

Fashion and Textiles

Learning Objective:

To use pattern pieces to measure, mark and cut fabric; to sew design elements according to a design.



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Pattern pieces are drawings that are the exact shape and size as the sections of textiles used to make a product such as a dress or a bag. They have detailed information to help when making the product.

They are a bit like a design for the product. They can be used again and again. They are used to transfer a design to cloth or other textiles.

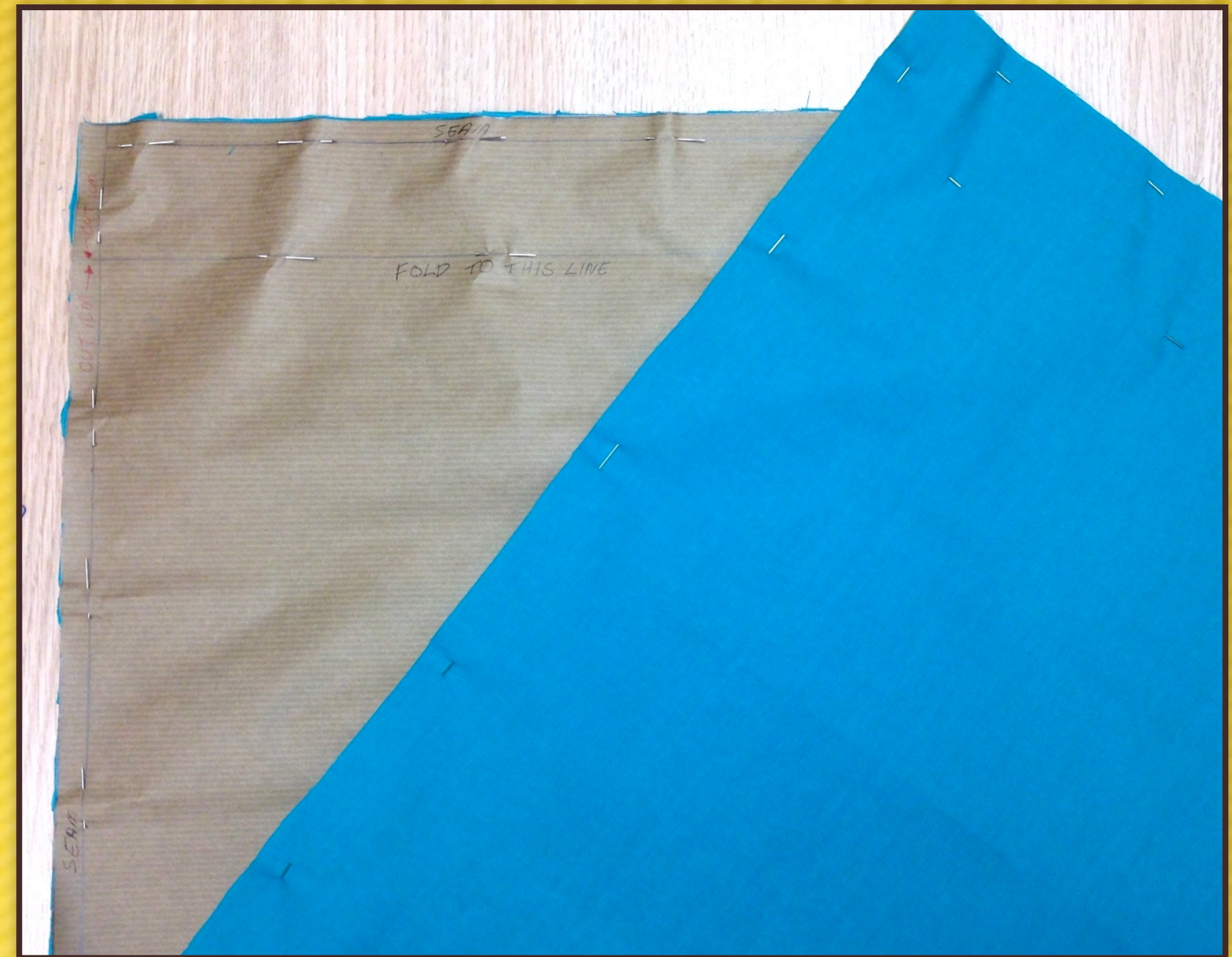
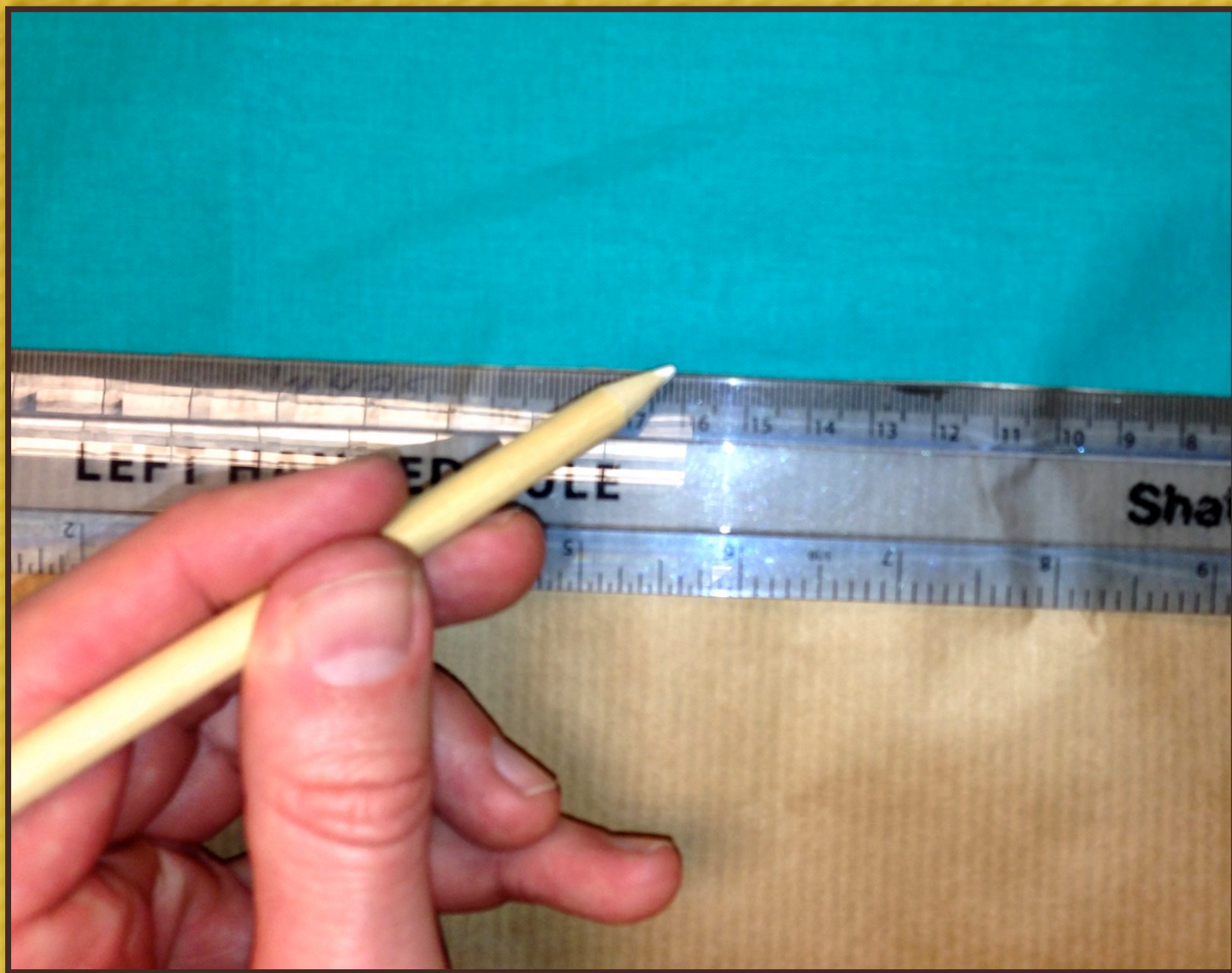


Let's take a closer look at how designs are transferred to fabric using pattern pieces...



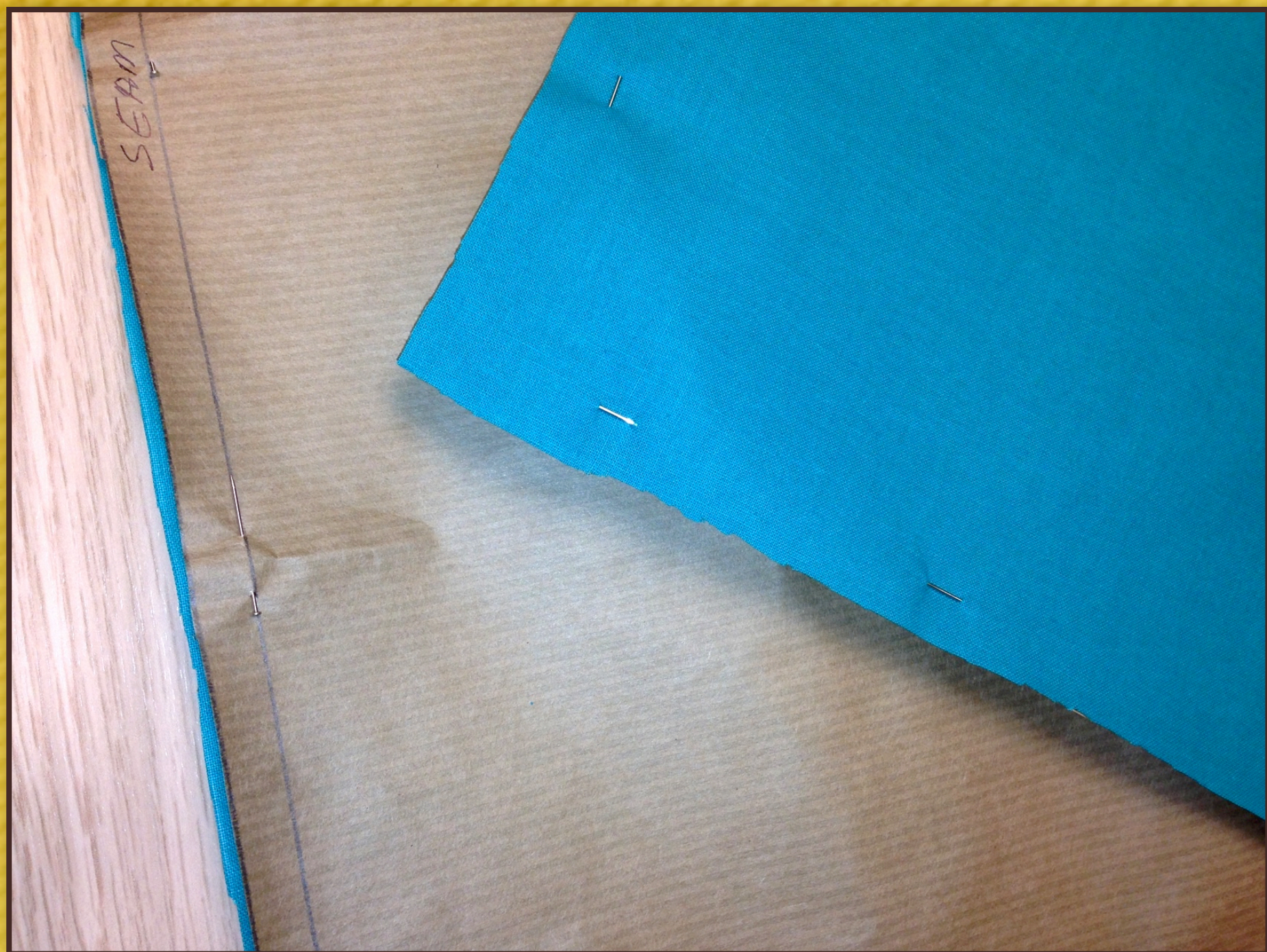
This is a pattern piece for a drawstring bag. Firstly, the pattern piece is pinned to the right side (the side which will be seen) of the fabric.





A dressmaker's chalk or pencil is used to mark around the pattern piece. It is then cut out, with the pattern piece still pinned to it.

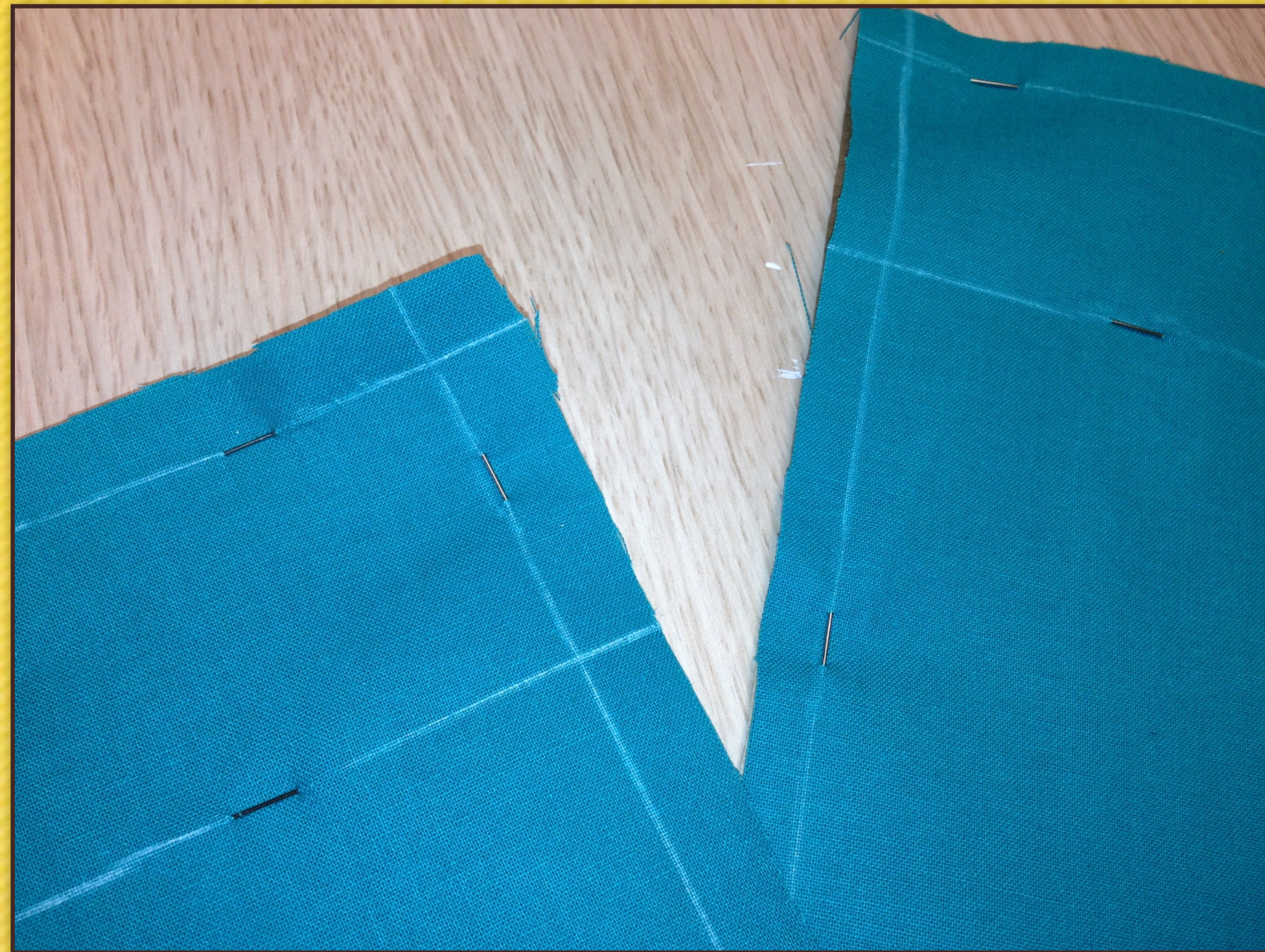




Pushing the pins straight through the seam lines drawn on the pattern piece helps with drawing markings on the wrong side (the side which won't be seen) of the fabric. A ruler is used to draw neatly over the pins which mark the seam lines.



Once all the markings have been transferred from the pattern piece to the wrong side of the fabric, the pins can be removed. The pattern pieces are no longer needed!



Today we will be using pattern pieces to mark and cut fabric...

...then adding design elements to the cut pieces.

