

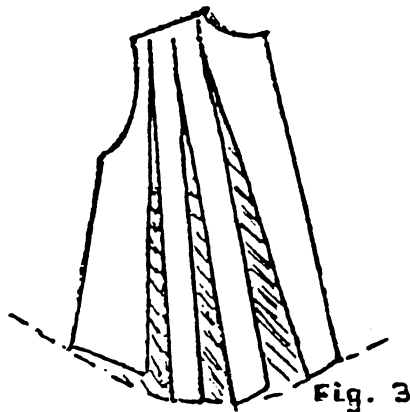
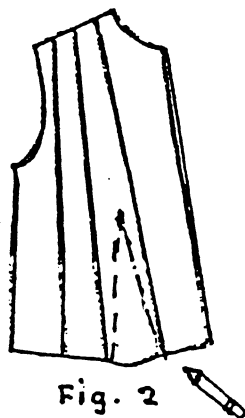
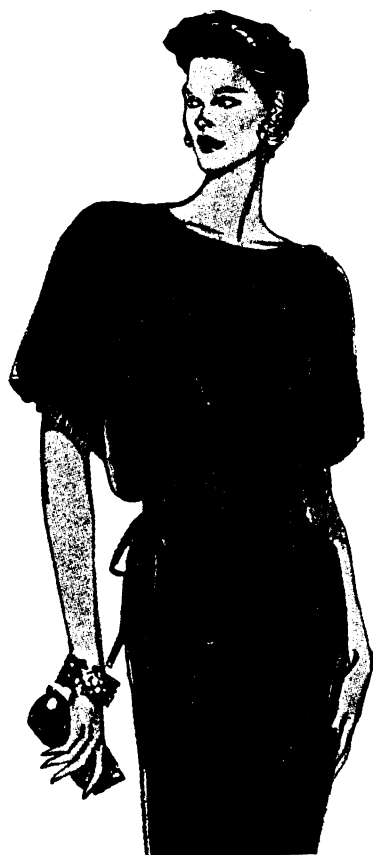
ADDING FULLNESS BY SLASHING AND SPREADING

Gathers may come from two sources: Elimination of darts and/or added fullness (slash and spread). In this lesson you will add material at various points in order to add gathers and bulk to the silhouette.

DIRECTIONS: (Slash and Spread)

1. Decide where you want to add fullness (See Fig. 1). (Before slashing the pattern add notches along waistline of bodice and skirt.) This bodice has added fullness at the waistline while the shoulder is still smoothly fitted. Transfer bustline dart to waistline.
2. Cut the pattern in 3 vertical slashes **TO, BUT NOT THROUGH** the shoulder seam. (Fig. 2)
3. Spread the slashed pieces apart equally. The amount you spread will be determined by how much fullness you want. Tape to a piece of paper.
4. When you spread out the slashed pattern, some of the pieces will project down further than others. Even up the bottom edge. (This is indicated in Fig. 3 with a dotted line along the bottom of the pattern).

NOTE: Make certain that the distance between each slash is equal.



Even up bottom edge of bodice as illustrated in Fig. 3.