

Trying to solve these problems....

I have my gingham partially cut out, but I wanted to test the sleeve before I cut the rest. I quickly whipped up another dress. I know how much fabric it takes to fit me with a directional fabric now. I had to flip a sleeve to make it all fit.

It appears that this is going to continue to be a fun experience trying to fit me because I am currently losing it faster than I can get the pattern made. It is a shame it isn't leaving the one place I'd like it to go away at.

The sleeve does fit. It is comfortable at least. It isn't perfectly drag line free, but it is improved. A lot. It doesn't feel restrictive or tight. I think it will be the right length with a hem.

The cap on the left arm fits better. I adjusted it by putting the cap out a little. The elbow dart is about an inch too high. That could be part of the vertical lines on the sleeve.

The elbow on the right arm fits better. It is about 1 inch lower. I inserted the sleeve with just gathering the top and adjusting it to fit with everything lined up. It seems to pull a bit more in the front than the left arm.

Before the sleeves went in...



After the sleeves went in... (sorry the zipper pull is over my shoulder)



After I pinned out the sides...

And across the chest, the only place I could easily pinch it out. That made my bust darts too high again. I lowered the vertical ones about 1.5" from the version without the sleeves. I'm not even sure how to adjust that at this point.



I pinched 2" out on both sides from hem to waist and tapered to 0" at the armpit. I did not need to remove that much as it removed all my waist and hip/rump ease, but it is not uncomfortable. I just can't sit comfortably around the waist and hips.

I think I could have just removed it all from the front and it would have been fine, except the top.

Would removing that 1" in the front armhole help remove that excess horizontally across the chest? I am assuming that it won't adjust the apex that is now too high again.