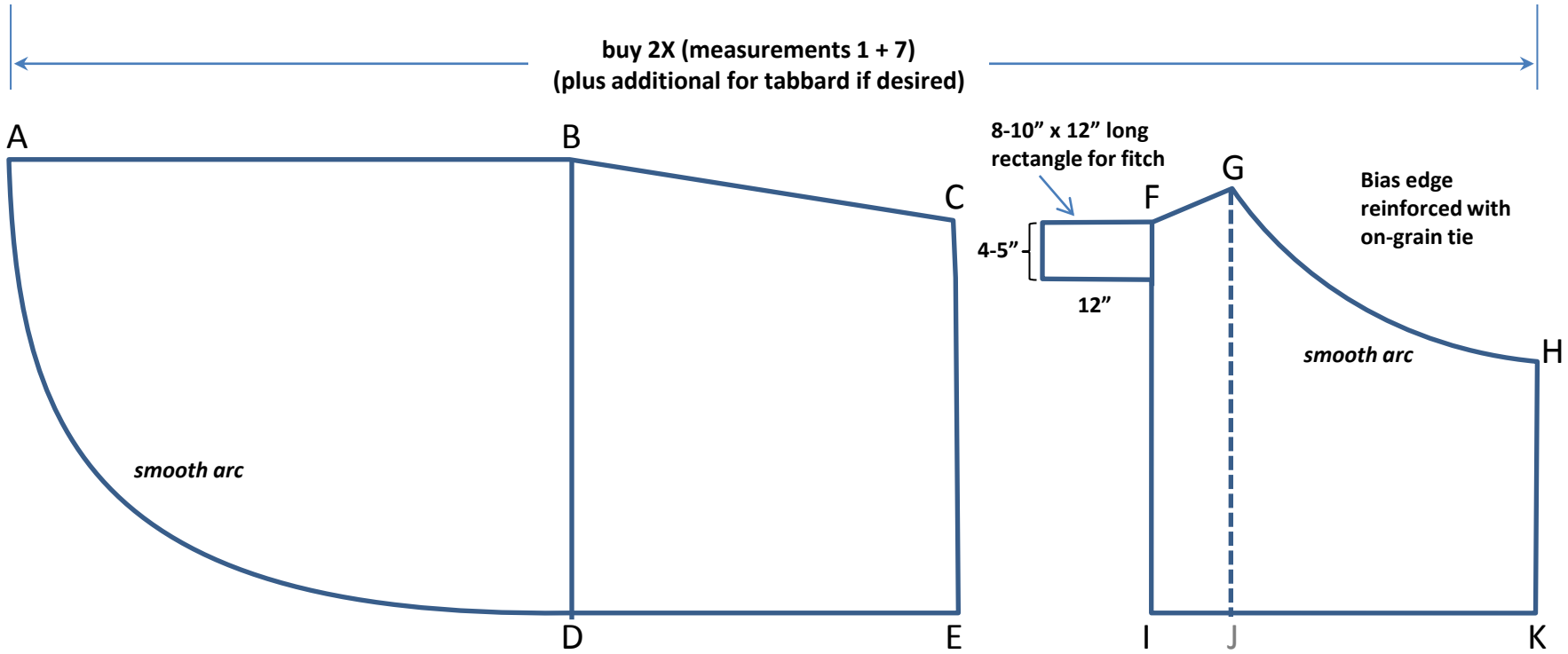


# Creating an “Adjustable” Caparison using a fitch (overlap connection)

“Adjustable” means it has some flexibility (due to the fitch), allowing the back piece to be placed further away from or closer to the withers, depending on the horse

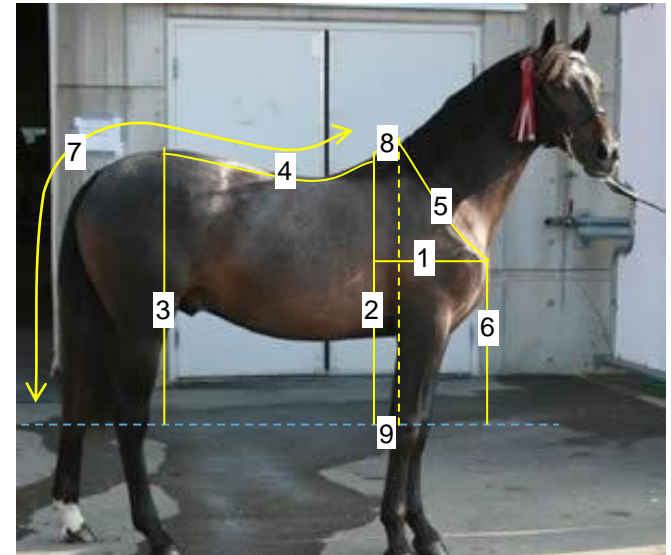
# Measurements for the Caparison:



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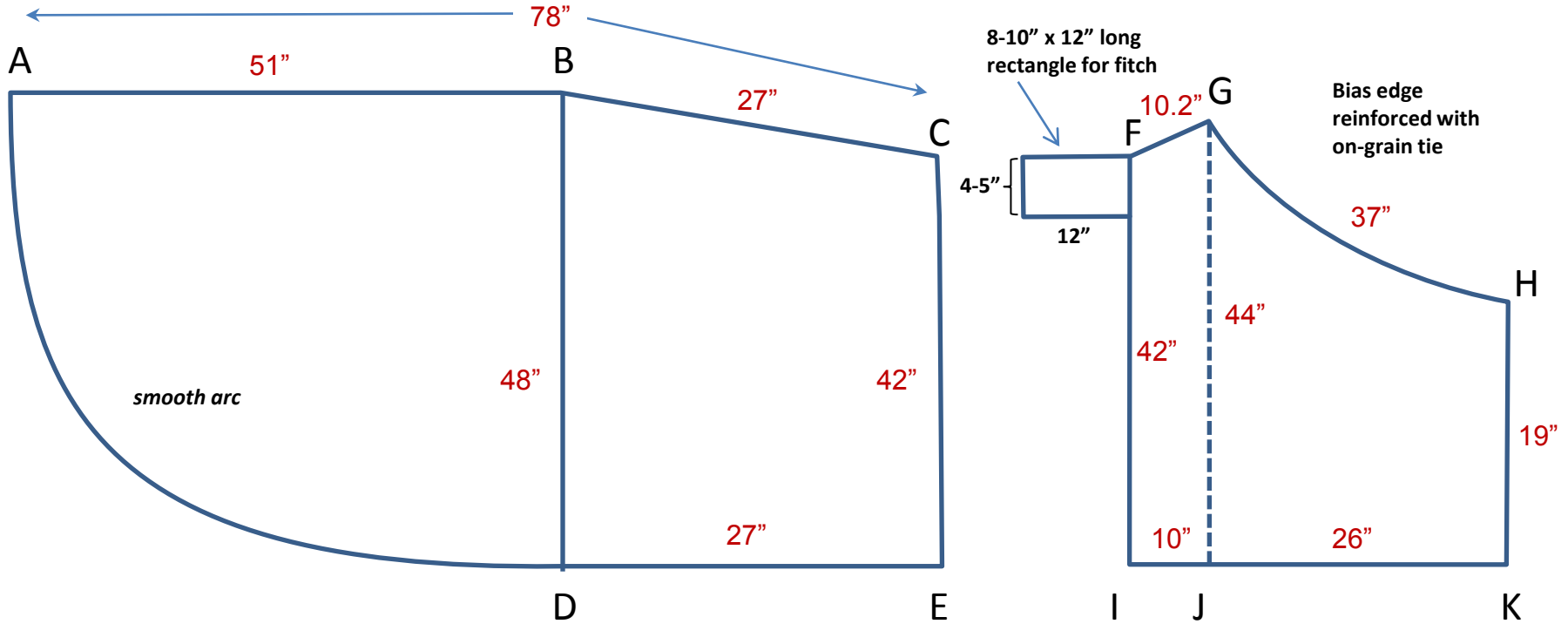
1. From the center front of the horse's chest to the saddle girth (K-I) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Center of back to knee/hock line at girth area (F-I & C-E) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Center of back to knee/hock line at highest point of rump (B-D) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Distance between highest point of rump and base of withers (B-C) \_\_\_\_\_
5. From front of withers down to center front of chest (G-H)\*\* \_\_\_\_\_
6. Center front of chest to knee/hock line (H-K) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Spine-line measurement from girth to hock (C-A) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Length of withers (F-G) \_\_\_\_\_
9. Width of withers (J-I) \_\_\_\_\_

\*\* It is best to put a spot with magic marker on the withers and on the chest to measure to / from the same points, around both sides.



# EXAMPLE:

Requires approx 6.5 yards 50" wide fabric.\*  $(78+36 = 114" (3.25 \text{ yd}))$



\*Note: If using narrower fabric, reduce the following measurements by the same amount, so that B-D fits across fabric.

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|------------|----------------|
| A-B : 51   | B-C : 27       |
| B-D : 48   | C-E / F-I : 42 |
| G-J : 44   | H-K : 19       |
| K-I : 36   | J-I : 10       |
| F-G : 10.2 | G-H : 37       |

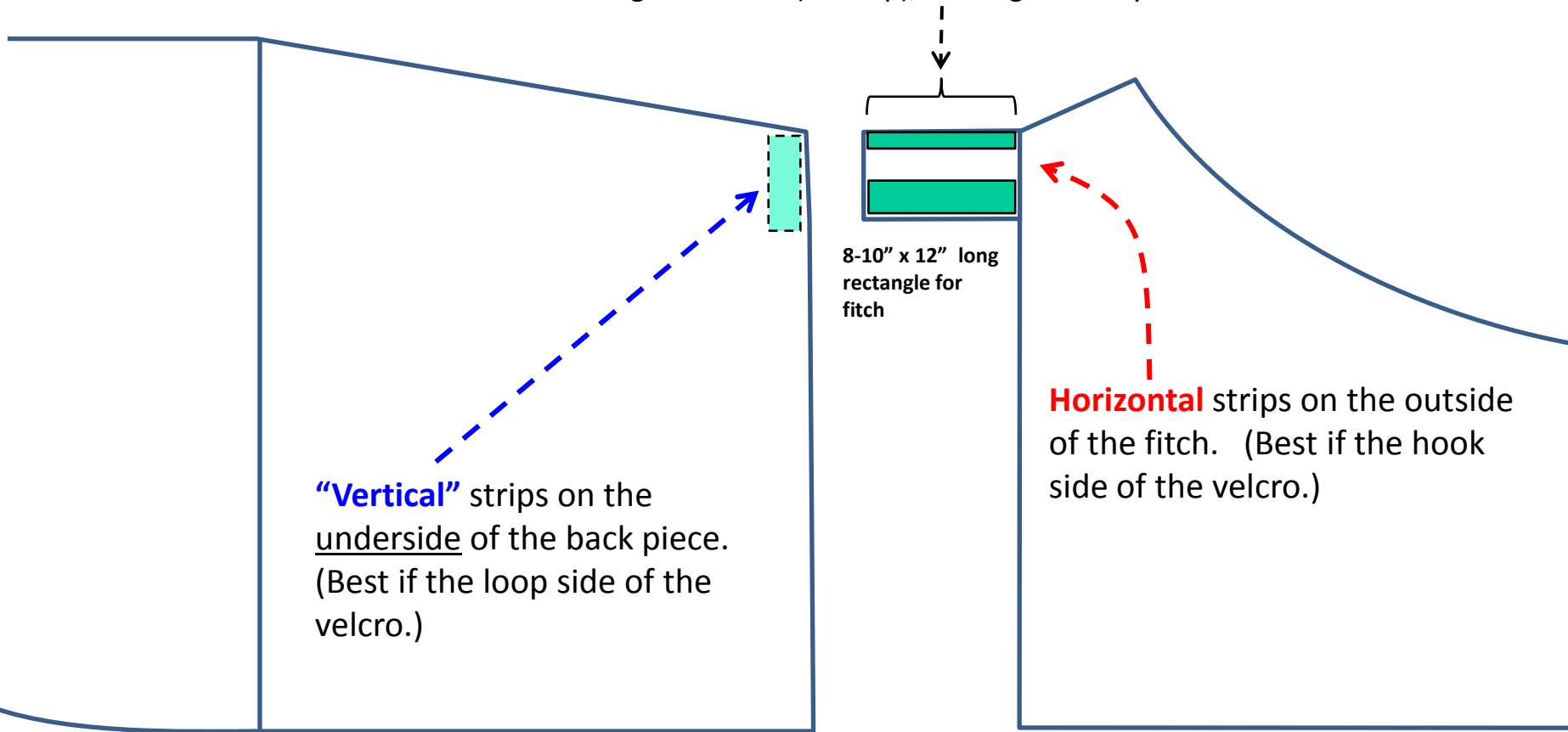
Listed measurements are finished dimensions.

Add seam allowances for hemming before cutting fabric.

## Useful tip for the fitch overlap connection:

Put velcro strips on the top side of the fitch piece (and underside of the back piece) to enable the caparison to fit a variety of horses.

This distance is the difference in size (length) of various horses the caparison will fit. The longer the fitch (overlap), the larger variety of horses it will accommodate.



A helpful link for barding discussions and caparison construction

<http://www.drafhorsevillage.com/phpBB2/viewtopic.php?t=3461&sid=7f4d6e9a1796132bca5963773ba8d233>