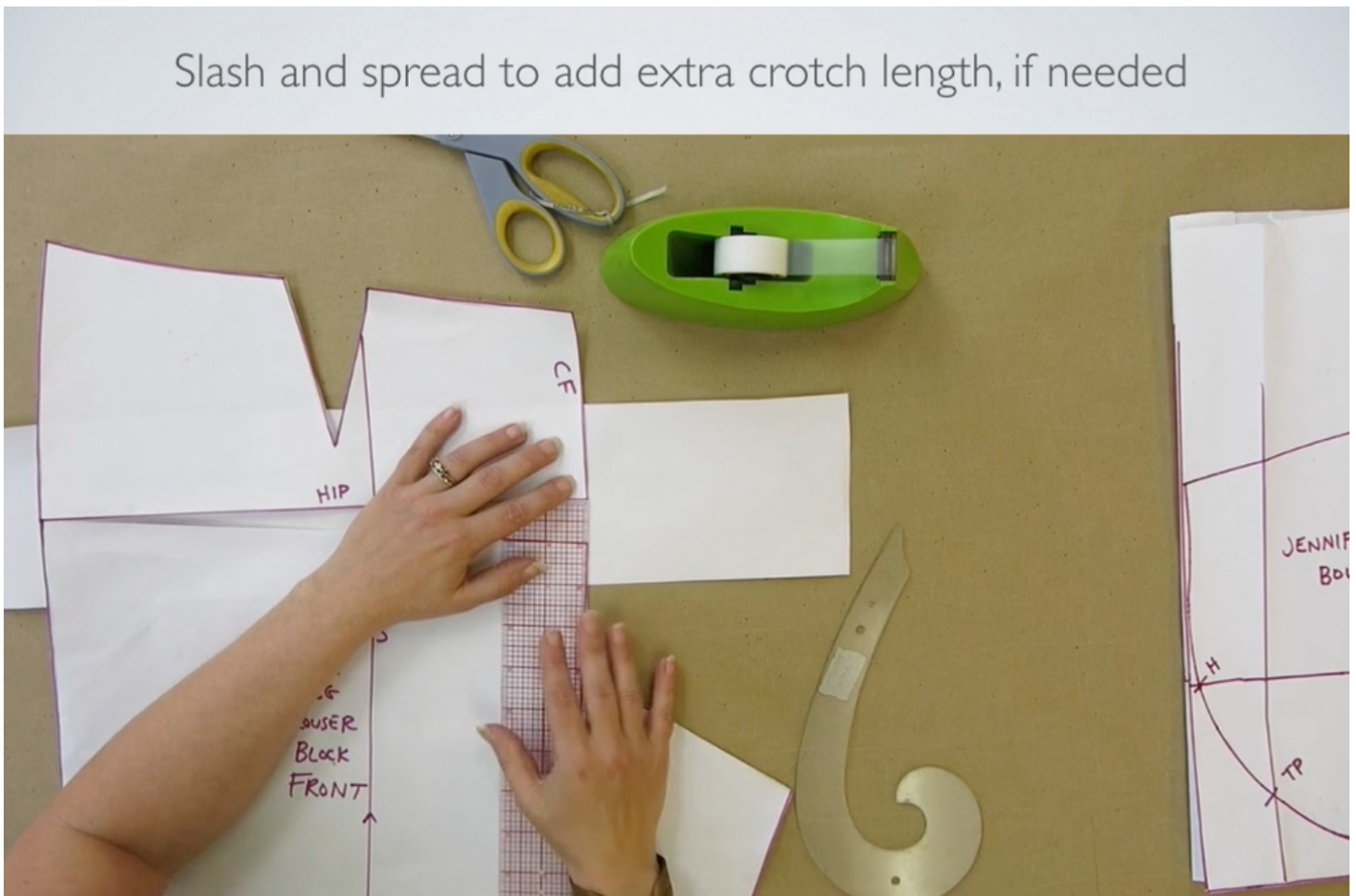


Alternate placement for those needing to slash and spread after truing your bowl (SP8 @ 17:15):

In the video “Wide Leg Pants Drafting pt. 2”, one of the final steps is to true the front of the bowl with the front crotch curve. If the curve of the bowl is longer than the curve of the pants draft, you need to slash and spread.

In the video, I suggest slashing the hipline like you see here...

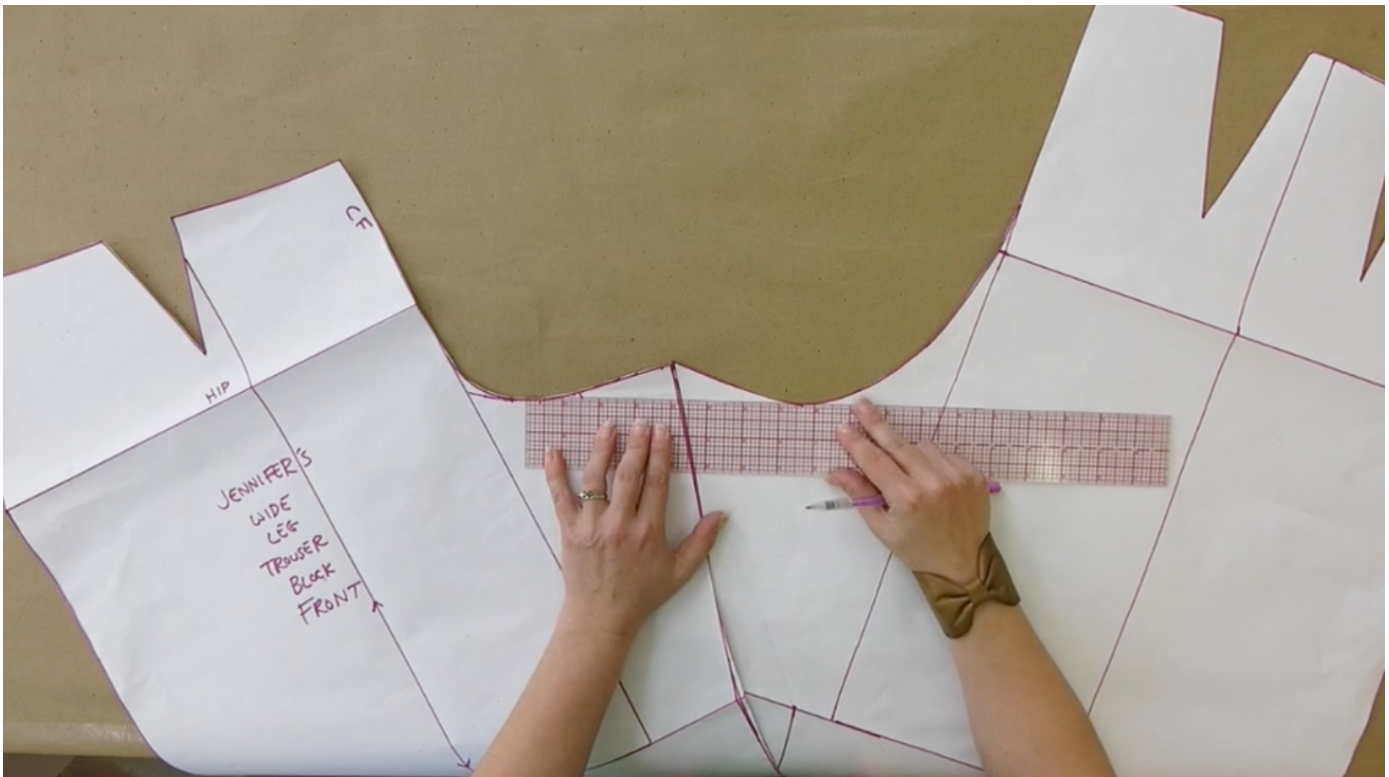


...but another placement might work even better.

Theory behind adding at the hipline:

The theory behind slashing open the hipline was that the length was lost from the belly area when we eliminated the extra fabric using the turn point. Adding length and fabric in this area would give the draft enough room to follow the curve under the belly.

But what if the length was actually lost when truing the crotch curve?



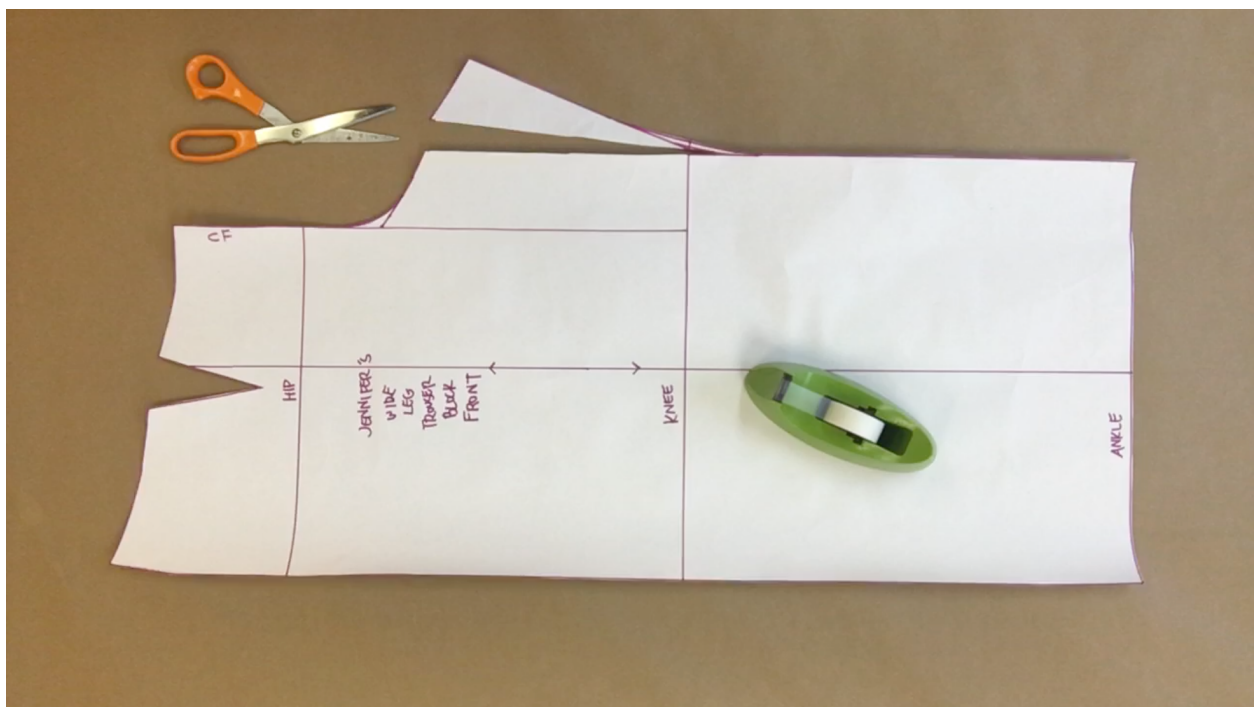
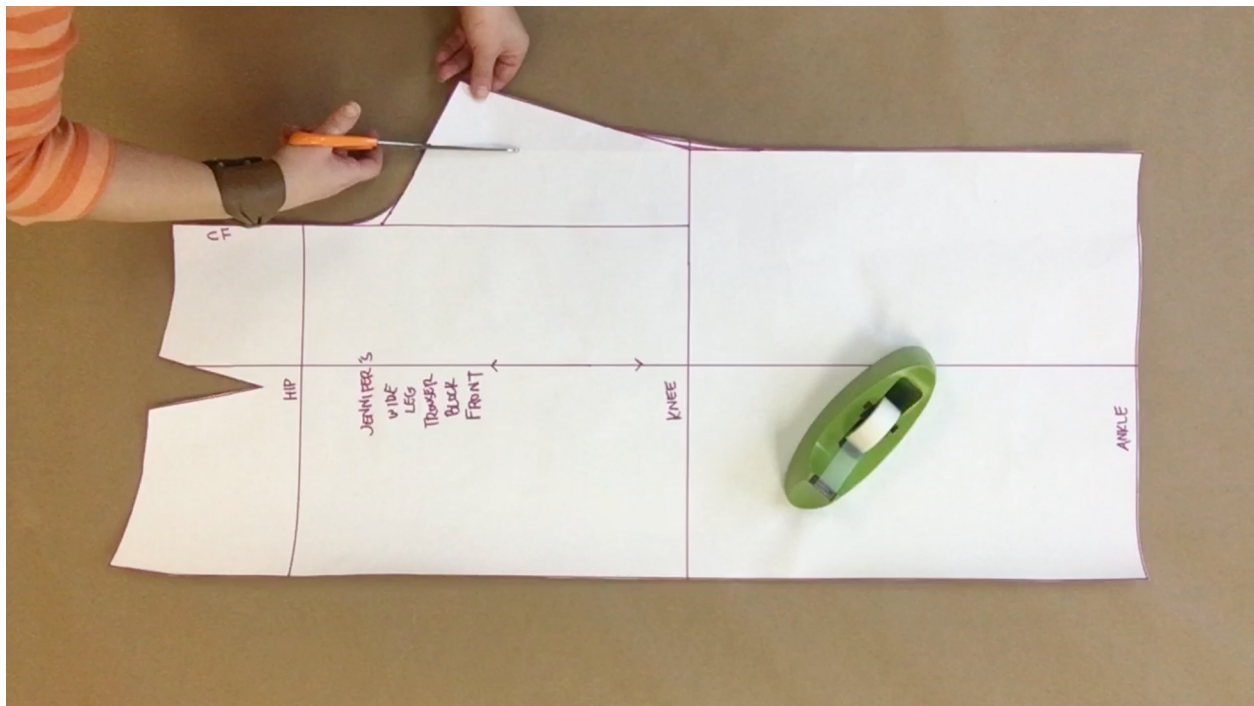
Theory behind adding below the crotch curve:

When I trued Jennifer's crotch curve, I removed a rather large peak at the inseam. This stole length from the crotch seam much lower than the hip line. Slashing and spreading in the area where the length was lost could lead to an even better fit!

Slashing and Spreading from Crotch to Knee

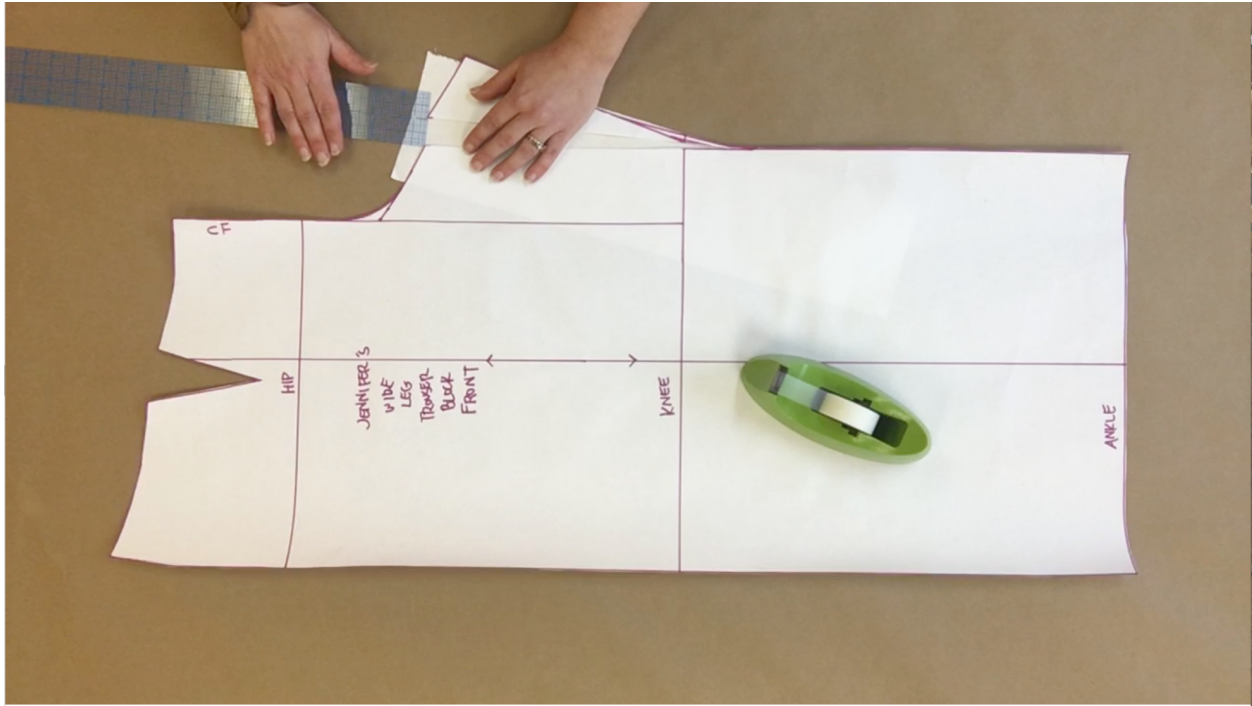
Consider slashing and spreading from crotch to knee, instead of at the hip line!

There should already be a fold on your draft from the knee area straight up to your crotch curve. Slash along this fold line leaving a hinge of paper near the knee.

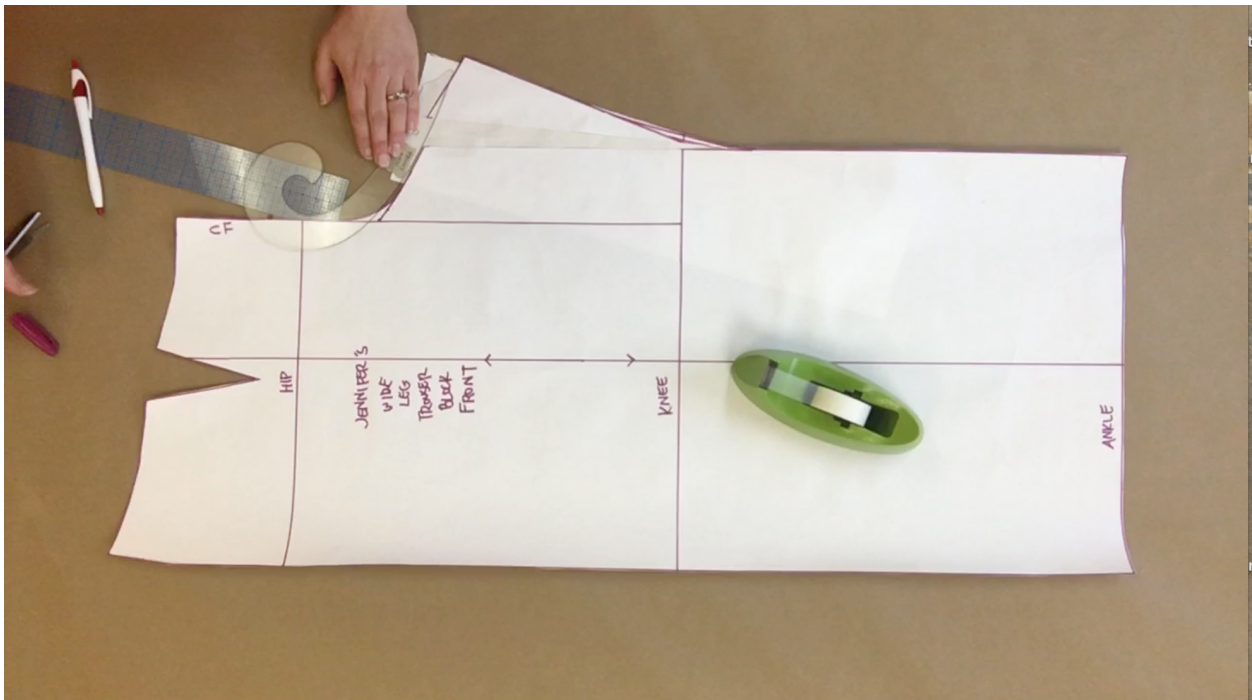


Bowl Truing Tips

Spread open the crotch to match the amount needed and tape scrap paper to fill the void.

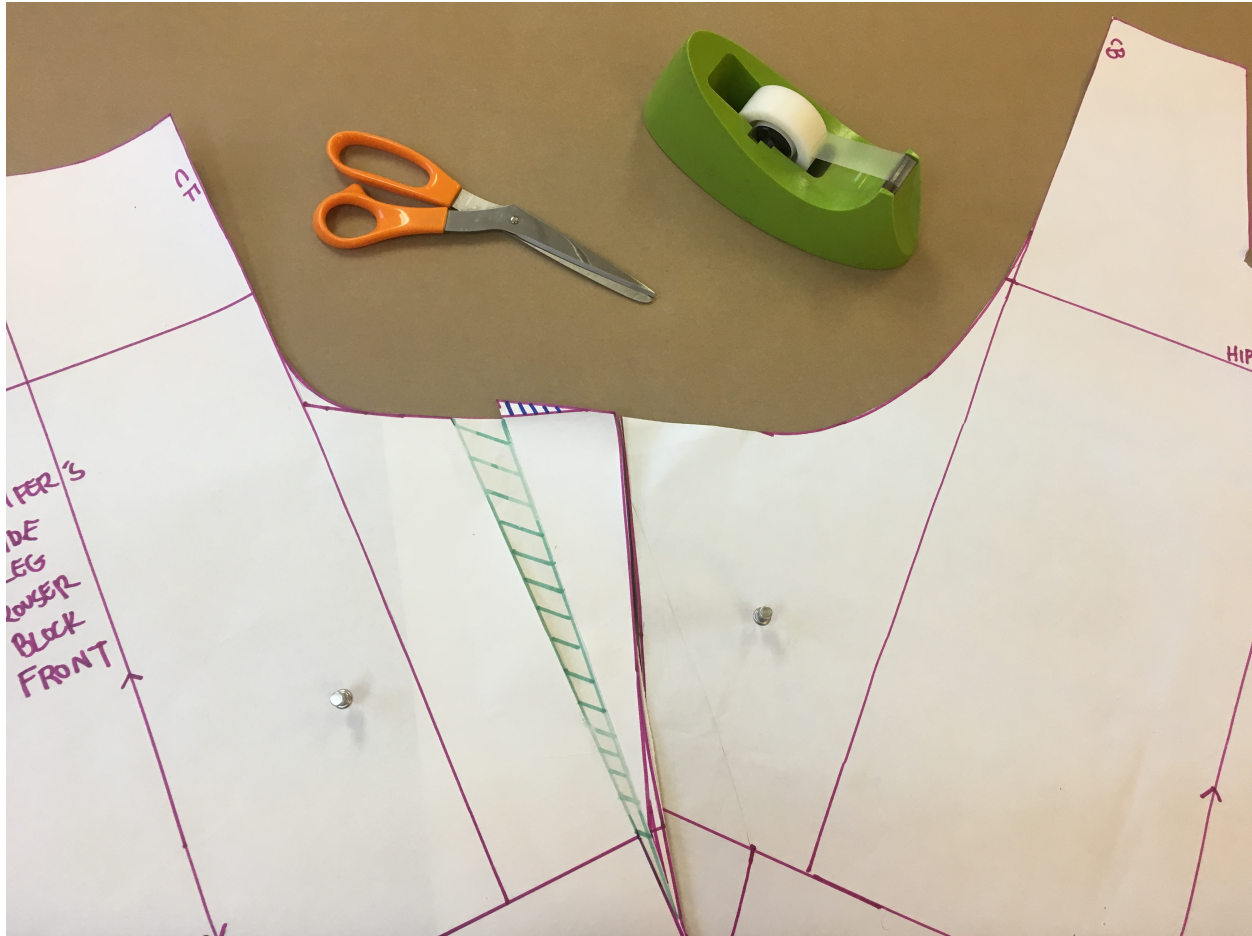


Draft, blend, and trim the paper using the new lines.



Bowl Truing Tips

Since you've changed the line, you must true the front draft with the back draft again, blending any new dips or peaks.



In this example, the hipline was left intact. The green portion was added to give the crotch seam length needed to match Jennifer's bowl and the tiny blue portion will be removed to make her crotch seam blend into a smooth line once the inseams are sewn.

Looking good!

Consider giving this a try instead of following the video instructions. Or maybe divide the lost length, adding a little here and a little there!

Do we need to do the same for the back?

In the videos, you'll notice that I did not true the back of the bowl to the back of the draft. Before considering the theory that the length was lost when truing the crotch, I did not see any reason to true the back. In my mind, the front needed trueing because we changed the line when using the turn point in order to have the pants cup under the belly instead of falling straight down like a skirt. In the back of trousers, there is no turn point and we do want the fabric to fall straight down off the bum like a skirt. In my mind, the backs would already be true when following the drafting process and that slashing and spreading at the back hip would only distort the already tried-and-true fit of the skirt block.

But slashing and spreading crotch to knee solves these worries!

So **yes**, go ahead and try this process for the back! If you find that the length of the back half of your bowl is longer than the length of the back crotch seam of your draft, slash and spread from crotch to knee.

Benefits of slashing and spreading from crotch to knee

1. It keeps the already tried-and-true skirt block portions of the block intact.
2. It keeps the CF and CB straight and on grain which can make adding closures in these areas easier.
3. It has the potential to keep the side seams from tipping.
4. It gives a little more “breathing room” in the lower crotch.

Can you think of more benefits to using this method?
Did you make any new drafting discoveries?