

### **More tips for getting your skirt block ready for Smarty Pants:**

**Don't rush:** The success of your trouser block will depend on the success of your skirt block (and the success of your jeans block will depend on the success of your trouser block). While you may be much more excited about starting pants than going back to skirts, the extra prep now could save you from having to start over later.

*Find links to the Skirt Skills Fitting Checklist and Skirt Skills Measuring Guide in the links underneath this document. Unsure if your skirt work is ready for pants? Share your work with me to double check!*

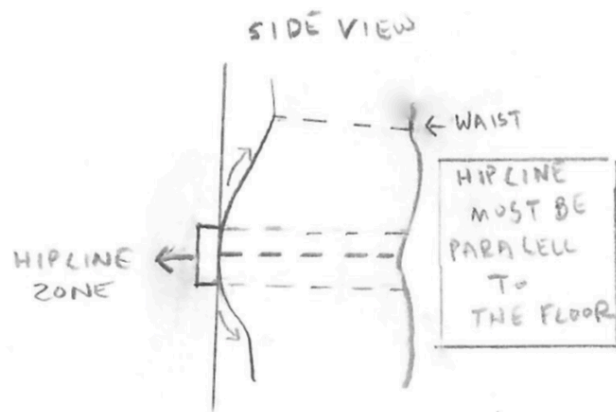
**Take Photos:** Even if you decide not to ask for feedback now, if you go ahead and take photos of your paper skirt block and yourself while wearing your skirt block mockup, you'll already have those ready when/if you need/want to ask for feedback later on your pants.

**Level hipline:** My trouser and jeans drafting systems assume that your well-fitting skirt block's hip line is level and parallel to the floor while you are standing in a natural relaxed position. If your skirt block's hipline is not level and parallel to the floor, your pants blocks (and your experience creating them) will be compromised. Working through this puzzle before moving forward, could really pay off!

## Extra Skirt Prep

**Hipline zone:** If your skirt block's hipline sits above or below the fullest part of your bum, it will be important to lower or raise it into 'the hipline zone'. We will be using the skirt block for our fit above this line and adding the curve of our crotches below this line. Since the hipline is mostly a "horizontal balance line", you can simply redraw it higher or lower on your paper block and retrace the new-and-improved line onto your block mockup. This will not change the fit - just the line.

*This graphic is from the Skirt Skills Measuring Guide.*



**Balanced side seam:** We know that the side seam needs to be straight and perpendicular to the floor, but also check that it doesn't seem off-balance, either too far forward or backward.

This tip leads me to something I'm very interested in testing during this beta session.... Click over to the **BETA INQUIRY: Balancing the Skirt Block** document to learn more!

**Let me know if you have any other skirt tips or questions!**