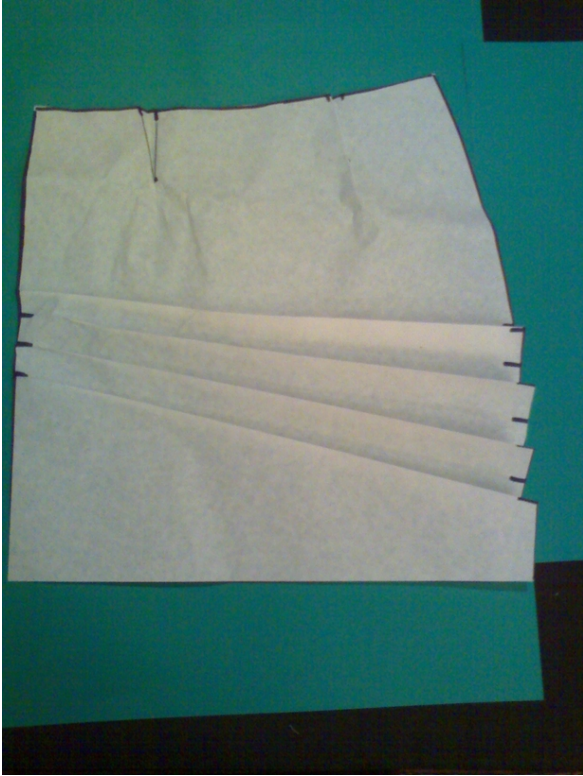


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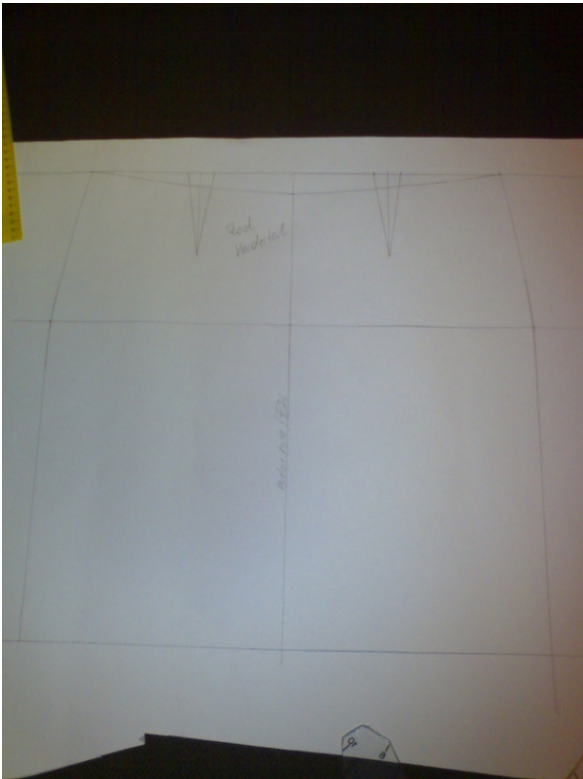
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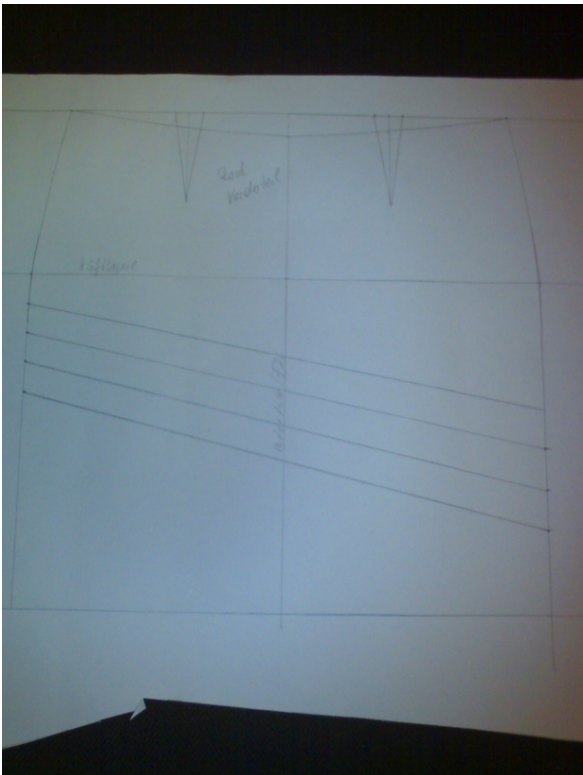
Every pattern can be changed into a draped pattern with little extra fancy details. As You know how easy this works, You can start changing every pattern to the up to date draped Style.

Step 1 — Basic pattern for asymmetrical or draped Styles



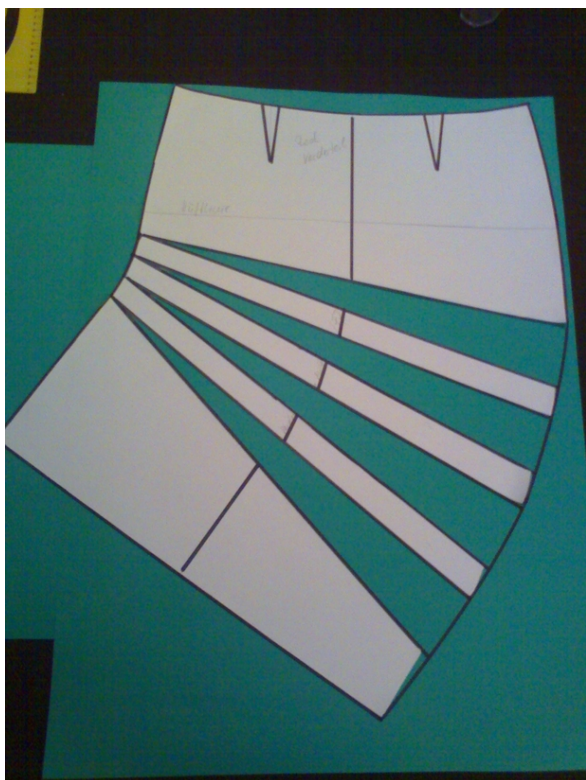
You will need both sides of the pattern if You want to add some asymmetrical details such as draping. Copy Your skirt pattern mirror-invert on a piece of paper so that You have a good overview on the whole skirtfont.

Step 2 — Change Details



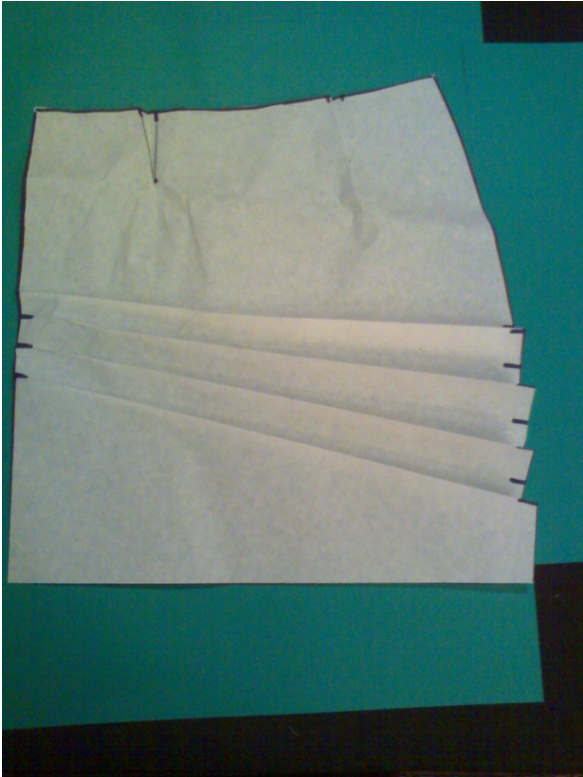
Now You draw every change You want to make on Your paper-pattern. Use a long ruler if You want to design long pleats from side to side as in the example. Carefully measure over the body where the position of Your changes will be on Your garment when wearing. Design all details You want and prepare glue, scissors and another piece of paper.

Step 3 — Now Cut And Glue



Now You cut along the designed pleats and glue the pieces carefully to a new sheet of paper. if You have designed asymmetrical pleats as in the example, You can stop cutting 1-2mm bevor the end of paper; than You will have only one piece to stick and You don't need to number Your several parts. While sticking the pattern to the paper you create the space the pleat will take, simply measure from corner to corner how many cm You want to set in.

Step 4 — Bias Draping



Try Your design on a paper - model. You will see the finished shape and design and also, where changes have to be done. While sewing Your skirt and the pleats You will now experience bias-draping, because of the angular pleating. The pleats move to weave-directions but not to Your designed style or they hang lose so that it seems Your work has been for nothing. Carefully baste each pleat before You fix it or You can either topstitch to fix it. If Your fabric is light and has no stand I would recommend doing so. If it has some stand You can fix the pleats with edgestitching or some handbaste stitches over the whole length. While ironing bias-drapings be careful not to tear the fabric because it will lose its form and all Your notches and lines won't fit together anymore. Just move up and down the iron to press the pleats gracefully. Good luck!

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