

Pleated Circle Skirt 05/2012

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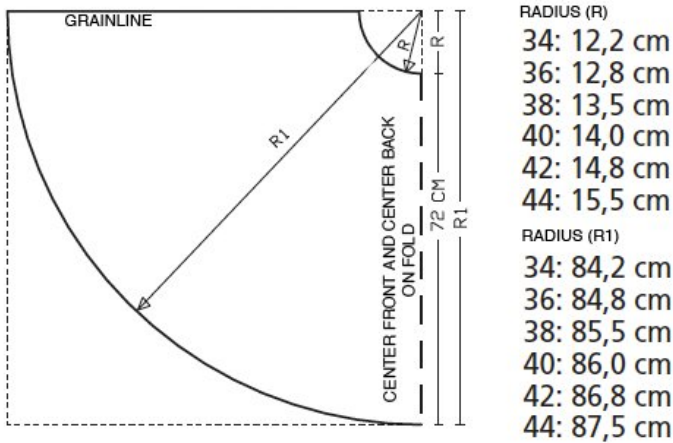


This gorgeous circle skirt is made from cotton poplin that has been commercially pleated, sunburst style. Our instructions include diagrams and measurements on how to draft your own pattern.

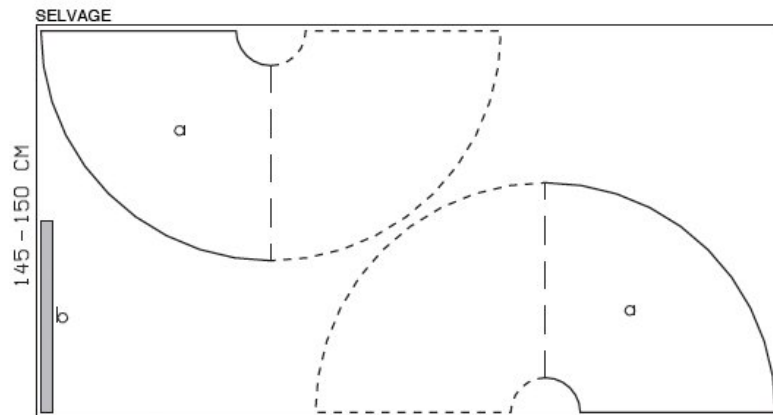
Materials

Poplin, width: 150 cm (59 ins) length: 2.70 2.70 2.75 2.80 2.80 2.85 m (3 3/8 3 1/8 3 1/8 3 1/4 yds).
Notions: 1 in visible zipper, 22 cm (9 ins) long, and a special presser foot. 1 button.

Step 1 — Draft and cut the circle skirt



CUT THE PATTERN PIECES LIKE THIS ON A SINGLE LAYER OF FABRIC OF APPROX. 145-150 CM WIDTH



Follow the diagram to make a full-sized pattern piece for the skirt panel (a) as follows: On a large sheet of wrapping paper, the upper edge and the right edges must form a right angle, stretch a thread from the upper right corner to mark the radius® for the upper edge of the skirt panel. Also mark the radius (R1) for the hem line. Or measure the length of the skirt down from the upper edge of the skirt panel at several points and then connect the points in an even curve to mark the hem line.

Seam allowances:

Seams 1.5 cm (5/8 in), no allowance on lower edge of skirt panel. On the upper skirt panel edge, include 5 cm (2 ins) allowance to account for the pleating. Hand baste along the waist line to mark it.

Cut the two skirt pieces according to the cutting diagram.

Also draft and cut the following pattern pieces:

- skirt panel according to diagram, cut 2, on a fold,
- waistband with 3 cm (1 1/4 in) underlap, length: 67 71 75 79 83 87 cm (26 1/2 28 29 3/4 31 1/4 32 3/4 34 1/4 ins), width: 4 cm (1 1/2 ins), with a finished width of 2 cm (3/4 in).

Interfacing: Iron to skirt waistband.

Step 2 — Sewing



Have the skirt panels commercially pleated: sunburst pleats or buy already pleated fabric.

Trim upper skirt edge to 1.5 cm (5/8 in) above marked waist line.

Stitch right side seam within a pleat fold. Neaten seam allowances together.

For the zipper, measure down from waist and mark 18 cm (7 1/8 ins) on left side edges of skirt (inside pleat fold). Sew invisible zipper to left slit edges.

Stitch left side seam together from lower edge of zipper slit to hem.

Sew two rows of basting stick along the waistline and gather upper skirt edge to match waistband measurement.

Stitch waistband to upper skirt edge, leave underlap extending back slit edge. Press seam allowances of joining seam and of other long waistband edge onto waist band. Fold waistband length wise, right side facing in. Stitch across ends. Turn right side out. Sew inside edge in place by hand, sewing underlap edges together. Work a buttonhole in front waistband end.

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