

### 135 Pleated Skirt

**Burda sizes 44, 46, 48, 50, 52**

Skirt length 110 cm (44 ins)

### Materials

Crêpe,  
width: 150 cm (59 ins)  
length: 5.20 – 5.20 – 5.25 – 5.30 – 5.30 m  
(5 3/4 – 5 3/4 – 5 7/8 – 5 7/8 – 5 7/8 yds).

Petersham ribbon, 2.5 cm (1 in) wide and 3.00 – 3.10 – 3.20 – 3.40 – 3.50 m (3 3/8 – 3 1/2 – 3 1/2 – 3 3/4 – 3 7/8 yds).

1 button.

2 small sew-on snap fasteners.

Recommended fabrics: Softly draping, fine crêpe fabrics. For long-lasting pleats, use fabrics with a high synthetic content for the pleated skirt pieces.

### Preparations

Follow the diagram to make a full-sized pattern piece for the skirt (a), as follows:

On a large sheet of wrapping paper – the upper and right edges must form a right angle – stretch a thread from the upper right corner to mark the radius (R) for the upper edge of the skirt piece. Also mark the hem edge (R1). Or measure the length of the skirt piece down from upper edge at several points and then connect the points in an even curve to mark the hem edge.

Add seam and hem allowances:

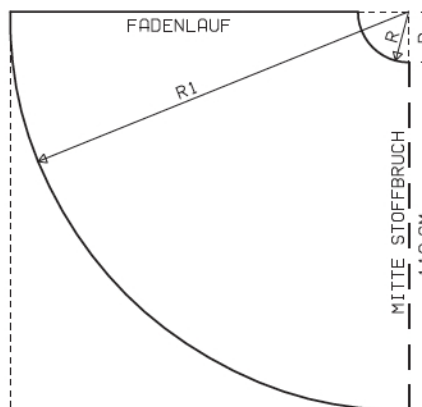
Seams and edges 1.5 cm (5/8 in), no allowance on hem edges.

### Cutting Out

a) skirt piece from diagram, 2x, on a fold.

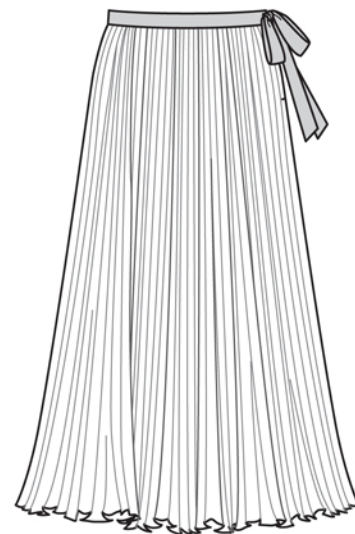
**Pleating:**

Have skirt pieces commercially pleated: sunburst pleats.



Radius for waist edge (R)  
size 44: 15.5 cm, size 46: 16.0 cm  
size 48: 17.0 cm, size 50: 18.0 cm  
size 52: 19.0 cm

Radius for hem line (R1)  
size 44: 125.5 cm, size 46: 126 cm  
size 48: 127 cm, size 50: 128 cm  
size 52: 129 cm



### Sewing

Stitch the right side seam. This seam should be hidden in a pleat fold. Stitch left side seam, leaving a slit, 16 cm (63/8 ins) long, open at the top. Neaten the seam allowances together. On back slit edge, neaten allowance, press to inside, 5 mm (3/16 in) from inside pleat fold, and baste to upper skirt edge. At front slit edge (outer pleat fold), turn allowance to inside and baste. Gather upper skirt edge to 84 – 88 – 94 – 100 – 106 cm (33 – 34 3/4 – 37 – 39 1/2 – 41 3/4 ins).

Cut two pieces of petersham ribbon, each 63 cm (24 3/4 in) long, for the tie bands. Use the long piece of ribbon for the waistband.

Waistband: Turn one end of petersham ribbon under, approx. 1 cm (3/8 in) wide, and press. Measure and mark 86 – 90 – 96 – 102 – 108 cm (34 – 35 1/2 – 37 3/4 – 40 1/4 – 42 1/2 ins) from this end. Lay this ribbon on seam allowances on inside upper edge of skirt, so that pressed-under end extends past back slit edge by 1.5 cm (5/8 in) and marking meets front slit edge. Edgestitch lower edge of ribbon in place. Turn ribbon out over front slit edge and pin ribbon edges together, catching seam allowance of skirt. Turn ribbon end under. Edgestitch ribbon edges together. Work a button-hole in front waistband end. Fasten slit with snaps.

Lay tie bands on waistband and stitch one end of each in place, 3 cm (1 1/4 ins) from slit edge. Turn tie bands over attachment seams and stitch again close to attachment seams. Leave skirt to hang for a few days to even out the length. Check skirt length (use a skirt marker for optimal results) and adjust if necessary. Leave the lower edge of the skirt unhemmed.