

Best Custom Size Vest Measurement Description

The purpose of this description is to assist Sporting Shotgun Shooters to establish measurements required by Best to enable us to create a vest fit to suit your requirements.

Equipment you will need.

1. A Dressmakers or Tailors tape measure.

If you do not have this you can use a length of string and a straight ruler or builders tape measure. Use the string to achieve body shape and the rule or tape measure to then calculate the length.

A few important considerations before you start.

Prior to measuring, dress in the type of clothing you intend to wear under your vest when shooting. If you intend to wear the same vest in both summer & winter we suggest you wear your winter shooting clothing and utilize the adjustable waist tabs to reduce the waist girth for summer.

All measurements provided by yourself for your order will be the measurements we make your vest to, so please make allowance for how you would like your vest to fit.

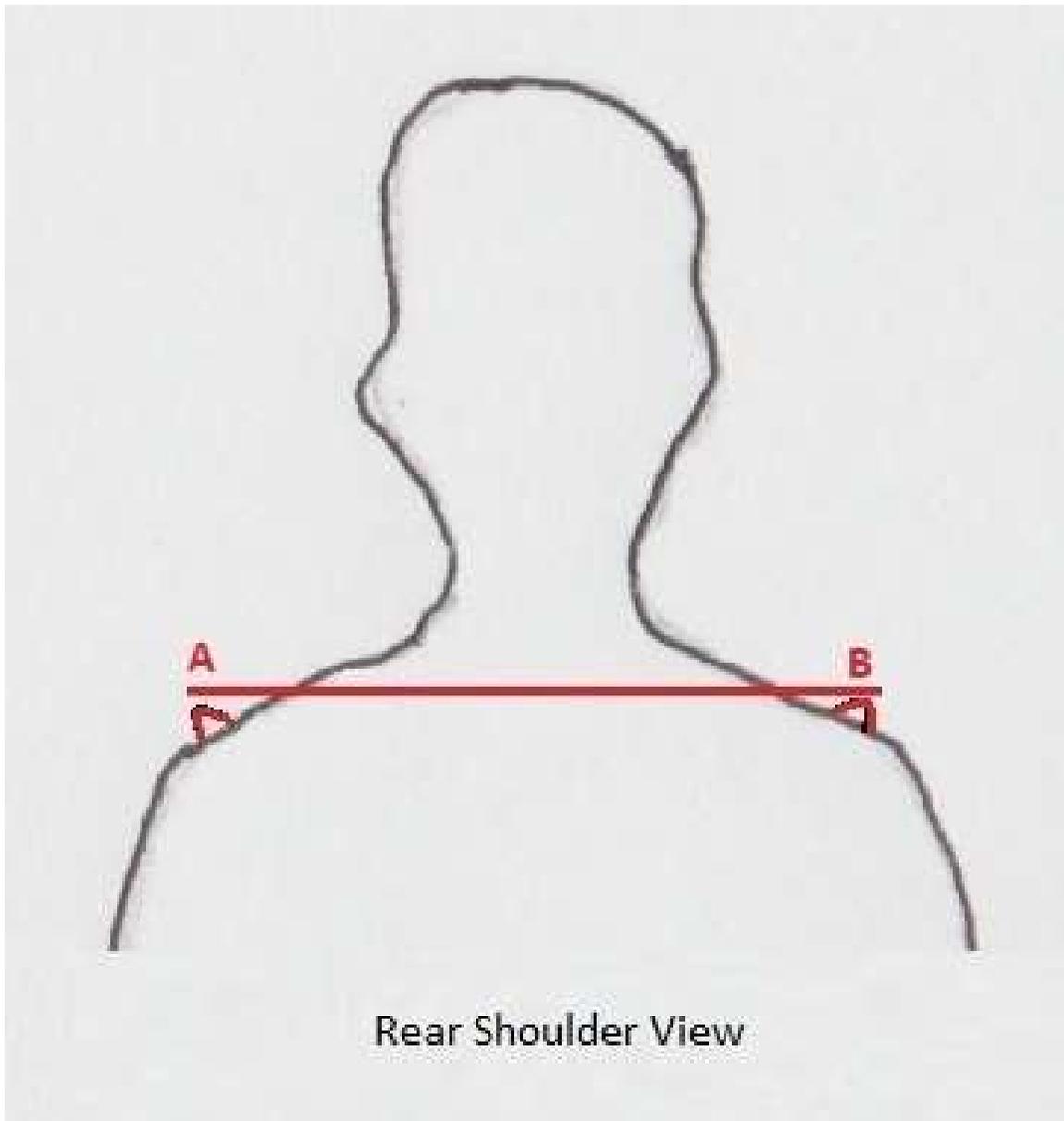
For example if you are a ISSF skeet shooter and like a very close fit, breathe in expand your chest, relax and measure closely.

If you require a more relaxed fit place two or three fingers inside or under the tape measure to add a little more room for comfort.

OK, Shall we proceed.

1 Shoulder Width.

Measured from the rear of the shooter across the back of the shoulders and measured from the boney lump on one shoulder, to the boney lump on the other shoulder. Called the Acromion of scapula. We will call it the boney shoulder lump.

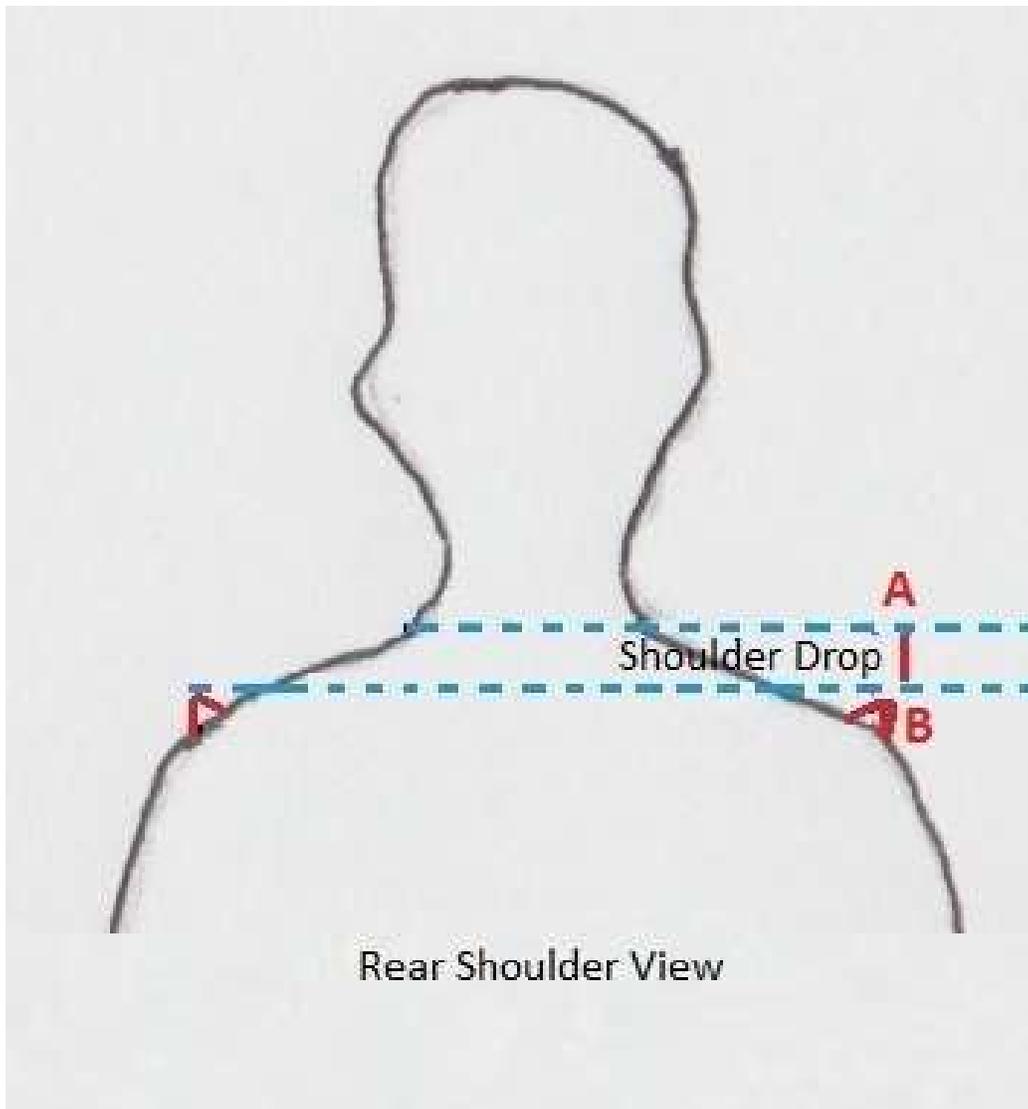


2 Drop of the Shoulders.

Measured from the rear of the shooter.

This is the difference in height of a horizontal line taken across the back of the neck at the level of the Shoulder – Neck intersection and another horizontal line taken across the back of the shoulders at the level of the outer shoulder boney lump.

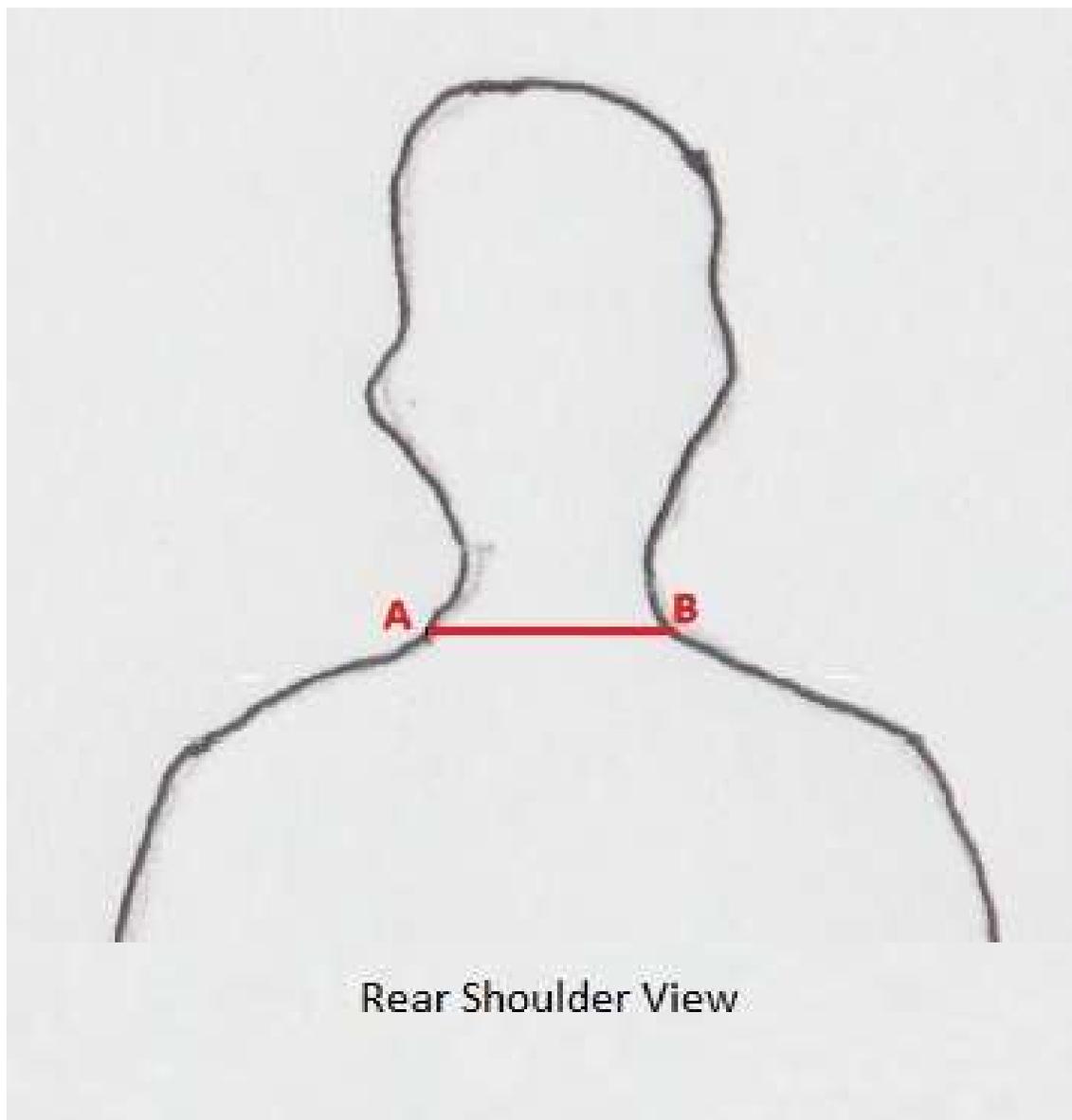
This measurement provides us with the drop (slope) of the shoulders from the neck to the outer shoulders.



3 Width of the Neck.

Measured from the rear of the shooter.

We use this to define the width of the collar. This measurement is taken across the back of the neck and measured from the inside shoulder (high shoulder) to neck intersection on one side to the same on the other side of the neck. Please note we use this neck shoulder intersection as a start point for some of our further measurements.



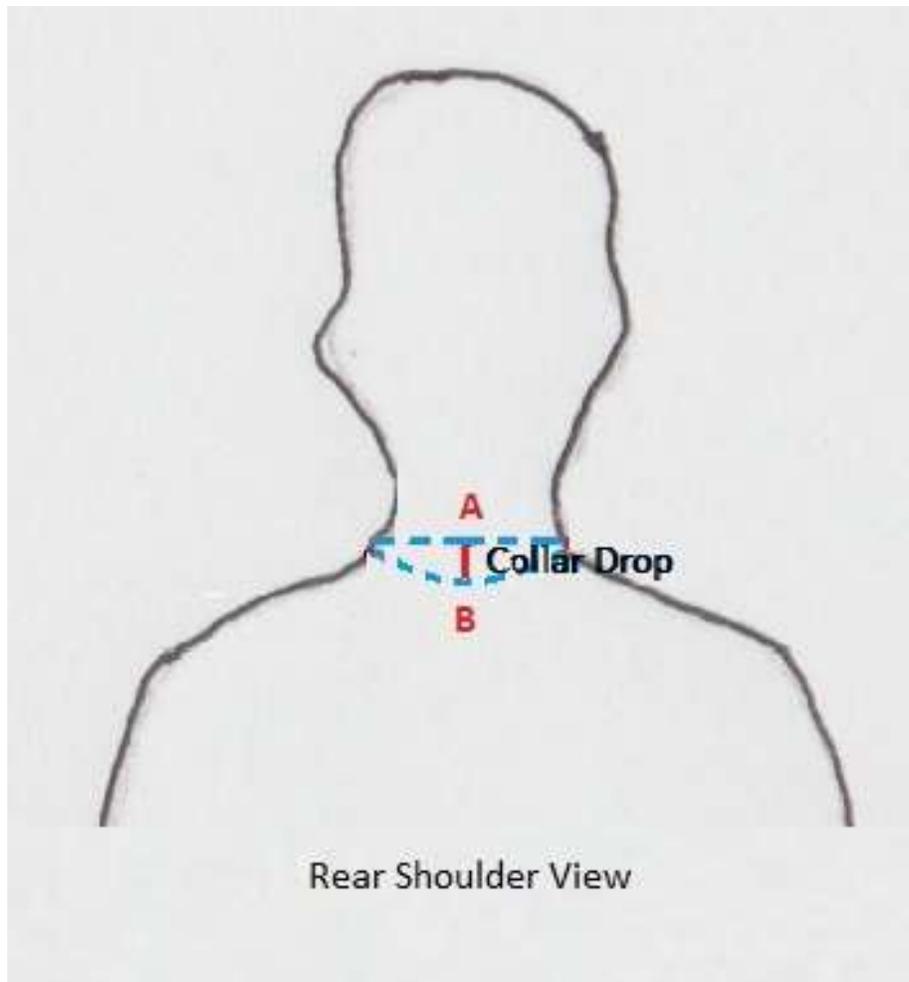
4 Collar Drop.

Measured from the rear of the shooter.

It is not necessary, however some of our customers do like to take advantage of it. For shooters that find the rear collar riding up the back of their neck and creating discomfort we suggest using this measurement.

Our standard allowance is 3cm drop. The range of measurement tends to vary from 2cm to 5cm.

Hold a horizontal line across the back of the neck from shoulder neck intersection to shoulder neck intersection and measure down the spine to where you would like the center rear of the collar.

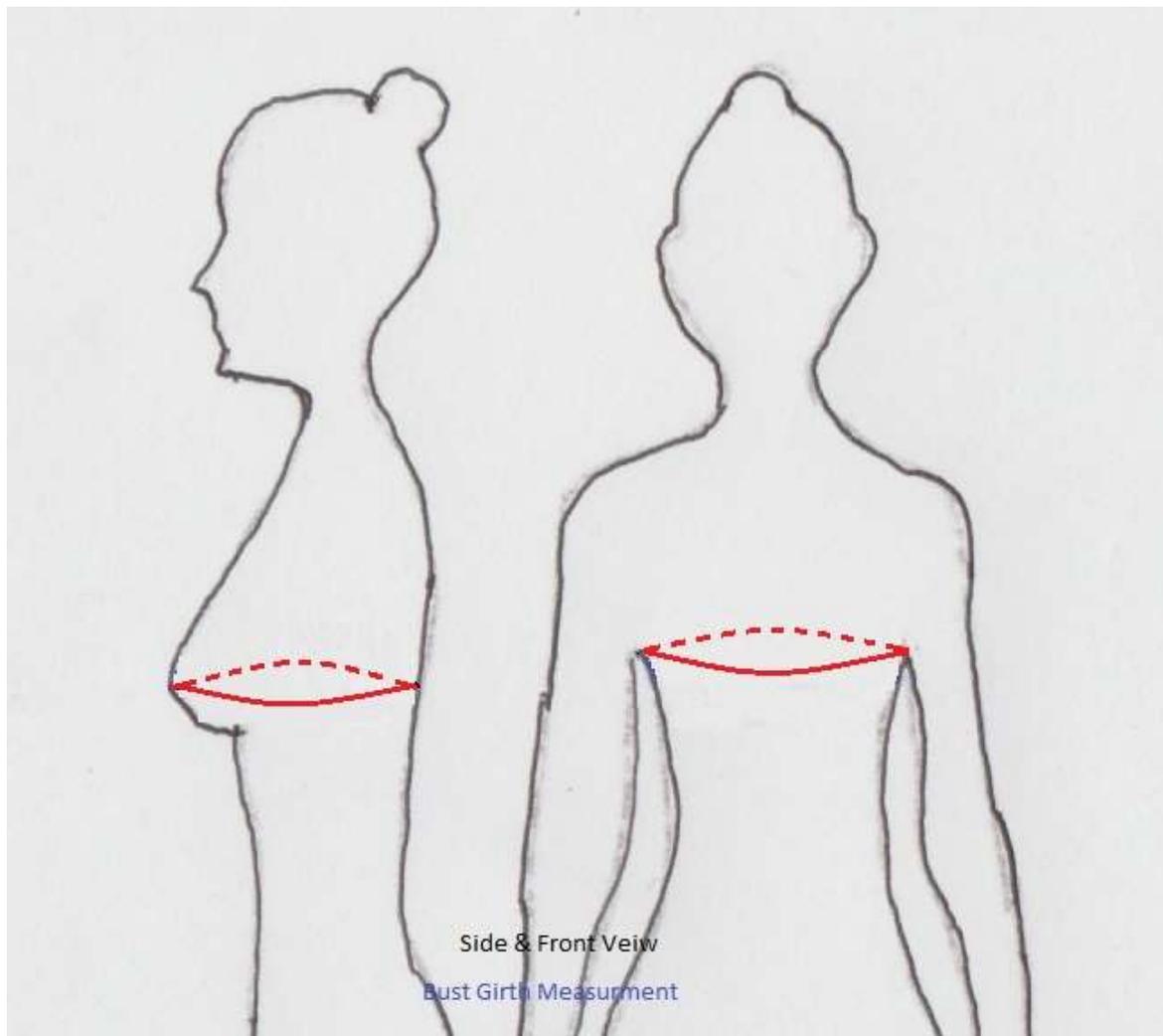


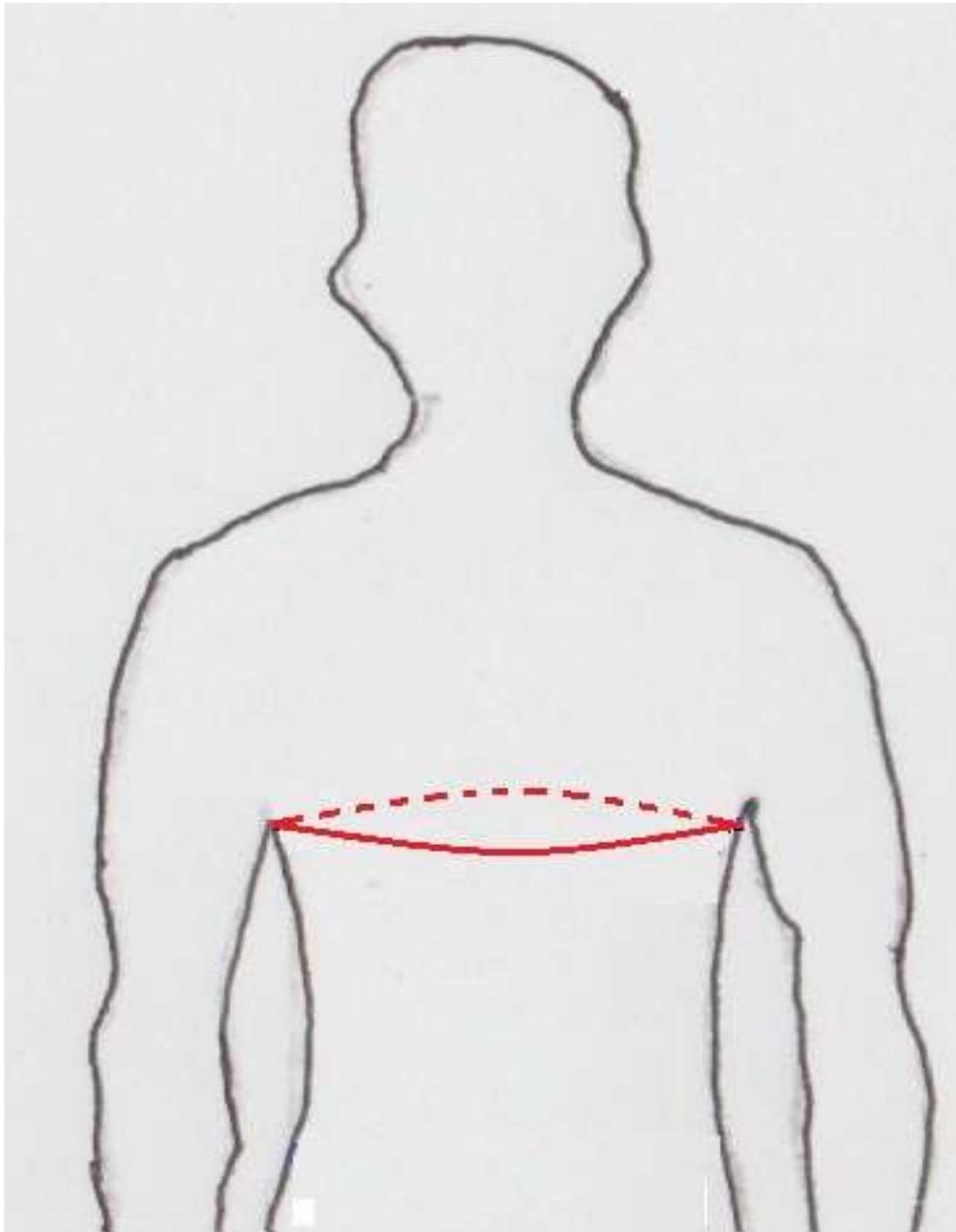
5 Chest or Bust Girth.

Measured from the front of the shooter.

This is an important measurement, take care. This measurement is the girth or circumference of the body taken at the height of the chest or bust. Measure at the level of the chest or bust that gives you the largest size. Take care that you measure on a level or horizontal alignment and the tape measure does not sag or slide down at the back of the shooter when taking this measurement.

Ensure the arms are down and relaxed and take this measurement when the chest is expanded. Breathe in, but not excessively.



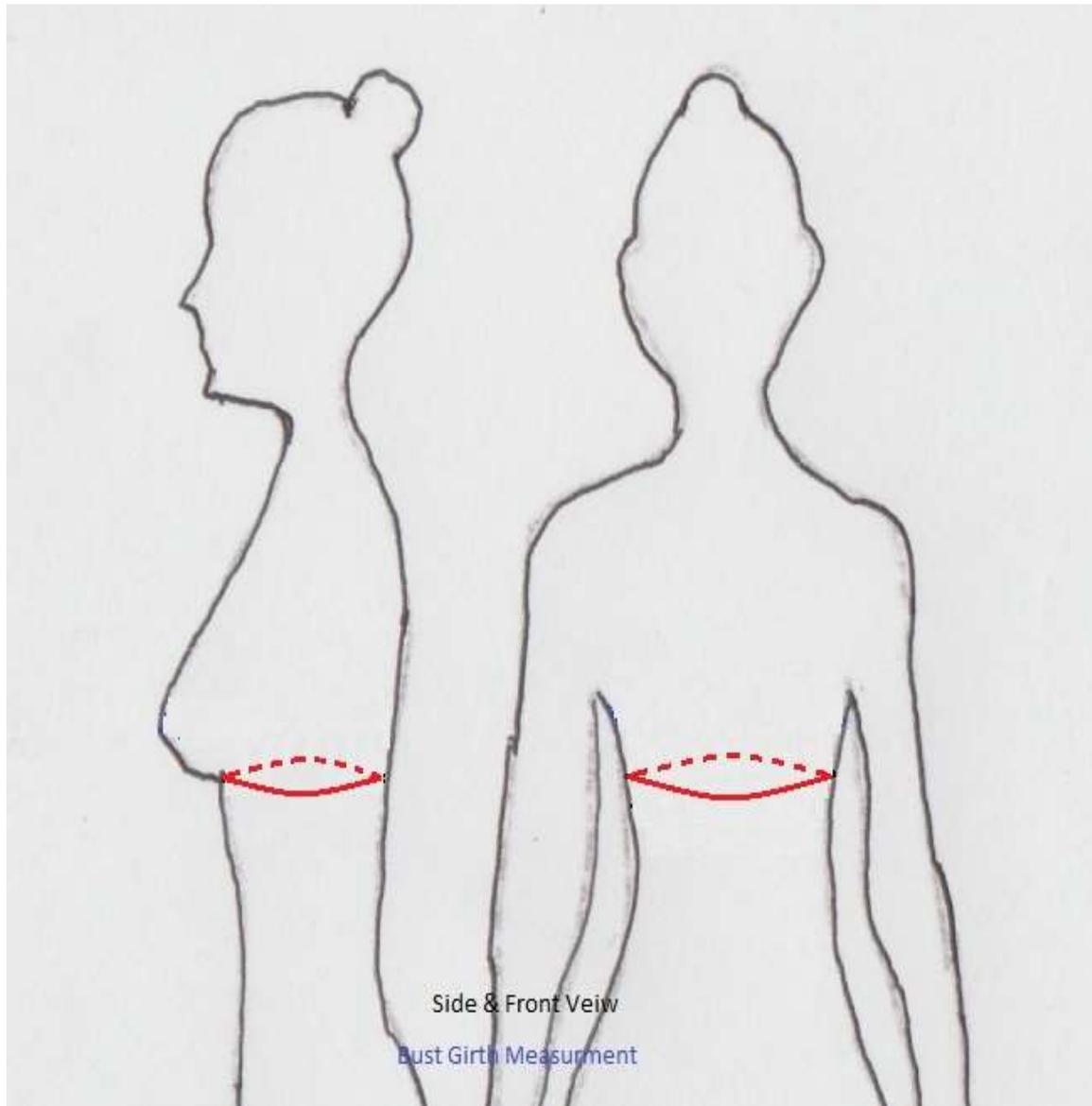


Chest Girth Measurement
Front of Body

5b Lower Bust.

Measured from the front of the shooter.

This measurement is only required for ladies that require a more figure formed fit. This measurement is taken in the same manner as the chest bust measurement however the measurement is taken around the body just below the bust.

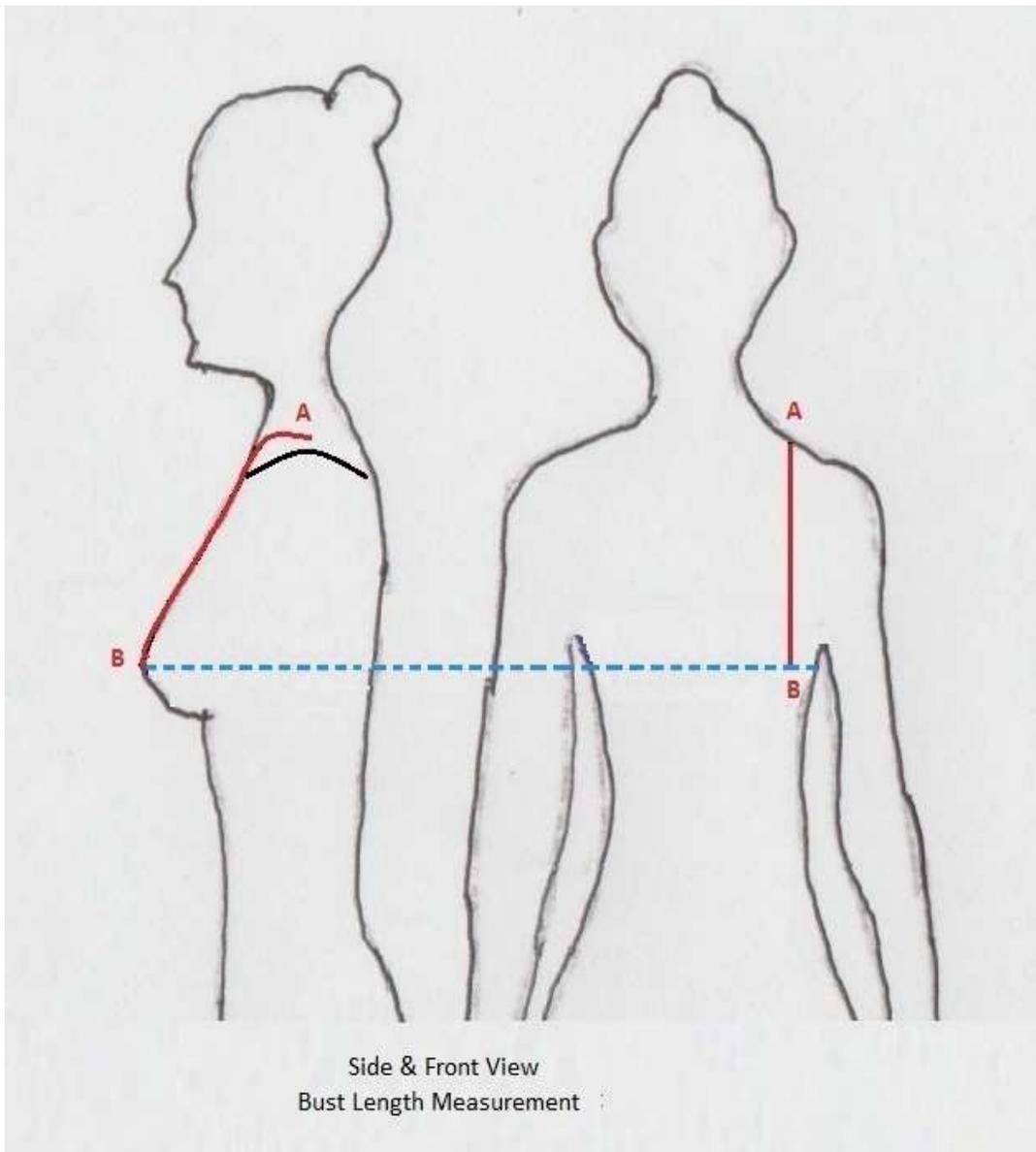


5c Bust Length.

Measured from the front of the shooter.

Once again this is a ladies only requirement.

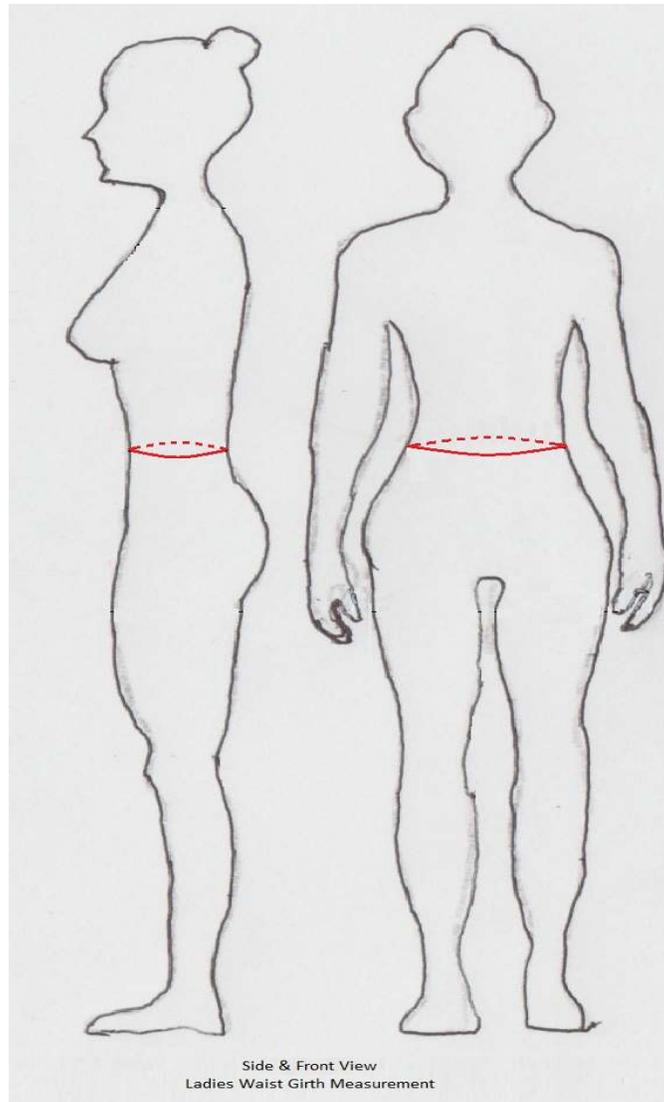
This measurement is taken from the shoulder neck intersection and measured down the front of the body to the level or height of the center of the bust.

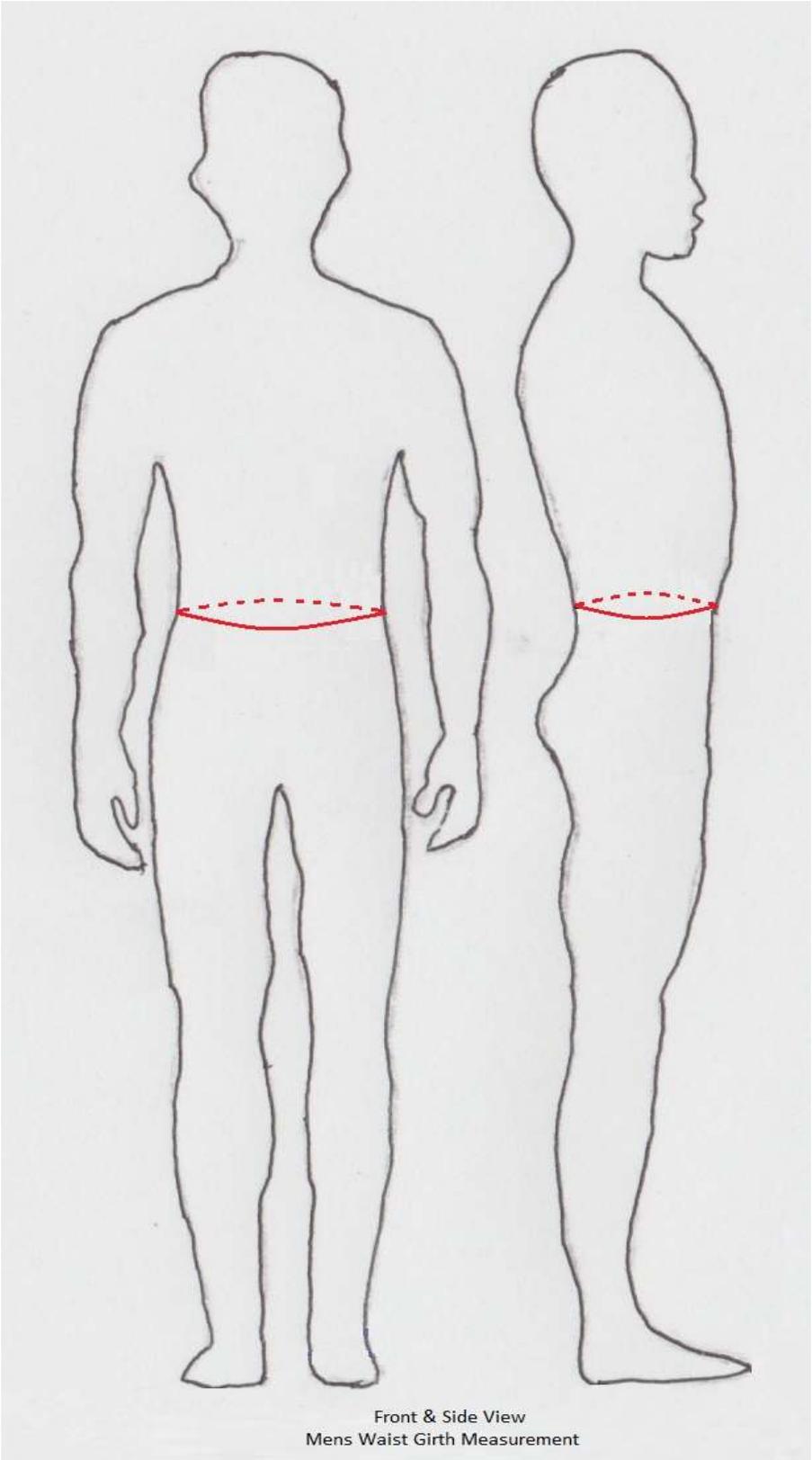


6 Waist Girth.

Measured from the front of the shooter.

This also is an important measurement, take care. For ladies this measurement is taken just below the ribs and for men midway between the ribs and the hips. Like the chest measurement. This measurement is the girth or circumference of the body taken at the height of the waist. Ensure the shooter is standing upright and relaxed. Do not try to improve this measurement by trying to draw in your stomach.



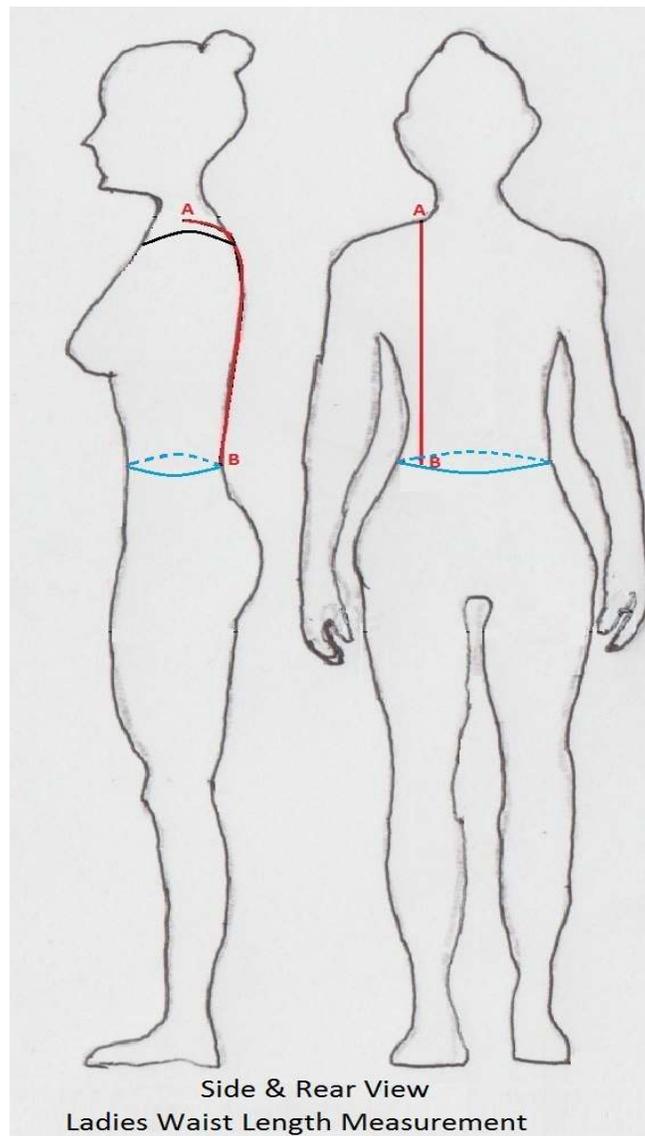


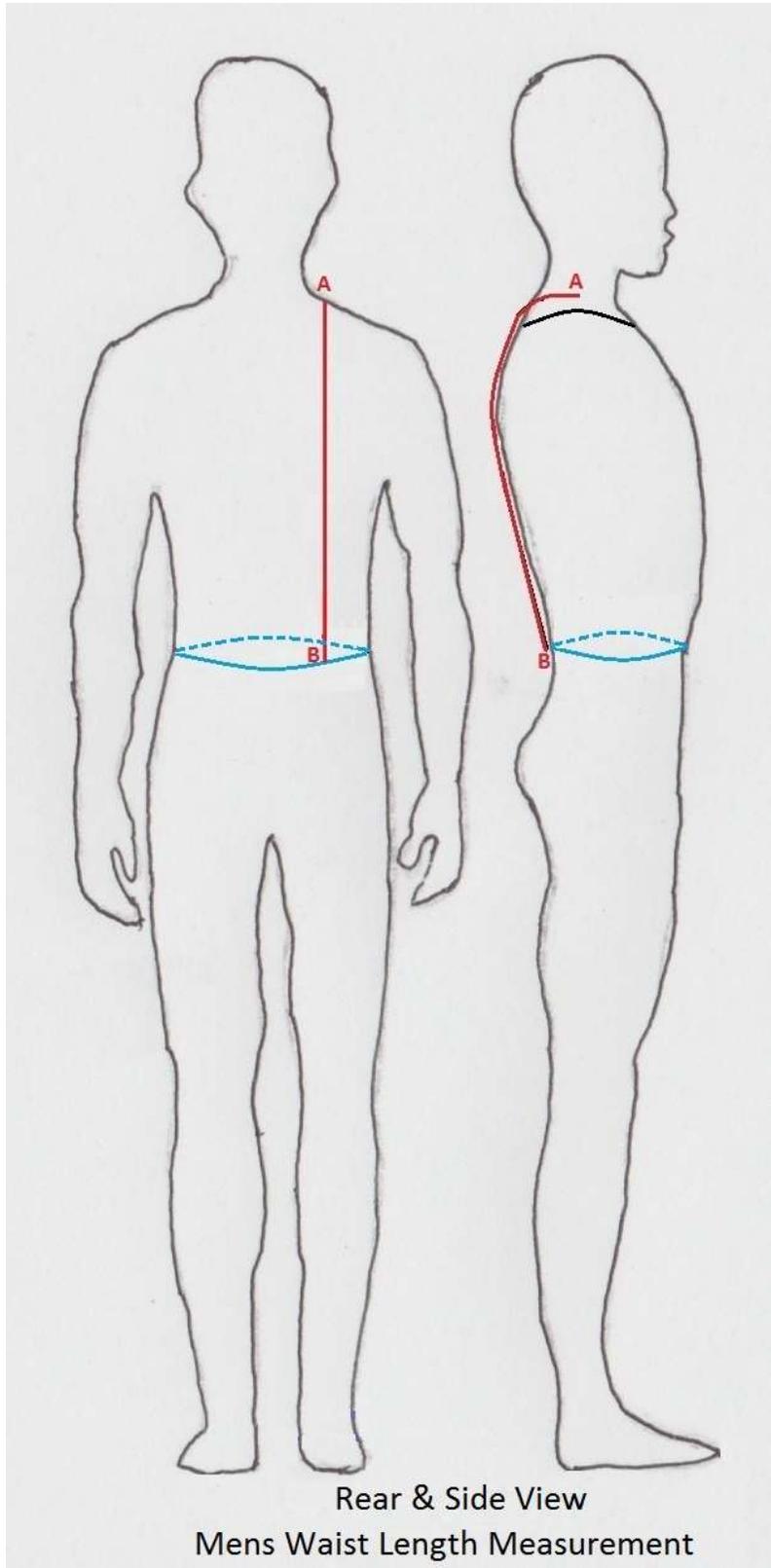
Front & Side View
Mens Waist Girth Measurement

7 Waist length.

Measured from the rear of the shooter.

This measurement helps us to define the location of the rear waist band. If positioned well this can help to distribute some of the cartridge weight from the shoulders and assist to free up gun swing. This measurement is taken from the rear of the shooter and starts at the Shoulder - Neck intersection and measured down to the waist. The waist being for ladies two to three cm below the ribs, and for men two to three cm above the hips or belt line. It represents the centre of the waist band.

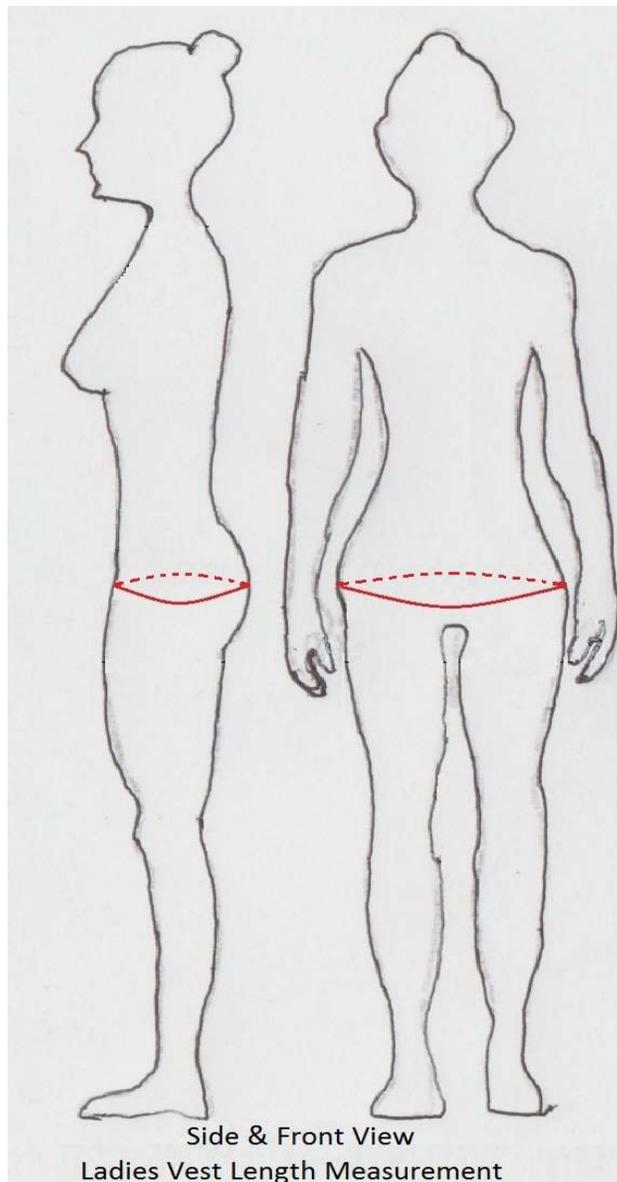


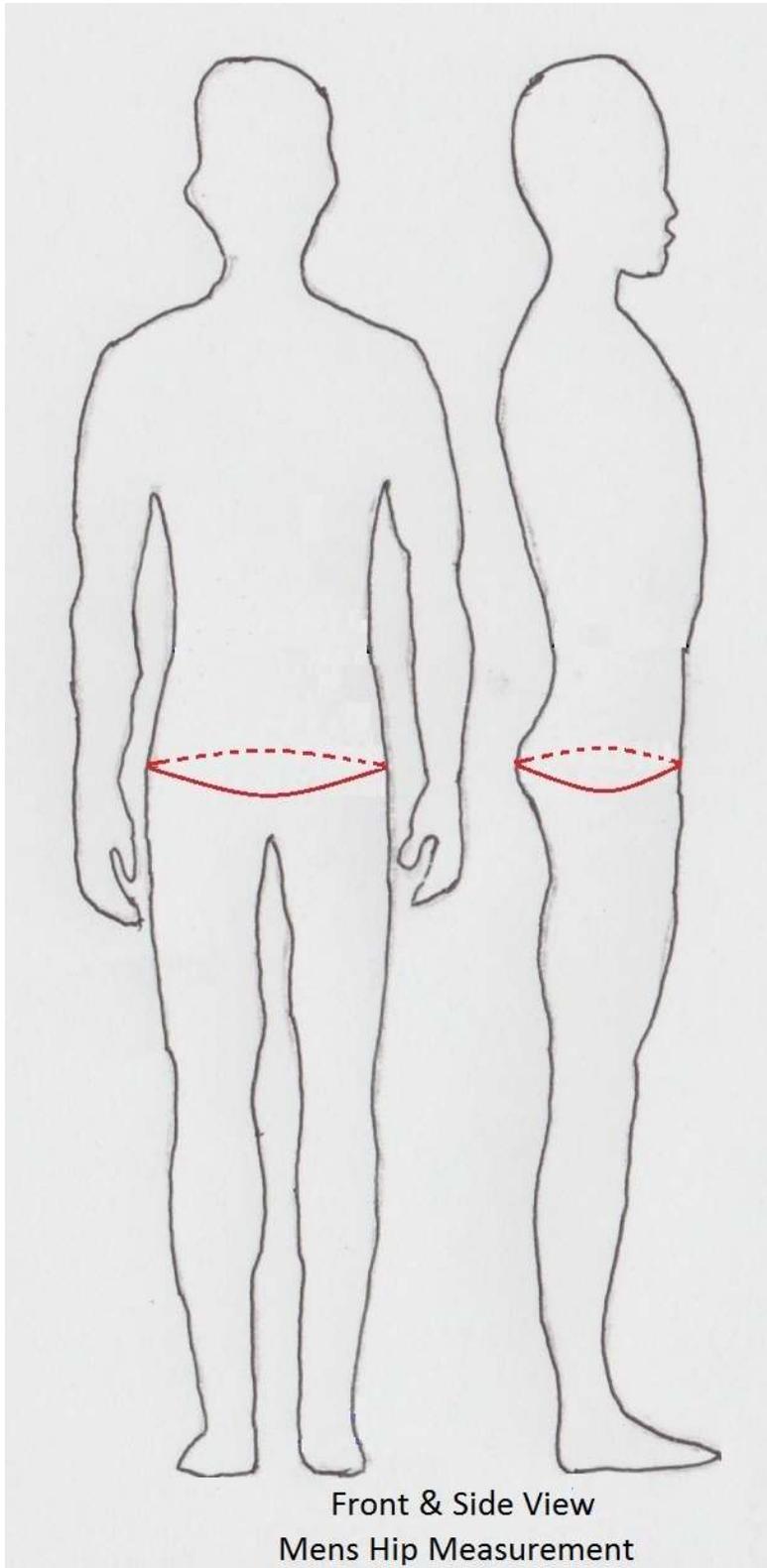


8 Hip Girth.

Measured from the front of the shooter.

Much like the chest and waist girth this is also an important measurement. Unless you have a particular requirement leaving a few additional cm for freedom of movement is well worth consideration. The hip measurement is taken as a girth or circumference measurement and should be determined at the level of the largest hip dimension available. Where the buttocks are largest.





Front & Side View
Mens Hip Measurement

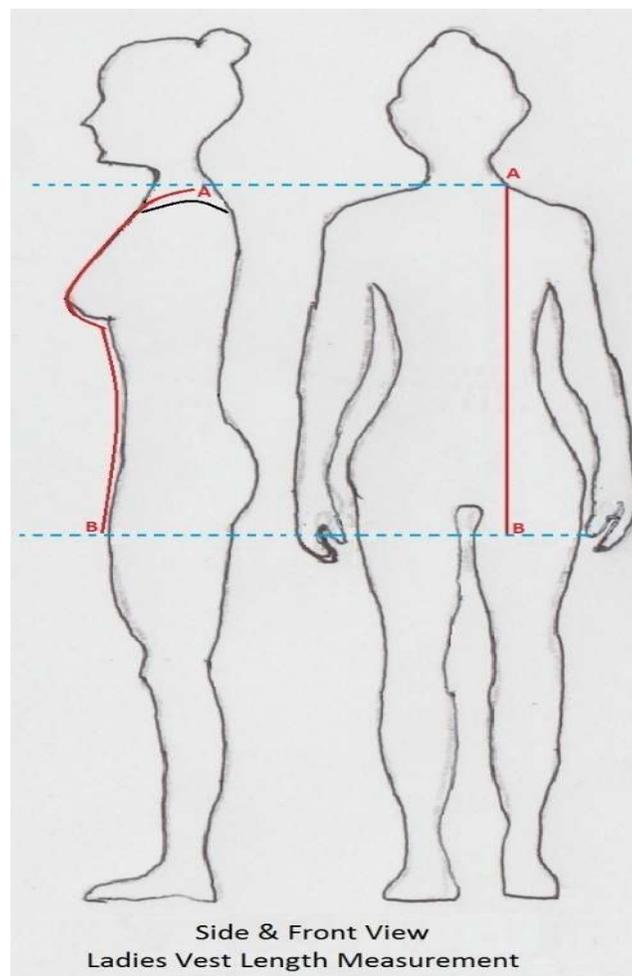
9 Overall Vest length.

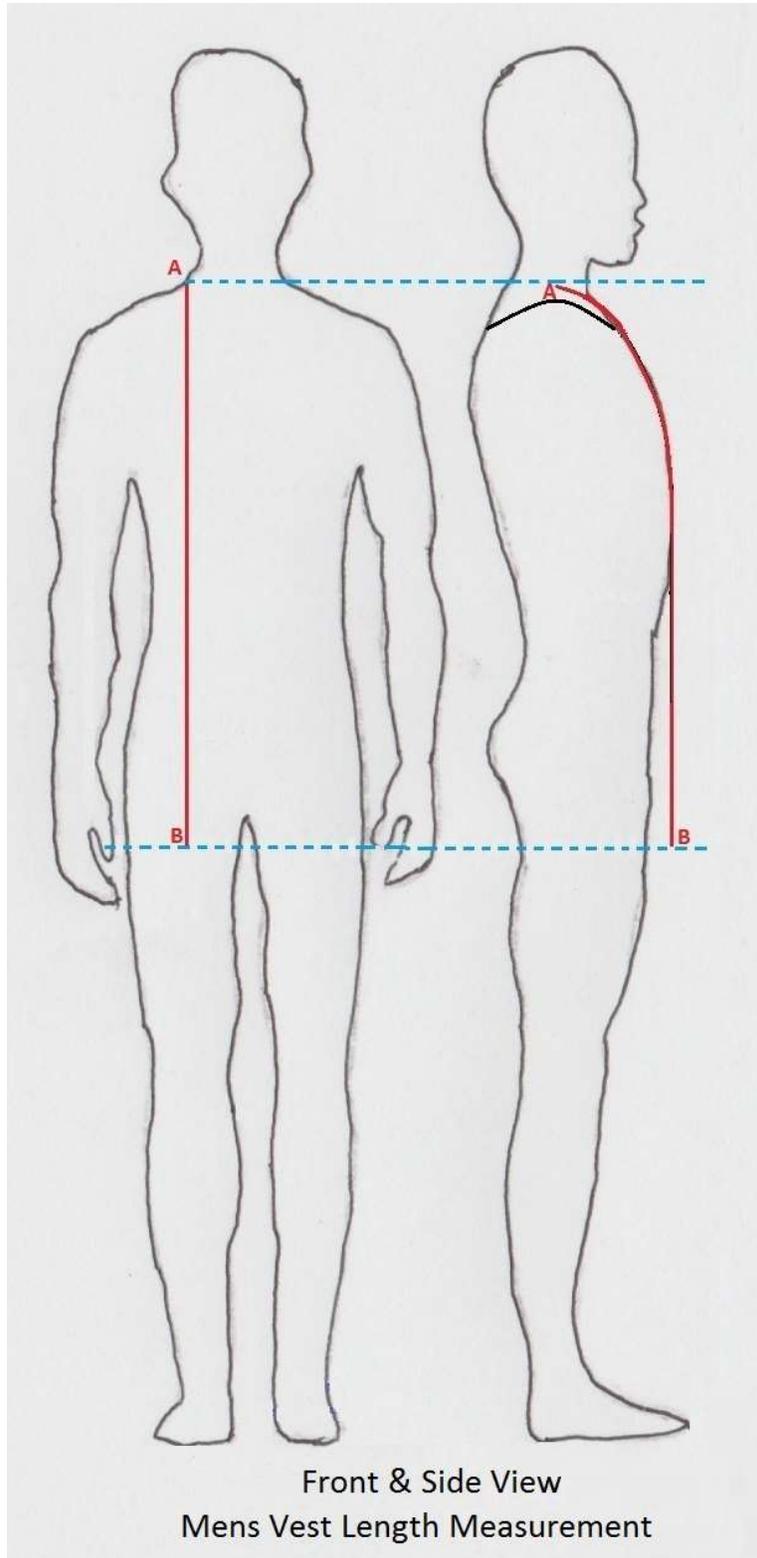
Measured from the front of the shooter.

This measurement is best taken down the length of the front of the body. This will help to accommodate for any larger contours such as bust or belly's, that will require additional allowance for.

To take this measurement the shooter needs to be standing upright with shoulders relaxed and arms by their sides. Move the shooters hands forward to their front thighs or lap and point their thumbs down towards their toes.

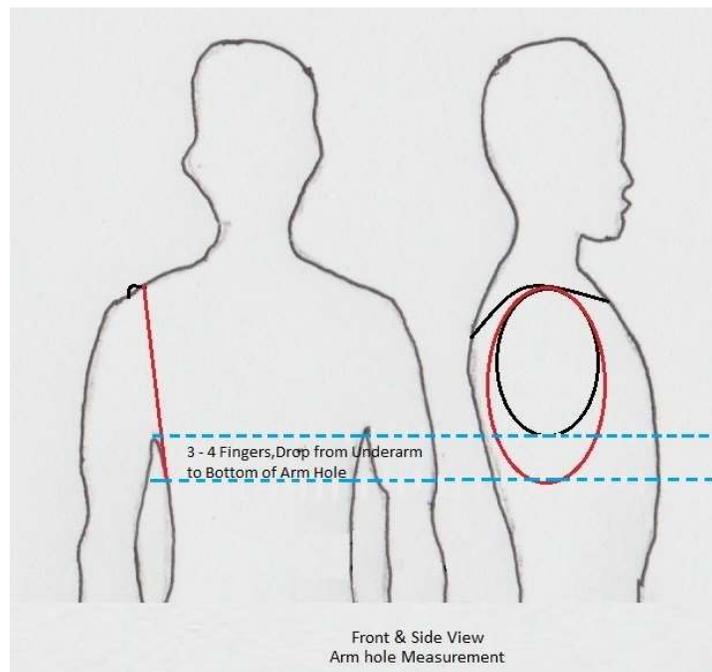
This measurement is taken from the Shoulder neck intersection, down over the chest, bust and belly and is completed somewhere between the first knuckle and tip of the thumb. Should the shooter require a shorter vest. Measure to personal preference. We do not recommend a longer measurement unless extreme growth increases are expected.





10 Armhole.

This measurement can be estimated by Best for you. However, for the more serious competition shooters and ladies with considerable bust dimensions we recommend you make the effort. To take this measurement measure from the boney lump on the top outer shoulder to a desired distance under the arm pit aligning with what would be the side seam of the vest. As a guide we at Best use three to four fingers tight under the armpit as a consistent gauge. This measurement is then doubled to provide the Arm Hole Size.



Send us your measurements and desires for your vest and we will reply with a comprehensive quote and arrange delivery when your vest is completed.

Thank you for your interest in custom measuring your next favorite Clay Target Shooting Vest. For any further clarifications or assistance, you can contact us at ballistic.equip@hotmail.com.

Regards

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