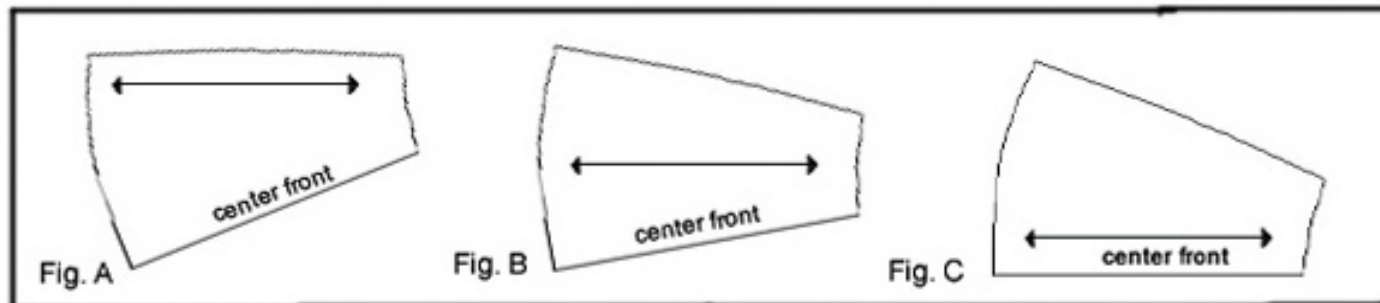


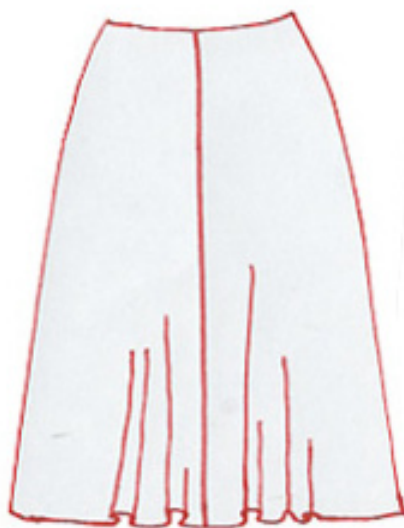
What's Grain Got to Do With It?

On a flared skirt, the grain is usually placed in the vertical, or lengthwise direction. Grain is used by designers to create certain intentional effects, as with stripes, border designs, or to create a stiffer drape.

The following illustrations show the three different lengthwise grain positions and the effect on skirt drape.



With the grain at the side seam, the fullness hangs CF.



A grainline in the center of the gore produces the appearance of evenly distributed flare.



A CF grainline produces flare at the side seam.

