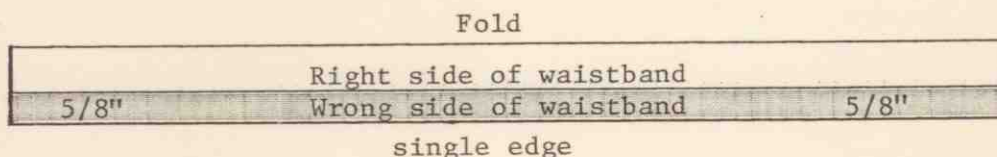
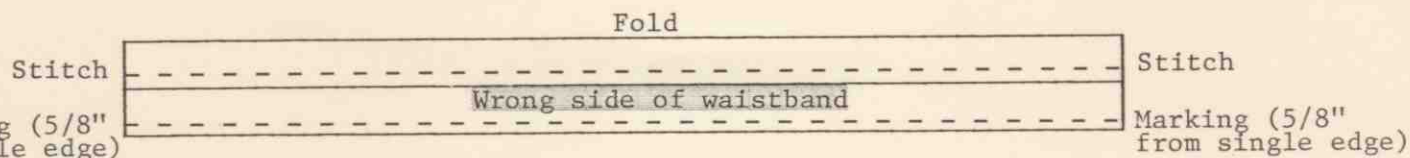
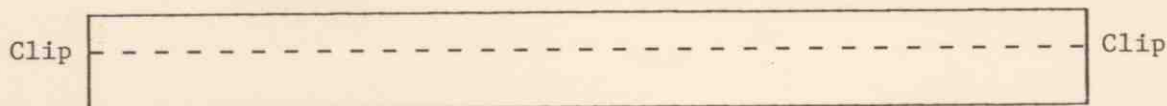


TRIPLE FOLD WAISTBAND
FOR LIGHTWEIGHT FABRICS ONLY

Fabric Length: Waistline measurement plus 6 inches, preferably on lengthwise grain.

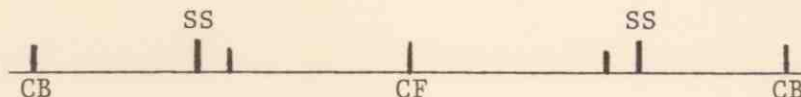
Fabric Width: 4 inches.

Divide lengthwise into three equal parts and clip fold at each end. Fold wrong sides together at each end of one set of clips and press this one fold. Stitch together at 1/8" from the cut edge. You now have a folded side and a single side. On the single edge, chalk mark a line 5/8" from the cut edge. Turn folded edge down to chalk mark line and press this new fold.



WAISTLINE TAPE--WOVEN FABRICS

To determine correct markings on all waistbands applied, mark a piece of stabilized seam binding the size of your waistline, and mark center of these two markings. Establish a center front and a center back. Now fold tape in four equal parts and mark temporary side seams by "creasing" seam binding. Move the side seam marking toward center back on each side by approximately 1/2" or more as may be necessary for the figure and establish YOUR side seam. This permanent information should be used on all waistbands, regardless of the style or place of opening, for WOVEN fabrics. This is your permanent waistband pattern, used to correctly mark all waistband styles except elastic.



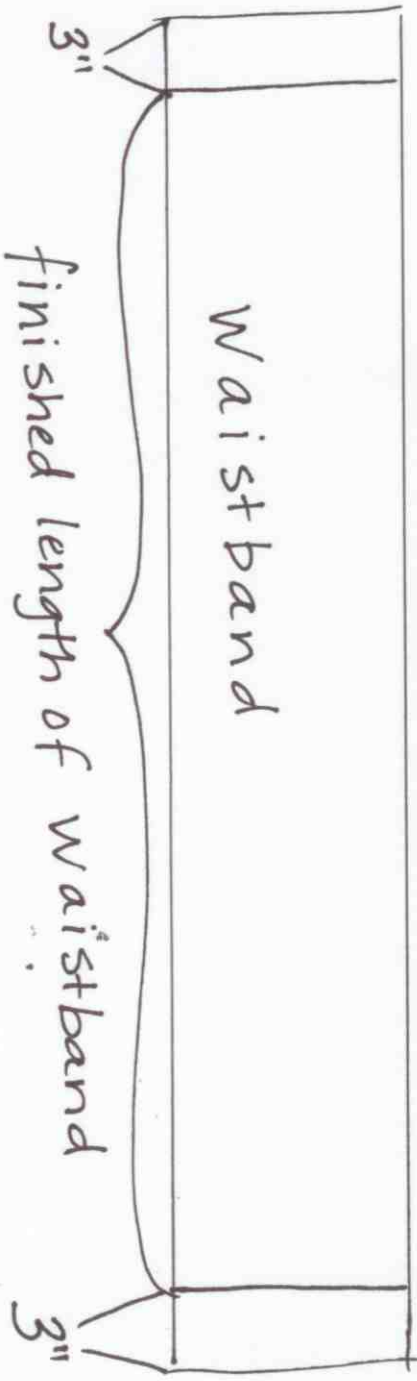
After making your waistline tape, transfer markings onto waistband so that opening is at left side seam. When transferring markings, work with wrong side of waistband up, cut edge away from you, and make markings on the wrong side of the waistband at the cut edge. Apply right side of single edge of waistband to wrong side of skirt, pinning waistband to skirt at appropriate markings (side seams, center front, and center back). Stitch waistband to skirt at 5/8", with waistband up and skirt down, easing garment into waistband. Turn remainder of waistband upward and press at the line of stitching only, being careful not to remove fold in waistband. Press from wrong side of skirt.

You must now finish off the left front side of the waistband by folding waistband RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER (make sure that the 5/8" seam allowance is turned up when you do this) and stitching together close to the side seam back and forth several times. Slash fold to open the seam up so that you can press on a point presser. After pressing, trim seam close to line of stitching and turn to right side. As you do this, bring waistband up and over cut edge of top of skirt.

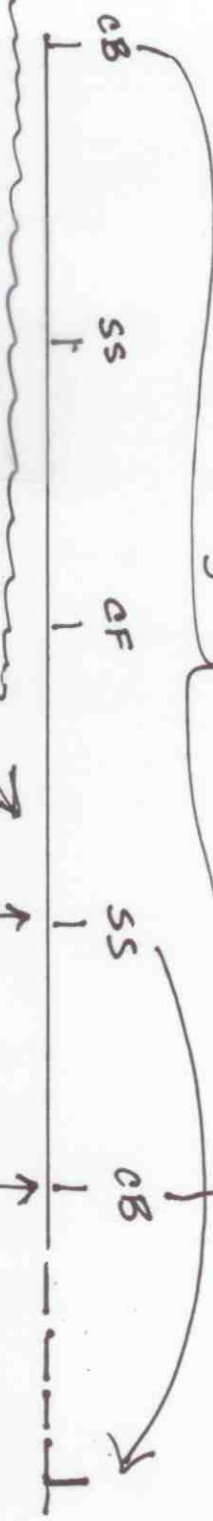
Starting at left front of skirt (the finished end of the waistband), top stitch waistband into place so that it just covers the 5/8" stitching line. (You will be working with the bulk of your fabric to the inside of your machine.) If you have done all of the steps correctly, the waistband will naturally sit right in position for you to stitch. Stitch all the way off the other end of the waistband.

When you have finished topstitching the waistband into place, finish off left back side of waistband by stitching back and forth a few times, at about 1-2" from the side seam (so that you have a 1 or 2" "tail" extending beyond the left back side seam). Trim off excess close to line of stitching. Attach hook and eye.

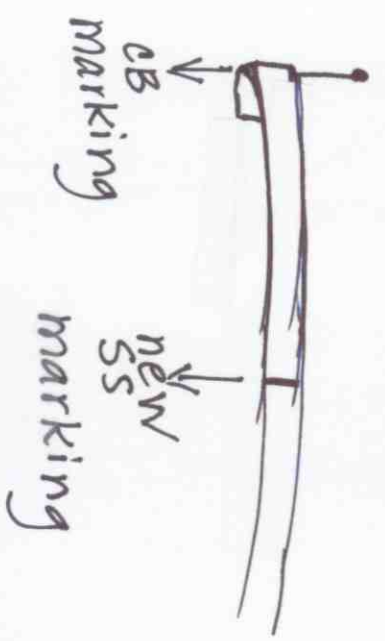
You are now ready to stitch hems.



original tape



up + over pin



pick up SS marking and bring to other side of pin. mark waistband w/ SS marking

place pin on tape here, then

NOT TO SCALE