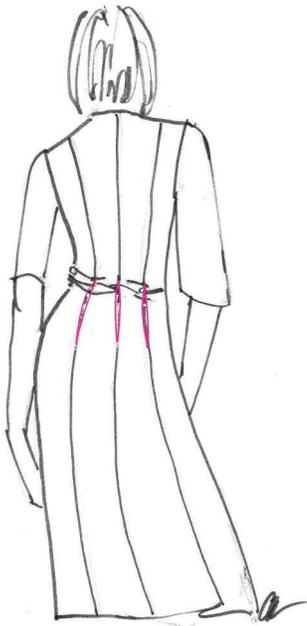
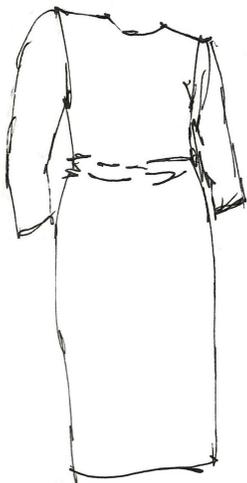


This looks totally logical and really fairly straight forward. But this alteration actually creates way more work for this wrinkle problem and it doesn't really solve the problem. So what *is* the problem?



What is actually going on here is easy to see, if you pull down the top of the garment, over the hip area till the waist is smooth, you can clearly see or feel that the garment is too tight right below the waist - and here's the giveaway: it's only tight around the back. In the front there is actually extra fabric. But when the girth measurement is too small, the garment will always seek a place where the girth is smaller. This is what's happening in back, so that instead of the whole waist having a wrinkle (and therefore being too small around the upper hip, just below the waist), in the sway back figure, the wrinkle is only in the back.

So let's talk about this for a minute cause there are some serious clues here that the garment is giving us and will tell us what to do.



When the garment is too tight all the way around the waist, causing wrinkles all the way around the waist, this means that the area just below the waist is too tight. The garment is *looking for a smaller place to rest* and that means if you release that area just below the waist it will fall smoothly around the body.

The alteration used to cure this problem is totally different than the sway back alteration, but it's based on the same principle - solving the problem of creeping wrinkles. These are wrinkles that creep but when pulled down look OK, but creep back up. This is the fabric telling you that where you want the wrinkles to go is too small. If you release the fabric to provide more fabric, it will fall smoothing around that area. Then it will rest like the illustration below right.

When the garment is tight only in a certain spot, then the whole circumference or girth measurement is not too tight, only part of it. This is one of the clear ways to tell how to alter this problem. Garments and fabric will always rest where the girth is smaller, and that's the clue you can use to alter these garments so that they will fall smoothly around the body.

Here the technique to cure this is completely different and that's what we're going to do next.

