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.

