**THE STRAIGHT GOODS**

**GRAIN:** is the direction in which threads run in a piece of woven fabric

**SELVAGE:** the “finished” or un-cut edges of the fabric

**LENGTHWISE GRAIN:** indicates the threads which run parallel to the selvage edges

**CROSSWISE GRAIN:** indicates the crosswise threads which run from selvage to selvage, or perpendicular (90º angle) to the selvages



**VOCABULARY**

**Casing:** where the elastic for the waist will go

**Centre Seam:** the seam that runs down the centre front, under and between your legs, and then up the centre back

**Grainline:** place this arrow parallel with the lengthwise grain and the selvage edge

**Hem:** the bottom of pants where you fold up so you don’t have a raw edge

**Inseam:** the seam that runs down the inside of your leg

**Notch:** notches are used for matching pieces together. There are single, double and sometimes triple notches. You cut them out away from the pattern piece. They tell you how to put pattern pieces together to sew your garment.

**Press:** use an iron to make or remove folds

**Seam Allowance:** distance between the stitching line and the raw/cut edge of the fabric. You will be using a seam allowance of 1.5cm for your project unless otherwise specified.

**Selvage:** finished lengthwise edge of the fabric

**Side seam:** the seam that runs down the outside of your leg

**Trim:** to cut thread or fabric

**Waistline:** where the pattern/garment will fit you at your waist