the center front of both pattern pieces.

NOTE: In order to avoid additional bulk from strip pieced seams in the shoulder ties, an 18" wide strip was used. The tie and neck portion of both the dress front and back were placed over the wider strip.



Seam the front and back, right side together. Press the seams open. Clean-finish the edges using a zig zag stitch or use your serger. Continue constructing the dress as directed in the pattern guide.