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Gathered elasticated skirts

This tutorial will teach you how to create a gathered skirt with a flat waistband at the front and an elasticated back. No zips required and able to fit all sizes based on your own measurements. Also add on pockets or no pockets. Your choice!!

Seam allowance = 5/8" throughout

Materials required:

100% cotton poplin or quilting cotton 1.5 – 2 metres depending on measurements
3/4" elastic based on measurements below (1/2 metre or less)

Measurements to take/cutting guide:

(All measurements based on full waist measurement in inches)

MY WAIST MEASUREMENT [] inches]

BACK & FRONT SKIRT PANELS (cut x 2) – Full waist measurement + 1.5" (seam allowance) (you can use full width of fabric if using 45" quilting cottons) []

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Desired length + 1.5" hem allowance []

Final panel piece [wide x long]

FRONT WAIST BAND 1/2 waist measurement + 1.5" seam allowance [] x 4.5" wide (cut 1 from fabric & interface)

BACK WAISTBAND (cut x 1) Length same as width of back skirt panel [] x 4.5" wide (cut x 1 from fabric)

ELASTIC 1/2 waist measurement + 1.5" []

POCKETS using pattern piece cut 2 x pairs

Instructions:

- 1) Sew 2-3 rows of gathering stitches into front skirt panel
- 2) Pin to each end of front waistband & centre
- 3) Pull in top or bottom threads to gather fabric into the panel and pin
- 4) Sew at 5/8" securing at either end
- 5) Attached back waistband to back skirt panel
- 6) OPTIONAL Place 1xpair of pockets 3 inches down from top edge onto front panel & Stitch. Press outwards
- 7) OPTIONAL Place 1xpair of pockets 3 inches down from top edge onto back panel & Stitch. Press outwards
- 8) Place front on back RST and sew along the side seam (And around pockets if you have them)
- 9) Turn waistband under by 1/4 "
- 10) Sew down back waistband
- 11) Thread elastic into casing
- 12) Secure elastic in 1 side seam
- 13) Pin in place on opposite side seam and try on
- 14) Alter elastic to fit (it is likely you will need to shorten it)
- 15) Once size determined secure into side seam on opposite side
- 16) Sew down waistband on the front.

Pocket Piece

for optional in-seam pockets



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Cut x4
(2x Pairs)



Grainline