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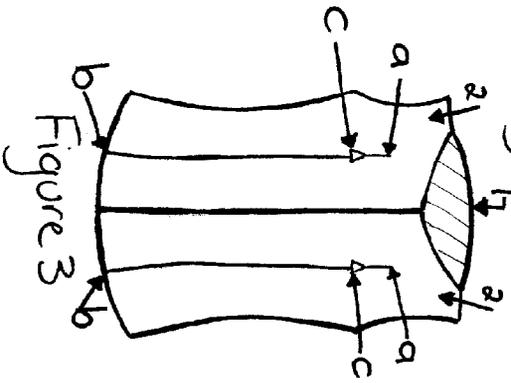
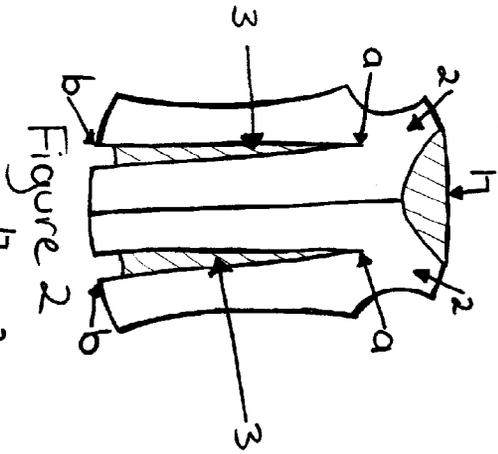
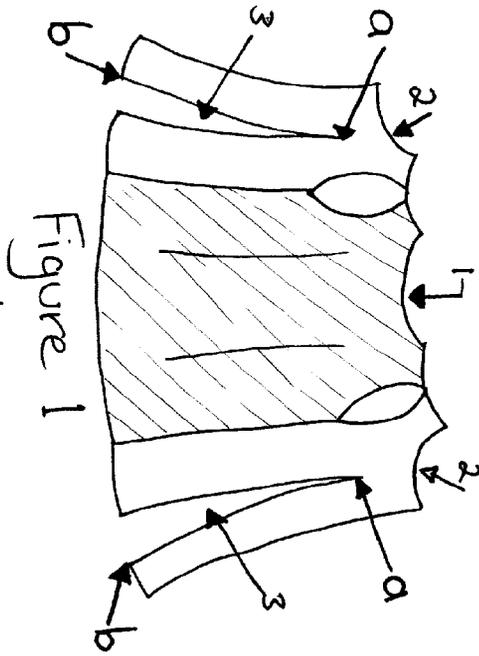
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Abstract

The breast feeding garment comprises two closeable openings (3) in the front of the garment to provide access for breastfeeding. The closeable openings (3) form part of the front seams of which start above each breast (a) and finish at the bottom of the garment (b). The garment can be a shirt, blouse or dress, or any type of garment that can be worn on the upper part of the body.



Description

This invention relates to a garment of clothing which allows a mother to breastfeed without the need to lift up her top or other item of clothing worn on her upper body and thereby exposing her stomach, waist and/or back or pulling down her top or other item of clothing worn on her upper body and thereby exposing the upper sections of her body and/or breasts.

This garment is designed not only for the mother who is at home or out during the breastfeeding months/years but also for the mums who may need to return to work but wish to continue breastfeeding and/or expressing throughout their working day. The garment is designed to allow the convenience of easy access to the breast whilst looking like any stylish women's item of clothing worn on the upper part of the body.

The greatest benefit is the comfort for mothers who can breastfeed in public without exposing themselves to unwanted stares and/or the elements, and for those who feel modest about feeding in public places especially around others who are not used to seeing a woman breastfeed her child.

The garment comprises two closeable openings in the front of the garment to provide access for breastfeeding (3). The closeable openings (3) form part of the front seams of which start above each breast (a) and finish at the bottom of the garment (b).

The closeable openings (3) can be fastened with (singularly or a combination of) a variety of devices which could include but are not restricted to: zippers (c), thread, buttons, press-studs, hook & eyes, lacings and Velcro(TM).

The garment can be a shirt, blouse or dress, or any type of garment that can be worn on the upper part of the body. The garment can be sleeved such as, but not restricted to short, cap, three quarter, mid, long/full length or sleeveless. There are no restrictions on the type of material used to produce the garment.

The closeable openings (3) can be made a feature of or concealed by a variety of design details which include, but are not restricted to pocket detail (d), ruffles, lace or buttons.

Claim

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A garment consisting of one back piece (1) and two front pieces (2). The front pieces have an opening (3) that run from the breast bone (a) to the bottom (b) of both pieces. The front pieces (2) can be attached to each other with a variety of devices including, but not restricted to buttons, zippers, Velcro (TM), hook and eyes, press studs and laces.
2. The closeable openings (3) of the garment in claim 1 can be fastened with (singularly or in a combination of) a variety of devices which could include but are not restricted to: zippers (c), thread, buttons, press-studs, hook & eyes, laces and Velcro(TM).
3. Claim 1 can be but is not limited to the following styles: Shirt, blouse or dress or any type of garment worn on the upper part of the body; sleeveless, cap, mid length, three quarter and long/full length (f) sleeves; collared (e), collarless and mandarin collars; cuffless, standard cuffs (g) and french/double cuffs.
4. Claims 1, 2 and 3 can have decorative details consisting of but not limited to: pockets (d), lace, ruffles, patterns, buttons, zippers, tassels, beads, thread and embroidery.
5. Claims 1, 2 and 3 can be produced in but not limited to the following types of fabric: bamboo, cotton, bamboo/cotton, chiffon, lace, jersey, linen, polyester, silk, jacquard, nylon, stretch, ramie, tricot and denim.

