



Sew 'n' Sew

YOUR SEWING RESOURCE

One Step At A Time

Any of your favorite pants can easily be altered to a slim width, even down to 13-inches.

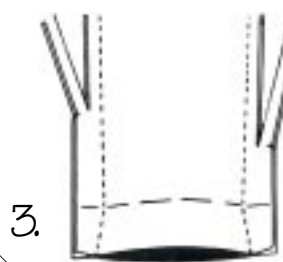
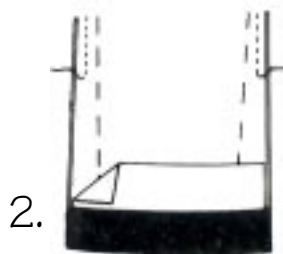
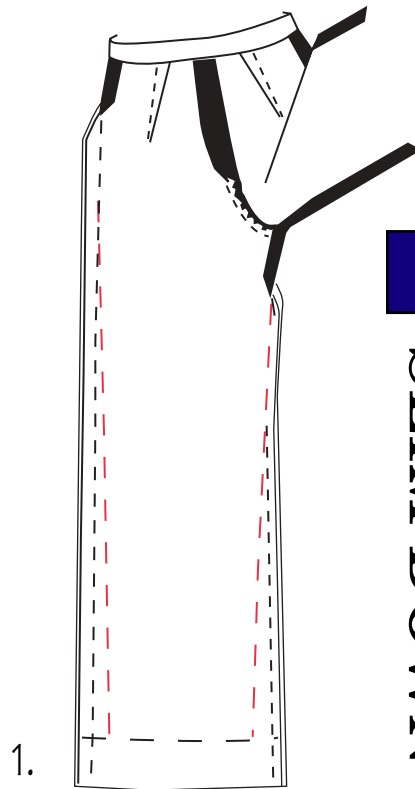
First, measure your thigh, knee and calf areas, allowing at least 1 to 2-inches ease at each of these points.

After determining the new narrower width desired, turn pants inside out and mark the hip point on the outer seam or where the pant naturally falls in line with the rest of the pant (if there are pockets, pick the point on the hip below the pocket which is most comfortable).

On the inner leg seam pick the point that feels comfortable to you. Open up the bottom hem and let out side seams to hemline. From these points, use a yardstick to mark a straight line from the hip and inside leg seam to the point of new hemline width (but not down to the bottom edge; see Illustration 1). The inner and outer seams must be taken in equally at the hemline to maintain the balance and crease of the pant. A 20-inch pant narrowed to a 16-inch width will be marked in 1-inch at each side of the hemline on both the front and back sections. Pin the pants along markings (to hemline only), baste, and try on for fit. Adjust accordingly and open former leg seams.

To ensure a smooth, unpuckered hem, fold up each hem allowance separately and mark the cut edge at the point of new seam width. (Illustration 2).

Mark the new seamline between the hemline and cut edge and baste. (Illustration 3). Stitch seams together along basting line, trim edges to $\frac{5}{8}$ -inch seam allowance and press seams open. Turn up hem and blindstitch.



SLIM DOWN PANTS