



In this tutorial, learn how to make single strength layer corset construction based on welt seams as boning channels. All raw edges are covered with twill tape to prevent fraying.

Seam allowance widths depend on the fabric thickness, number of layers as well as boning width and thickness.

As always, making samples before starting your work on the corset, is always encouraged.

Tutorial sample is made using 200g cotton calico and 5mm wide spiral steel boning.



Start by laying your pattern pieces right side on right side (or face on face).

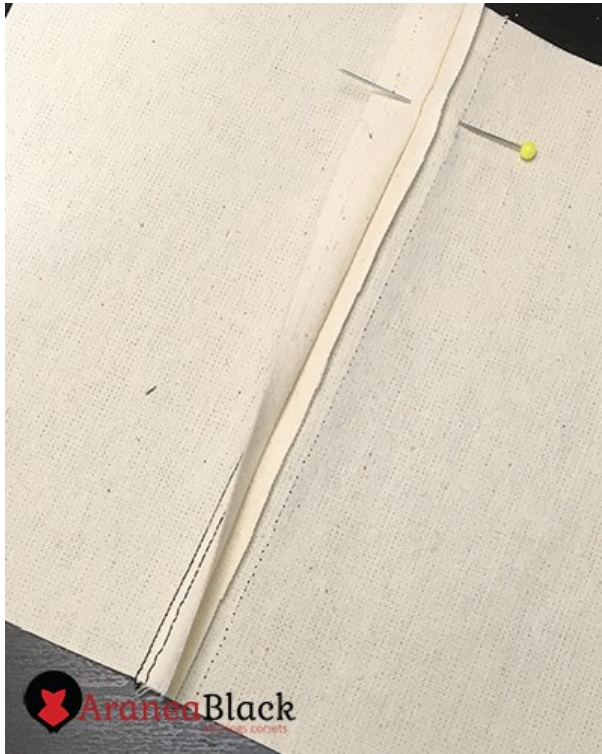
Stitch them together with a plain straight stitch.



With pieces connected, iron both seam allowance to one side. Either from center front to the center back or the other way around.

Pick one and stick with it. It doesn't matter which one you pick, you just need to be consistent through out the corset.

Make sure you iron the seam allowances well. You don't want crooked or creased boning channels on your corset.



Notice that the seam allowances are rather bulky at the moment.

Depending on the fabric thickness, this can easily result in the allowance edge showing, through the layers, on the face of the corset.

You need to grade seam allowances to prevent or minimize the edge of allowance from showing on the outside of the corset.

Grading of seam allowances is very simple. You just need to shorten the seam allowances the top allowance and the fabric piece.

With just one seam allowance in between, simply cut its width in half.

With seam allowances graded, press and steam the again, just to make sure everything is flat and crisp.



You will use the twill tape to cover the raw edges of seam allowances.

This will prevent the fabric from fraying and will make the inside of a single layer corset look nicer, be smoother.

Tape should be a bit wider than the seam allowances to fully cover raw edges.

Iron and steam your tape before sewing it over the welt seam, it will be easier to handle it while sewing.



You can pin or baste the tape over seam allowances or you can apply it as you sew it on.

Width of the seam allowance and tape depend on the width and thickness of chosen boning.

This method can be used for making single or double boned channels.



With channels finished, make sure you are pushing the boning in to the channel formed by the main fabric and the seam allowance.

Regular twill tape isn't strong on its own to hold bones securely so rely on the strength layer.

Happy sewing!

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