

# Ida-Maria high-waisted skirt

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It's the superfun and easy Ida-Maria skirt! I wear it as an everyday-skirt and with some simple altering you'll end up having a night skirt, or a club skirt, a party skirt, a garden skirt, a shopping skirt, a play skirt, work skirt, commuting skirt, role-play skirt, movie skirt... It's your choice! Here's the plain instruction of the basic Ida-Maria. Enjoy!

## Materials

Loveable fabric, needle and thread, some buttons and oh, a lot of pins!

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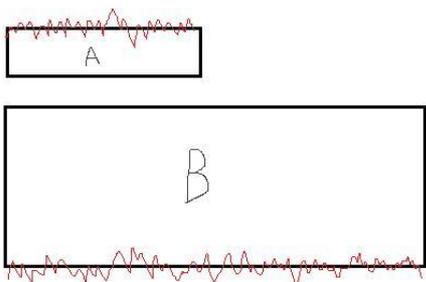
## Step 1



Begin with measuring your waist. Add 10 cm to this measurement and cut out a piece of fabric being that wide and 14 cm high. (example: my waist is 64 cm, so the piece I cut out is 74X14 cm.) This piece will work as a waist band and I will call it piece A. Now you cut out your second piece, which will be the skirt piece that I will call piece B. This one should be 37 cm high and as wide as piece A x2. (example: my piece will be  $(74 \times 2 =) 148 \times 37$  cm.)

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## Step 2



Zig zag the bottom of piece B, and the top of piece A. Then fold up the zigzagged edge of piece B, pin into place and then sew straight across. (This does not need to be done on piece A)

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## Step 3



You should have something like this. (The tablecloth is a bit distracting, I know, but just remember, we're using the FLOWERS and not the BERRIES.)

Next is the fun part!

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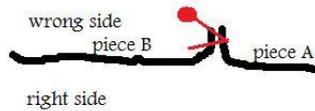
## Step 4



Now we're making the pleating and piecing together A and B (literally). Put the pieces on a roomy table in front of you, right sides down. Match up the lower right corner of A with the upper right of B. Measure 6 cm in from the edge and pin them, right sides together. The fabric will now form a little tip. I'll try and illustrate.

## Step 5

viewed from the side it should look something like this



This picture just might as well confuse you.. but dont let it! The strange red thing in the middle is supposed to be a pin. Of course you pin shouldn't be crooked, I'm just trying to explain the direction in which you should pin in. If this step made everything totally unclear, just skip it!

Anyway, follow step 4 and do the the same thing with the lower left and upper left corner.

## Step 6



You should now have something like this. (just leave the 6 cm on both sides unpleated for now). What we're doing now is matching middles. Find the middle point of piece B and pin it with the middle point of piece A.

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### Step 7



Are you with me? Now just keep finding the middles and pin them together.

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### Step 8



Keep going..

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### Step 9



And when it's about this far between the pins, you're good to go.

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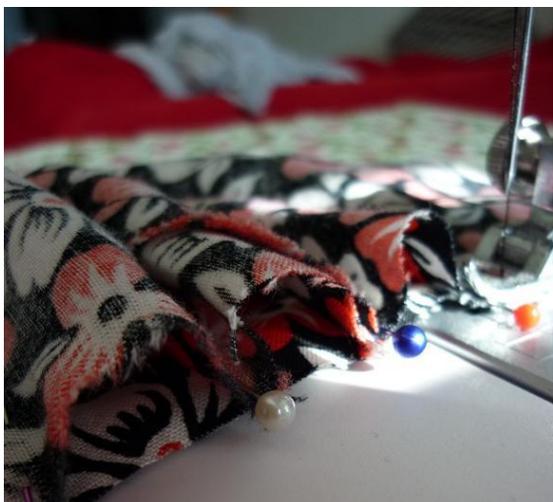
## Step 10



If you flip the skirt over it will now actually start looking like a nice pleated skirt.

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## Step 11



Fold back piece A towards piece B so they will lay flat, right sides together, and then stitch all the way across. Fold the little fabric flaps towards you as you go.

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## Step 12



Now fold back the top of piece A until it covers the stitches from the pleating. Pin in place and sew straight across. Remember that this seam will be seen from the right side!

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### Step 13



When it's in place it's time to take care of the 6 cm edges. Measure them up once more just to be safe and then fold them backwards in half. Or simply just measure 3 cm from the edge and fold. fold in the very edge of that piece to make it a nice trim. Pin and sew in place. Now all edges on the skirt should be folded.

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### Step 14



It should look like this

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## Step 15



This is when I forgot to take photos but I think you'll get the picture anyway.. If you wrap the shirt around you you'll see that it really is a skirt! It just needs some attaching.

So, you'll attach buttons on one side and buttonholes on the other. You can cheat a bit by just putting buttons as far down as you need to be able to get in and out of the skirt, and then sew it shut, or use some velcro to close it. It's best if you leave about 10 cm open at the end, like a slit, so it won't look like a balloon while you sit down in it.

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## Step 16



Of course, this skirt can be altered in a million of ways. This is just a basic.

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## Step 17



I hope you'll enjoy it and if there's any questions just ask me and I'll do my very best to help you. And please let me know if you try it out! Enjoy!

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