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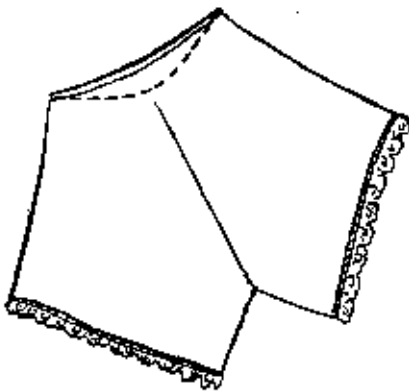
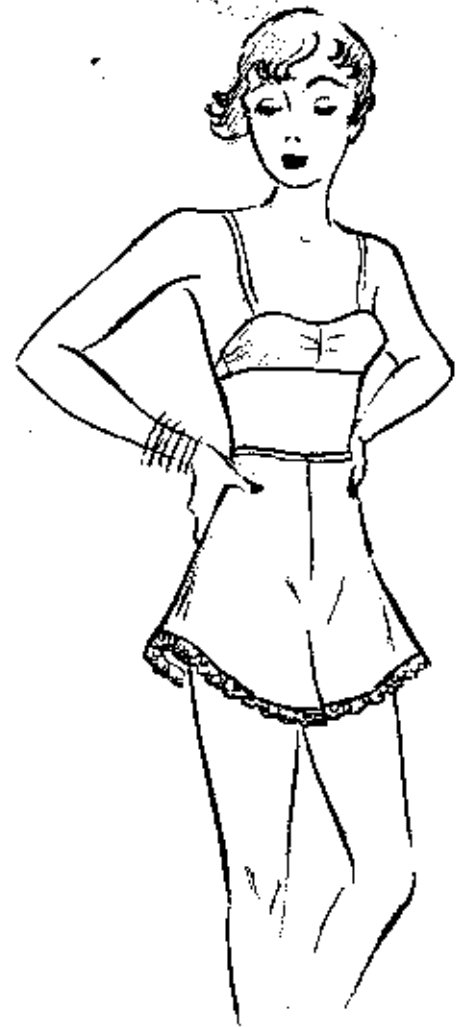
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What this country needs is the before-hand clothing teacher who will have fun this vacation time if she will list the sewing practices that will be required of her Fall students, then find the smartest garments in the fashion, on which these practices can be done. She will while away the hours which will be truly golden, making these garments for her illustrative material.

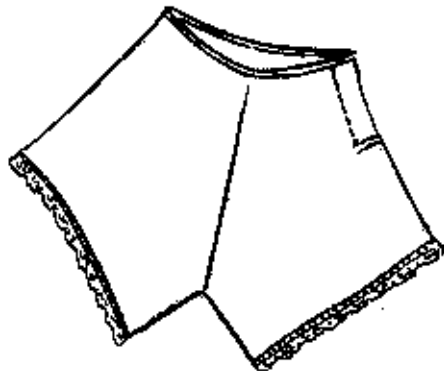
A valuable introductory clothing problem for the new class is panties, and enclosed is a pattern of the favorite skimpie fashion.

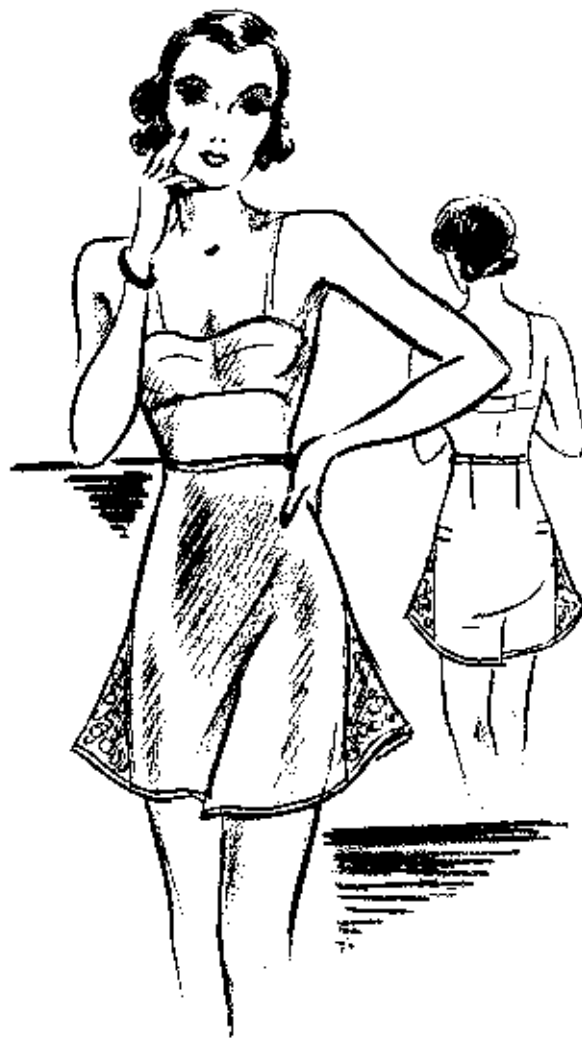
The fabric may be cotton, wash silk, pongee or synthetic cloth. The style should be simple and tailored.



Among the sewing practices taught in making these panties are:

1. Correct grain of the cloth for the laying on of the pattern.
2. Cutting and fitting the garment.
3. French seams used for underwear.
4. Plain placket (see December, 1931 Service).
5. Staying with facing at waistline.
6. Finishing the hemline with lace edging, with bias binding, with rose-petal or "shell" edge.





### SMART PANTIES FOR MOTHER OR DAUGHTER

That panties shall be skimpy, fit like a glove, be French in fashion, and at the same time be comfortable, is the law. Outside garments of the present close-fitted styles literally and shamelessly X-ray to the skin. First things first, is the order for the well-dressed woman. When women and girls appreciate this, the outside coverings will take care of themselves.

We offer this lesson which may be dictated to the class for the making of a pattern or for cutting the cloth without a pattern. The teacher will test it both ways to determine which plan is better adapted to her grade of students. She will, of course, make an attractive model for herself, to show the class before she presents the lesson.

Point-by-Point Procedure for Cutting and Making Smart Panties for Mother or Daughter:

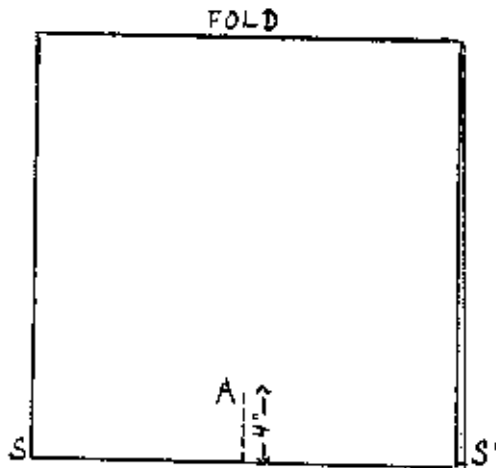


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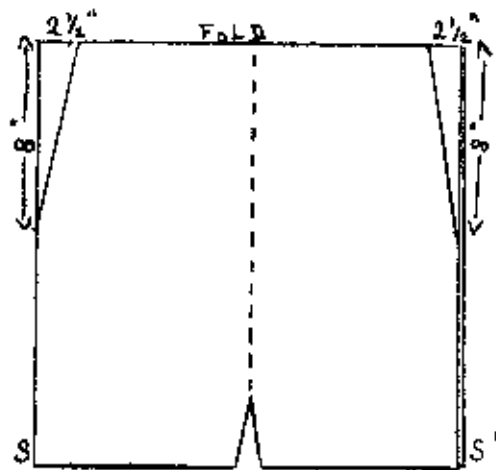


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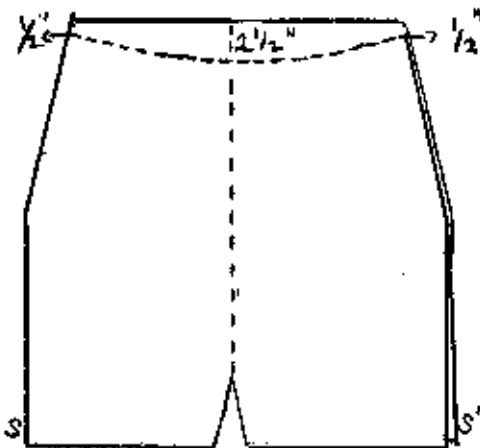


figure 3.

1. Measure around the hips.
2. Provide a piece of paper or material  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " longer than half this measurement. (For 38" hips, 19" plus  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " would be required.)
3. Fold the material so the selvages lie on top of each other (fig. 1, S to S'). These will finally be at the hemline of the panties.
4. Mark these selvages and cut 4" upward on a thread of the cloth through both folds of the material (shown at A in fig. 1).
5. Measure 8" downward from the fold on both sides (fig. 2) and mark.
6. Measure  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " inward from the ends of the fold (fig. 2) and mark.
7. Cut, on a slanting line, from the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " to the 8" points indicated to make the shape like figure 3.
8. On both ends of the fold measure downward  $\frac{1}{2}$ " and mark as shown (fig. 3).
9. Measure downward  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " from the middle fold and mark (fig. 3).
10. Cut on a curving line connecting the  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " mark and the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mark through one fold only of the material (fig. 3).
11. The material will now have been cut into two pieces as in figure 4. The front section will curve downward at the waistline as shown. The back sections will curve upward and be 5" longer at the middle of the curve than the front section. The ends of the back section will be 1" longer than the ends of the front section.
12. Pin together the corresponding ends (A and A') at the waistline of both sections as shown in figure 5.
13. Pin together the corresponding ends of the selvages (S and S').

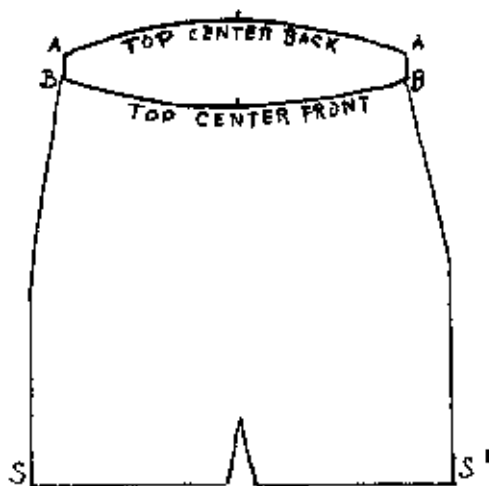


figure 4.

14. Measure upward 9" from S and S' (fig. 5) and pin both sections of the panties together at these points.

15. The top part of the back, from A to B and A' to B', will now be longer than the corresponding top part of the front section. This fullness should be taken up by horizontal darts above B and B' (fig. 5).

16. Cut a straight strip of the material 5" wide and 8" long to use for the crotch shown by ABC in figure 6.

17. Join one 8" edge of this strip to the front section. Begin at A and join up to B, the end of the slit, then continue on to the second end of the slit C, as shown by the joining A, B, C in figure 6.

18. In the same way join the second 8" side of the piece of material to the edges of the slit on the back section of the panties.

19. Insert the godets, shown in figures 5 and 6, on the sides of the panties. Cut, on threads of the fabric, a 9" square of the material or of all-over lace. Fold this square on a diagonal, corner to corner, and cut to make two equal triangles.

20. Join the 9" straight sides of the triangles to the separate edges of each side of the panties (B to S and B' to S', fig. 5).

21. Finish, around the narrow hemline, with a narrow bias binding or a rolled hem and trimming.

22. Make a plain placket on the left seam from the top of the panties.

23. If the waistline is too large, take up the slack with one or two darts made downward from the top of the back (fig. 5).

24. Finish the waistline with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " facing cut on the straight of the fabric.

25. Fasten with buttons and button-holes, buttons and loops, or snaps, as fits the class problem.

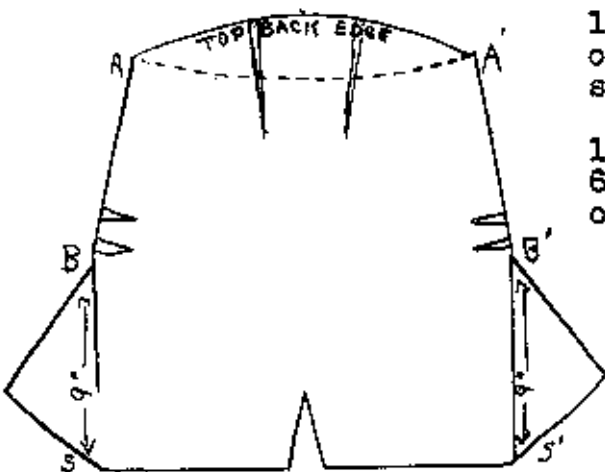


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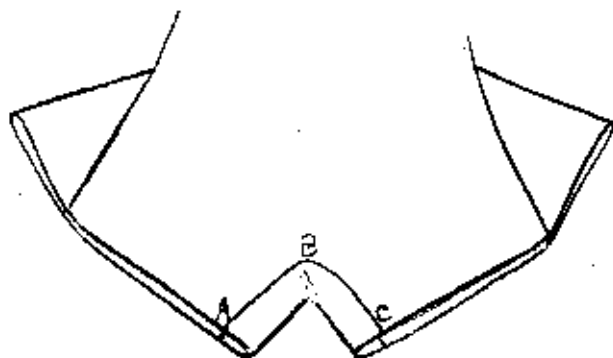


figure 6.