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Sewing Tutorial

Scrappy Twirl Skirt

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This skirt is so fun and unique. You get to choose your different prints and make it from only 2 fabrics or make the entire skirt from different prints for each panel.

Here are some design examples:

List of required materials:

- Sewing machine
- Serger/overlock machine optional
- Lip edge ruler
- Roller cutter
- Elastic (3/4” width)
- Thread
- Safety pin

Seam allowance: 3/8” unless otherwise stated

Cut your fabric according to the sizing chart on page 15

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Cut your fabric according to sizing chart. These are the pieces I have cut out to make my paneled skirt (full amount of pieces not shown due to picture quality – you want to have two rows of fabric pieces, one for front and one for back side):

Position the first two fabric pieces as shown:

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Flip one piece over so you'll have the fabric print facing each other. Pin the right side and sew between arrows:

Serge/zigzag stitch the raw edge:

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These are now my sewn together fabric squares:

These should be your waist band fabric pieces:

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TO GATHER THE BOTTOM SKIRT PART:

Set your sewing machine to the longest stitch and your tension dial to 0. Right side (patterned side) up, sew along with a seam allowance of about ¼ inch. This creates the gathering effect. Make sure to distribute the gathers evenly. Once you are done cut threads but leave a little length for grabbing on. Pull first on one side carefully to gather the fabric. Half way through pull on the other thread to create gathers until you are done. (picture from continues bottom skirt)

Compare the width of the gathered bottom skirt part with the waist band by aligning both and adjusting the width:

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Flip the gathered part over so both print sides are facing each other and pin both:

Sew between arrows making sure not to sew over the gathering thread as this may show on the outside of the skirt:

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Serge/zigzag stitch raw edge:

Top stitch if desired:

Repeat with other skirt part.

TO SEW THE SIDE SEAMS:

Place both skirt parts with right sides together and pin along sides:

Sew between arrows along the sides. Then serge/zigzag stitch raw edges:

This should now be your almost finished skirt:

TO FINISH THE BOTTOM HEM:

Fold down the bottom hem to about 1/2” and press all the way around.

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Fold down the hem once more to about 1/2” and press again:

This should now be your twice folded and pressed hem:

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Sew close to the inner folded edge all the way around and backstitch:

This should now be your finished bottom hem:

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TO MAKE THE WAISTBAND CASING:

Fold down the TOP edge to about ¼" and press all the way around.

Fold down once more to about 1 inch and press:

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This should now be your twice folded and pressed waistband casing:

Sew close to the inner folded edge leaving an opening of 2 inches in center back. I marked it with arrows:

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Secure a safety pin to your elastic and insert it into the casing. Once inserted sew with machine or by hand. Then close the opening with backstitching.

Sizing chart:

Cut the following amount of panels:

Size	Appr.finished skirt length	Cut 2x Waist band width x length	Panel amount	Panel width x length	Yardage for waist band	Elastic ¾" wide
0-3m	7 ¼"	12"x3.5"	12	4"x7"	1/8 yd	13.5"
6-9m	8 ¾"	15.5x3.5"	18	4"x8.5"	1/8 yd	14"
12-18m	10 ¼"	18"x4.5"	18	4.5"x9"	1/8 yd	17"
24m/2t	11"	18.5"x4.5"	20	4.5"x10"	1/8 yd	19"
3t	12 ¾"	21"x5"	20	5"x11"	1/4 yd	20.5"
4t	13.5"	22"x5"	20	5"x12"	1/2 yd	21"
5t	14"	23"x5"	20	5.5"x13"	1/2 yd	21.5"
6	15"	24"x5"	22	5.5"x14"	1/2 yd	22"
7	16.5"	25"x5"	22	6"x15"	1/2 yd	22.5"
8	17"	26"x5.5"	22	6"x16"	1/2 yd	23"
9	18.5"	26.5"x5.5"	22	6.5"x16.5"	1/2 yd	23.5"
10	19 ¼ "	27"x6"	22	6.5"x17"	1/2 yd	24"
11	20.5"	27.5"x6"	22	7"x18"	1/2 yd	24.5"
12	21.5"	28"x6"	22	7.5"x19"	1/2 yd	25"

NOTE: the yardage for each individual panel has to be calculated. Take the amount of prints you are using and go by the length of each size.

Example: for size 3t you need 11" long fabric so that's a 1/3 yd, then measure how many panels you want of that print and add the width measurements together not exceeding the standard width for fabric which 42".

As a tip, if you are using **2 different prints** you want to buy **1/2 yd** of each of the prints.

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