

Common Tailoring Terms

Shorten hem pants, slacks, dresses, skirts	Garment made shorter
Shorten hem – save fabric	Return fabric with garment
Shorten pants/slacks with cuff	A hem with an outer cuff
Jeans - (one option)	Garment made shorter-same style hem
Jeans – (2nd option)	Garment made shorter by re-attaching
	original hem not to lose the look
Lengthen	Garment made longer.
Lengthen false hem	Making garment as long as possible.
Lengthen with cuff	Making longer with an outer cuff Quite often the old hemline will be evident.
Tapering	Legs of slacks/pants are made tighter
Waist – let in	To make tighter
Waist – let out	To make larger
Zipper	Replace zipper
Sleeves – shorten	Make sleeves shorter
Sleeves – lengthen	Make sleeves longer – Quite often the old hemline will be evident
New crotch	Fabric patched to reinforce crotch