FLARED - GATHERED SKIRTS

(Figure 1) This is an attractive skirt shape. It is not found too often in ready-to-wear because it is more expensive to make than the usual gathered skirt. This style looks very nice because there aren't a lot of gathers bunched in at the waistline, yet there is a generous sweep at the hemline. It looks well with fabrics that are too heavy to be gathered very much.

1. Trace skirt front.

2. Mark your slash lines as shown in Figure @. Number the pieces of your working pattern and cut along the slash lines from hem to waist. Disregard of ignore the waist dart.

3. Place the pieces of the working pattern on a large piece of paper (Fig. 3). There should be more space between each piece at the hem than at the waistline. For example: if you have 1/2" between each piece at the waist, you should have from 1" to 1 1/2" between each piece at the hemline.

4. Tape pattern pieces in place. Draw your new pattern. Perfect the new hemline.

5. Remove and discard the strips of your working pattern. Mark the center front grainline. Use the same pattern for the front and back skirt.