



Ruffled Circle Skirt



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A full circle makes this skirt have the highest twirl factor! The ruffles are part of this design and the elastic band is an easy way to use fun polka dot elastic or solid colors to match the prints. Since this is a FULL circle the biggest size is size 8 which will fit onto standard 42" fabric.

The elastic band can either be from the fabric store where it comes in a few solid colors in any width starting at 3/4" or from several internet shops where you can find it in many colors with polka dots.

TIP: When searching on etsy, go to their "supplies" section and type in "polka dot elastic".

List of required materials:

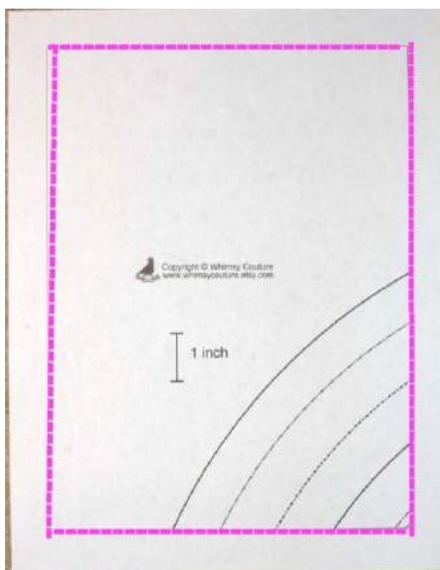
- regular cotton or knit fabric such as premade ruffle fabric, interlock knits, jersey knits etc.,
- Elastic (1-2" wide)
- Sewing machine
- Serger (optional but recommended)
- Pins
- Scissors
- Ruler/measuring tape
- Iron

Seam allowance: 3/8" unless otherwise stated

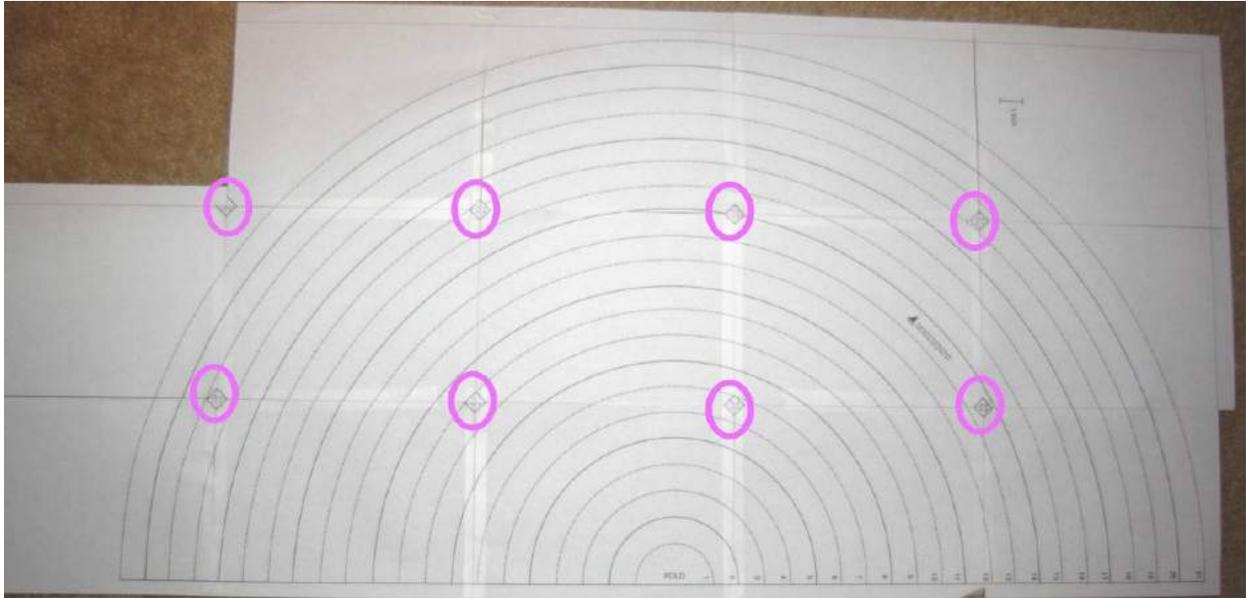
To prepare the templates:

Print without scaling on regular computer paper and double check the 1 inch print scale.

Cut around perimeter of each page, marked with pink dashes:



Piece pages together matching the diamonds in each corner and letters A,B,C,D,E,F,G and H. Tape pieces together without overlapping or leaving gaps:



To select the size you are making check the sizing chart below. It also gives you an approximate skirt length.

Skirt & ruffle fabric cutting measurements :

Size & appr. Skirt Length*	Circle to circle	Yardage based on 42" width	Ruffles –cut strips over entire 42" fabric width	Yardage based on 42" width
3-6m - 7.5"	4-10	2/3	3x 2.5" wide strips	1/4
6-9m - 8"	4-11	2/3	4x 2.5" wide strips	1/3
12-18m -9"	4-12	2/3	4x 2.5" wide strips	1/3
2t -10"	4-13	3/4	4 x 3" wide strips	1/3
3t -12"	4-14	1	4x 3" wide strips	1/3
4t -13"	4-16	1	5x 3" wide strips	0.5
5t -14"	4-17	1	5x 3" wide strips	0.5
6 -15"	4-18	1 1/4	5x 3" wide strips	0.5

7 -16"	5-19	1 1/4	6x 3.5" wide strips	2/3
8 -17"	5-21	1 1/4	6 x 3.5" wide strips	2/3

***NOTE: it is very important to double check the appr. Skirt length in the sizing chart above to make sure it's correct for your wearer.**

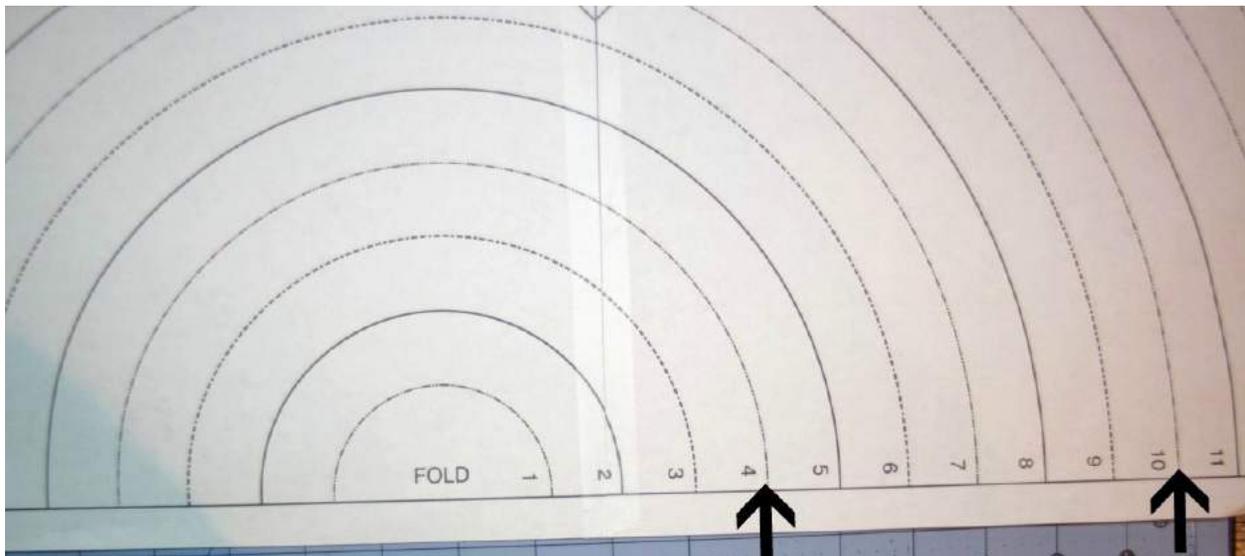
Elastic waist cutting measurements – ¾"-1" wide elastic:

3-6m- 16"	6-9m- 17"	12-18m -17.5"	2t- 18.5"	3t- 20.5"	4t- 21"	5t- 21.5"	6- 22"	7- 23"	8- 24"
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To make this skirt in a specific length, adjust the higher number of circle! The smaller number needs to remain the same.

Below you want to mark the circles according to skirt lengths. Find the measurements in the sizing chart above at the [Circle to circle](#) section.

For my example I marked circle #4 and circle #10 for making a size 3-6m:



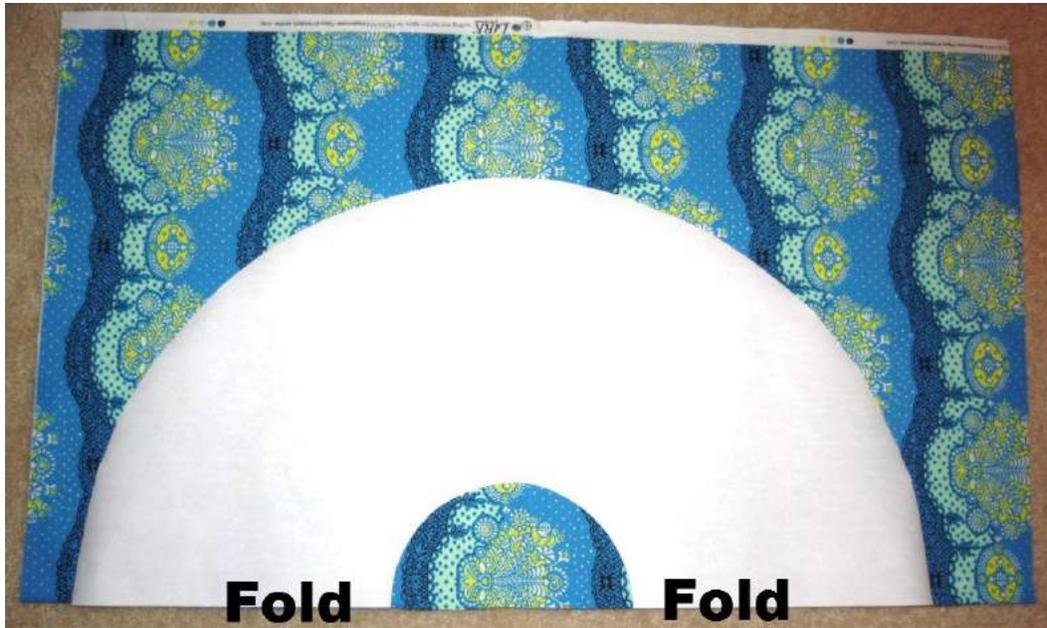
You may trace the taped together pieces onto a larger piece of paper (a poster roll from Office Depot works great), if desired to preserve the other circles.

This should now be your cut out circle (mine is traced on poster paper):

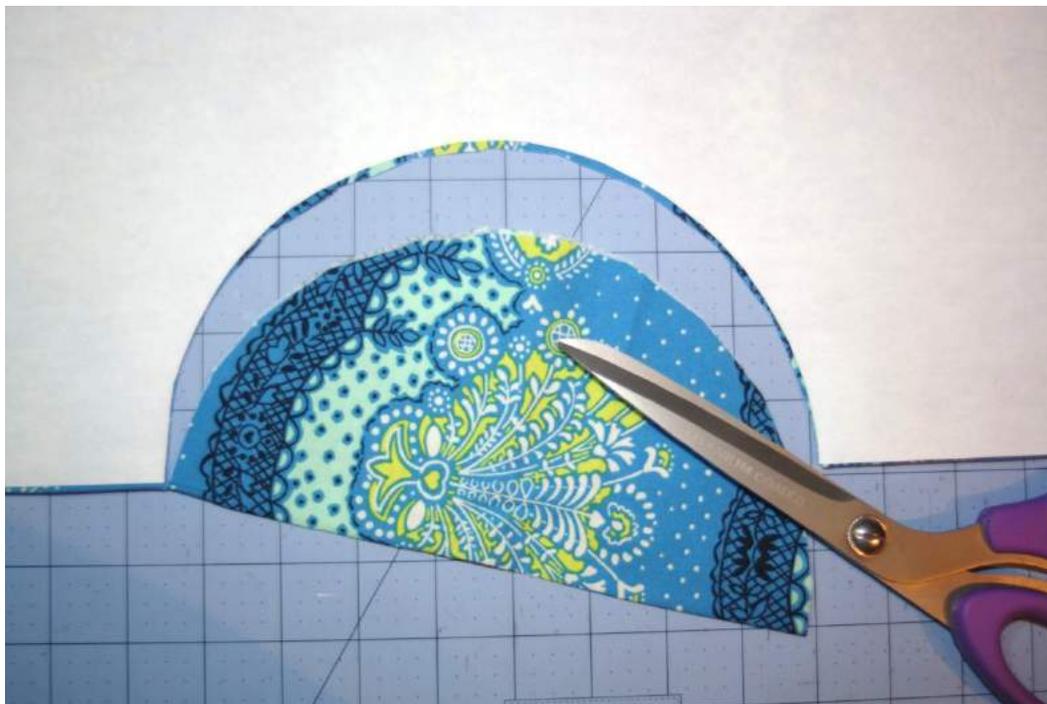


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Fold your fabric over widthwise (the way it comes on bolts) and place your template onto fabric aligning FOLD with the fabric edge. Pin and cut around template:



Cut out inner circle:

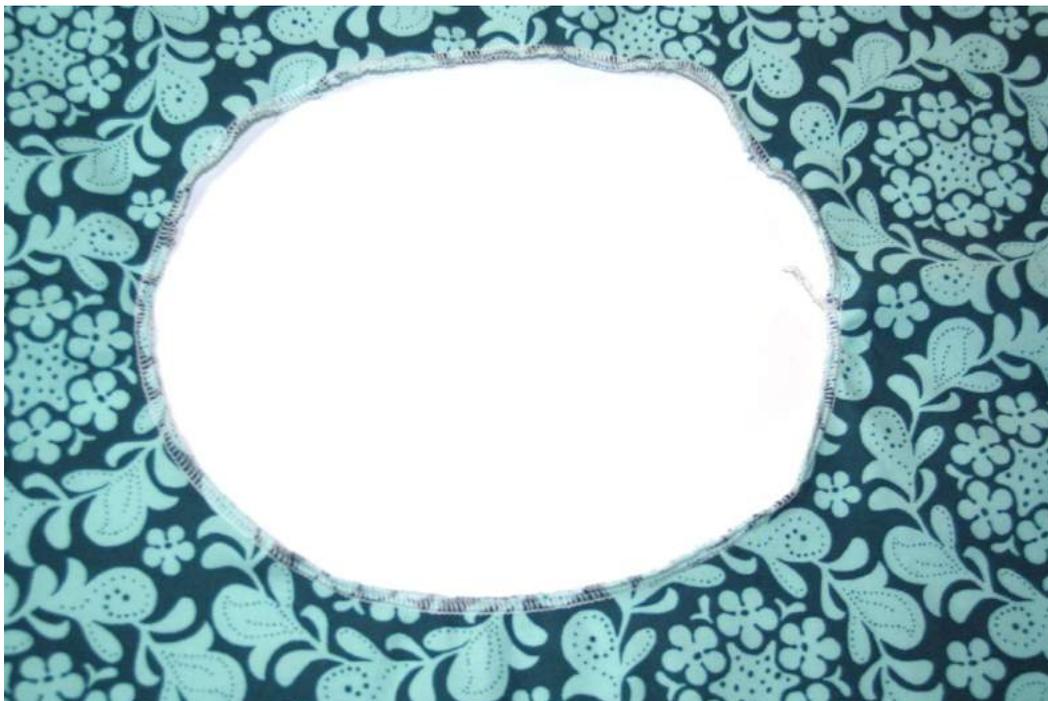


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This should now be your cut out circle skirt:



Serge/zig zag stitch inner circle:



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To prepare elastic:

Slightly overlap elastic ends and pin. Then use a tighter zigzag stitch in a matching color thread and sew over the edges front and back:



This should now be your sewn together elastic band:



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To attach elastic band to skirt:



Determine where your elastic band seam and your skirt back side should be. You want to place the elastic seam either to the side or back:



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While the elastic band and skirt are flat in front of you, pin skirt to the center of the inside of the elastic band on each side:



Here is a different view from the elastic band pinned to the skirt in two places/both sides:



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Now repeat this with the center of the elastic band and skirt. Pin as well. Now it should be pinned equally in 4 places:



Pin in between all 4 pins. This should now be your pinned skirt:



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Start sewing right on top of the serged/hemmed skirt edge and slightly pull the elastic band to catch up with the skirt. Hold your skirt and band with your other hand behind your machine so you won't put stress on the needle:



Sew all the way around over the pins making sure you stay in the center of the elastic band.

This should now be your sewn on skirt from the inside:



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And here from the outside:



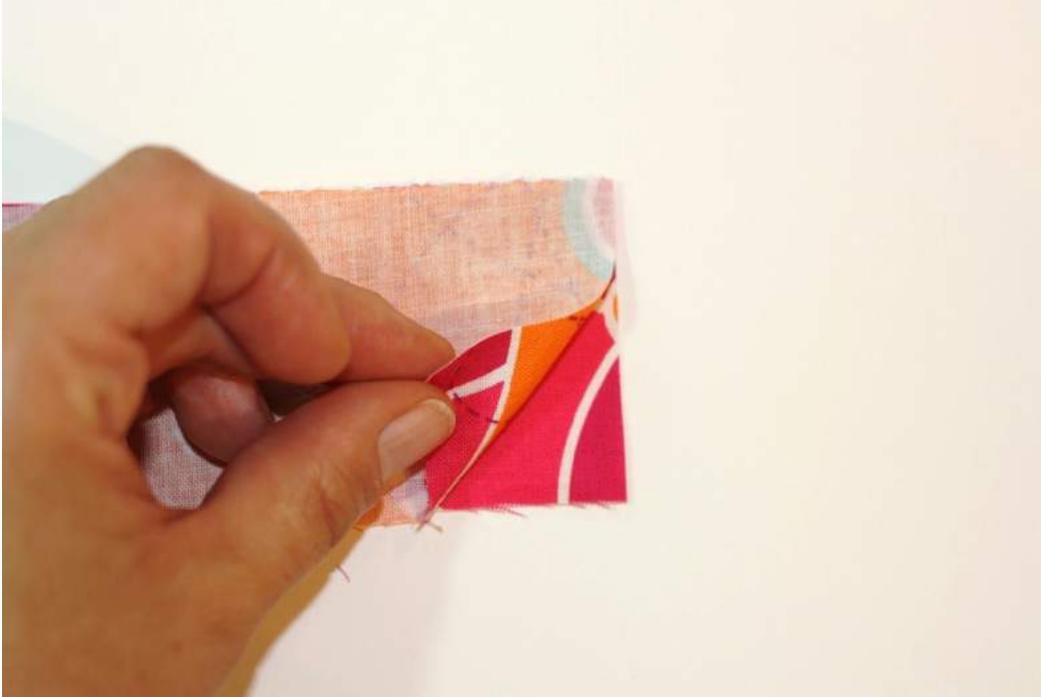
To make ruffles:

These should be some of the ruffle strips you have cut out:



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Place two strips with right sides together (fabric print should match):



Pin and sew along dashed lines:



Repeat with all remaining ruffle strips.

Serge/zigzag stitch raw edges:



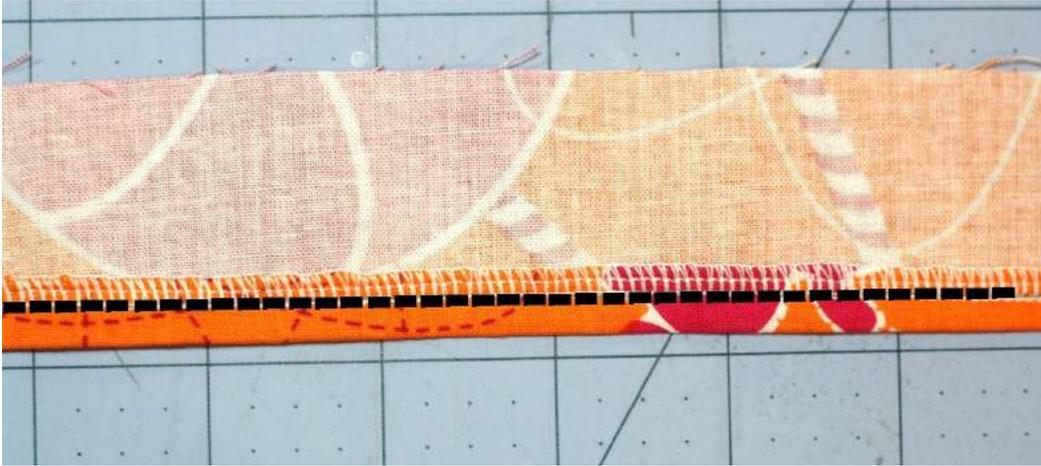
IMPORTANT: cut connected ruffle strip to length according to size:

3-6m - 124"	5t - 220"
6-9m - 135"	6 - 230"
12-18m - 145"	7 - 240"
2t - 155"	8 - 255"
3t - 165"	
4t - 200"	

Discard excess

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Serge/zigzag stitch bottom hem. Fold bottom edge up 0.5" and press:



Then sew with a straight stitch right along the hemmed edge. This is how it looks from the right side:



Place both ruffle strip ends with right sides together and pin. Then sew along dashed lines:



You will now have a large connected circle of ruffle strip.

To gather your fabric:

Most machines allow to ruffle fabric automatically by setting the tension to the highest number (strongest tension) and stitch length to the highest number (longest stitch). Some machines may have different number indications.

Some machines may allow only hand gathering and in this case you want to set your machine to the lowest number tension (weakest tension) and longest stitch. Then sew as instructed below by placing the fabric with the raw edge to the right. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance all the way around:



This should now be ruffled circle:



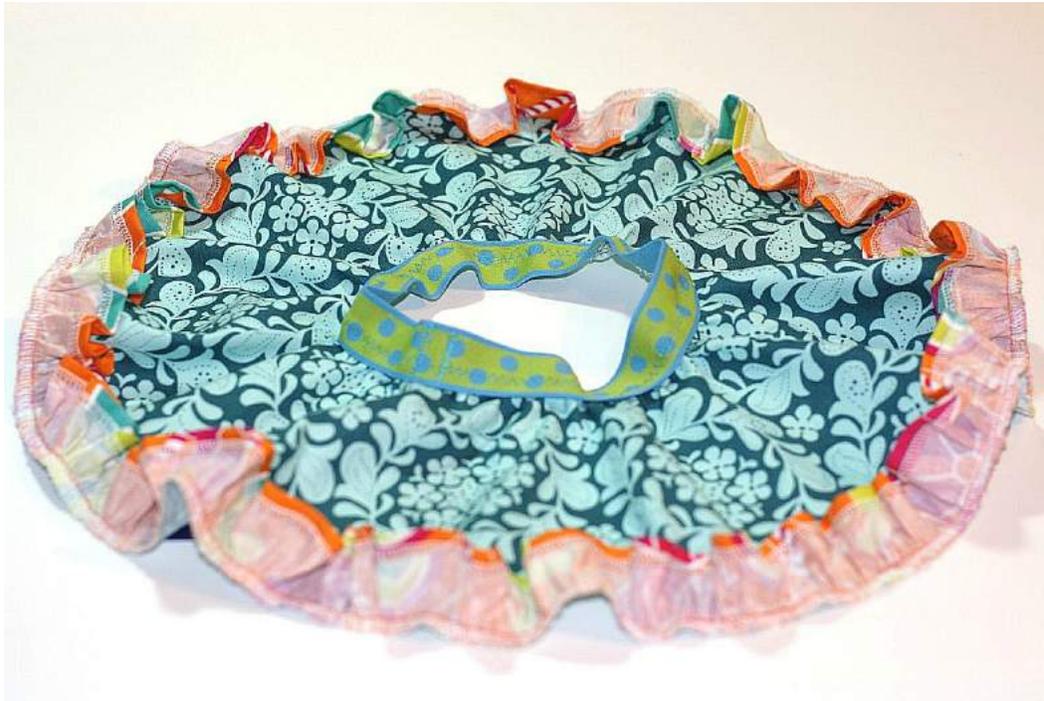
If your machine does not achieve that, manually pull on one thread and holding the other firm in your other hand. Pull until the fabric gathers.

To sew ruffles on:

Now that you have a continuous circle of ruffles you want to place them with right sides together along the bottom edge of your skirt. Distribute gathers evenly to cover entire skirt bottom edge. Pin in place:



Sew ruffles in place with a 3/8" seam allowance. Serge/zigzag stitch raw edges:



In order to achieve a smooth appearance you want to break the gathering thread by gently pulling sections of the bottom edge. You'll hear the thread breaking. Repeat this until entire skirt looks smooth. Then top stitch to let ruffles lay nicely and to give the skirt a finished look:



Design examples:



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