

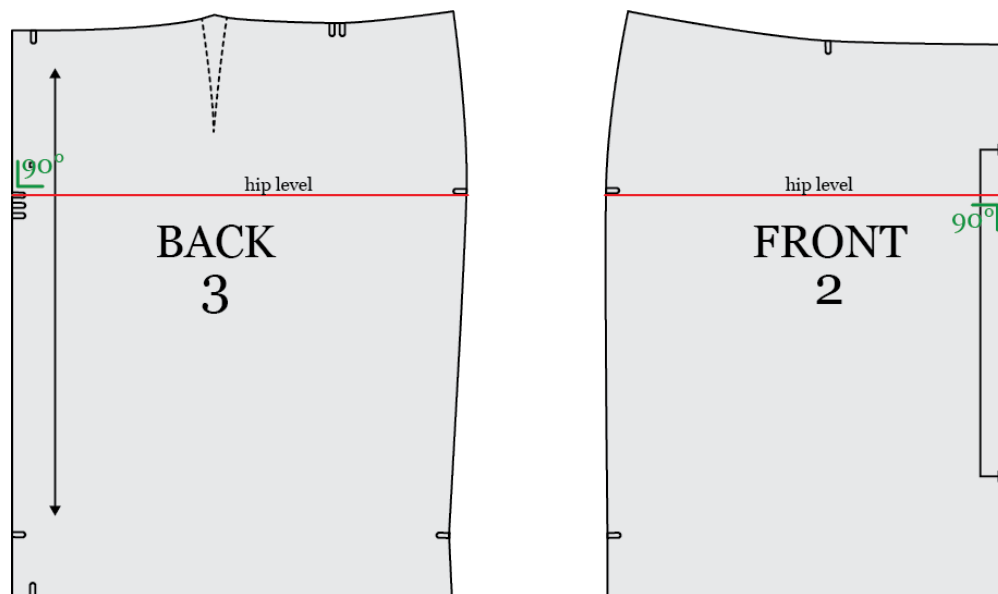


ADDING LENGTH TO A SKIRT

To demonstrate this pattern correction, I am using In-House Patterns style IH4004 “A New York Mini”. However, you can use this method on any similar skirt pattern with great success.

STEP ONE:

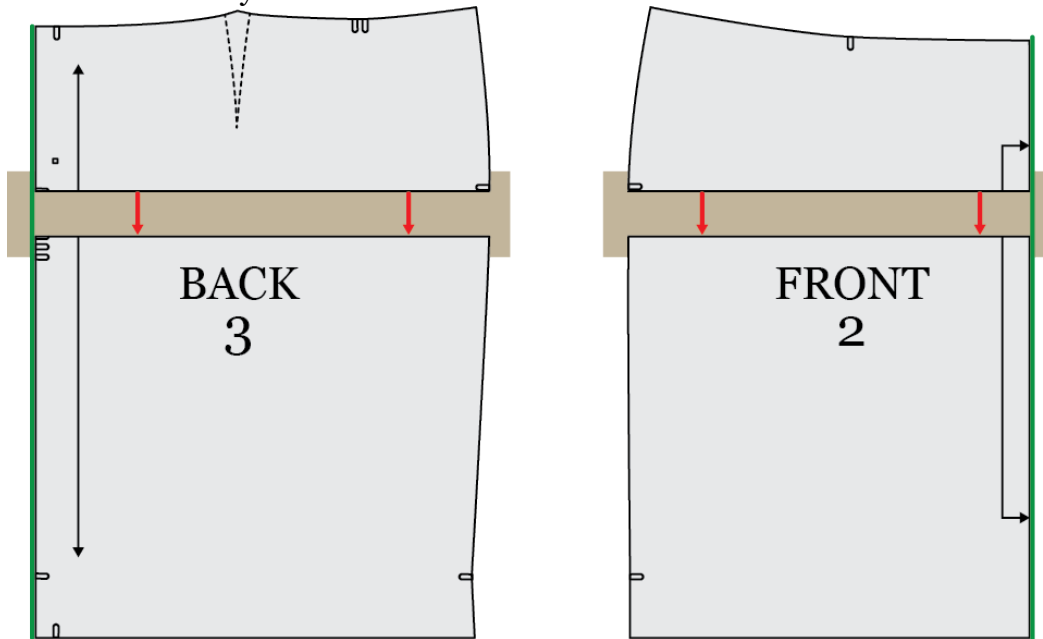
Prepare the front and back skirt by drawing a straight line across both of the pattern pieces at hip level. Hip level is indicated by a notch at the side seams of the front and back pattern pieces. Make sure the line you draw is at a 90 degree angle to the center front and center back lines.



STEP TWO:

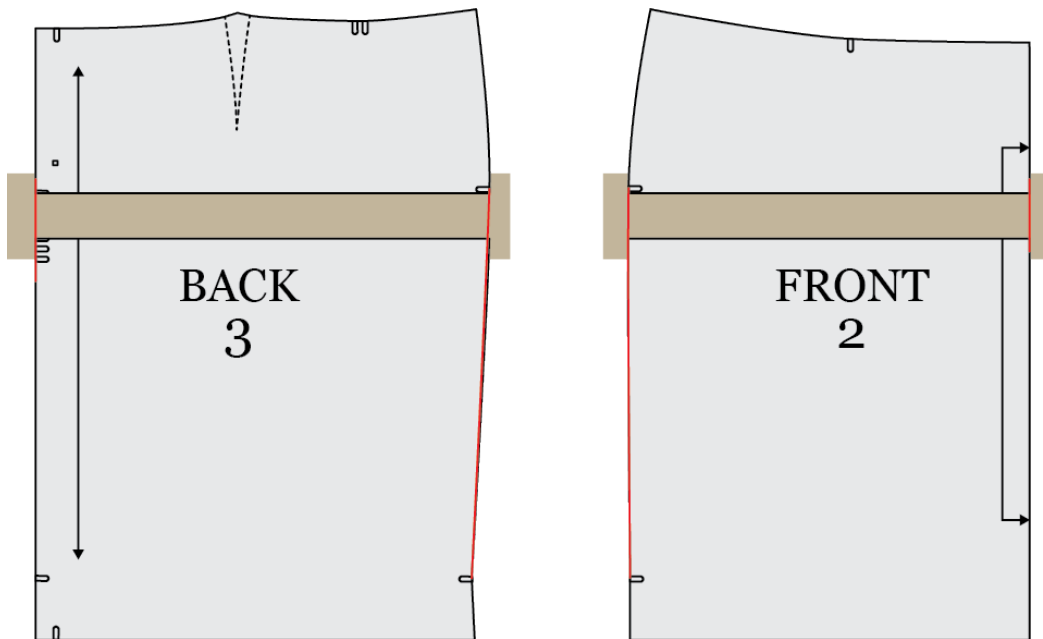
Cut along the lines you drew to separate the top half of the skirt from the bottom half. Put a piece of paper behind the pattern and spread the pattern sections by the amount you would

like to add to your skirt. Make sure you keep the CB and CF lines absolutely straight! The pattern will be distorted if you don't.

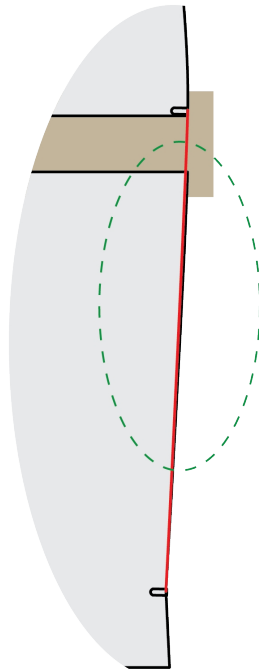


STEP THREE:

Starting at the hip line notch, redraw the outer edges of the pattern at center front, side seams, and center back, meeting the original pattern at the hemline notch. Be sure to keep all the lines nice and smooth. Again, make sure the center front and center back lines are absolutely straight.



Depending on how much you lengthened your skirt it may need to snip off a bit of the original pattern below the hip to make sure the line remains smooth.



STEP FOUR:

Finish off your pattern correction by cutting off the excess paper following your new cutting line. Your pattern is now ready to use!

