

**design\_download: Antony Price****PDF Printing Help**

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**Pattern Instructions**

Cut out all lining and fabric pieces, following grain line arrows as indicated on pattern. Transfer all seam lines, guidelines and notches.

Cut interfacing (stayflex) following bodice pieces. Cut approx 20cm (8 inches) below waist.

Sew lining first. Sew darts in front and back skirt and press.

Fuse interfacing (stayflex) to bodice lining panels.

Sew together lining, leaving zip area open. Press waist seams up.

Topstitch strip of boning in channels over both front and back darts on inside of lining. Boning should start just below bodice top and continue 10cm (4 inches) onto darts below waist seam.

Sew facings and topstitch to dress lining and press.

On actual dress, sew darts in front and back skirt and press.

Sew together three panels of front bodice.

Sew front bodice to front skirt at waist seam and press seam up.

Gather the ruching piece, then baste firmly to side-seams of skirt up onto bodice, fitting to waist and hip markings. Ruche should then be catch-stitched intermittently to anchor to the dress. Ruche should hide front darts and waist seam and meet the line of the fifth feather.

Sew together feathers: two contrast pieces should sit at back, one contrast piece at front top, and one below.

Turn right-side out and topstitch channel into each feather. Insert boning into channel. Antony Price recommends curving plastic boning into a tube and lashing cotton around to make a rod, similar to a feather quill.

Firmly baste numbered feathers to side seam where indicated. Last feather should meet and slightly overlap with ruching. When correctly placed, catch-stitch feathers to bodice. Best done on dress stand.

Sew back bodice to back skirt at waist seam and press seam up.

Sew centre-back seam together, leaving space for zip. Tack zip-line and press. Insert dress zip using zipper foot.

Sew completed dress back to dress front. Press side-seams towards back to ensure bones and feathers stand correctly.

Sew facings to bodice top, and fix lining into dress. Catch-stitch lining along zip.

Press hem to desired length and sew.