

# Scallop Button Up Skirt

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Oh, I tried myself on pattern making for a garment for the very first time. I was inspired by Megan Nielsen's tutorial for a scalloped hem skirt with elastic waistband. But because I wanted a scalloped skirt with button up front and pockets for a long time already, I had to try it myself. :) I am so glad that I had the heart to draft this skirt pattern! It just turned out as I imagined and I couldn't stop giggling after trying it on because I was so happy. So this is the version I was thinking of: a middle waisted and light ruffled straight skirt with button up front, side pockets and scalloped hem. Now I want to share to give all of you something back (in case you are interested!). I am so glad to be part of this wonderful community. You can either download instructions and pattern here on BurdaStyle or come visit me on my blog and get it over there [nettevivante](#)

## Materials

cotton popeline, 6 buttons

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## Step 1 — About



Sizing: I made this pattern to fit my size (waist 67cm; hips 90cm), which is usually a BurdaStyle size 36. The finished waist-band will be about 78cm (actually it is 82 cm, but due to the button up front you will lose about 4cm), so that the skirt sits on middle waist. Length of the skirt is about 45cm.

- How to enlarge: I am by no means a professional, but only self taught. Anyway, I think I have made up a way to enlarge this pattern. Additional to the size 36 pattern there is an optional scallop for enlargement.

Measure your waist about where you want the skirt to sit. Be sure to lengthen the waistband when you cut your fabric. That is, cut a waistband (on fold) with the length of:  
waist measurement + 4cm (button up front) + double seam allowance

For example, if you have a waist measurement of 85cm, then cut a waistband with the length of:  
85cm + 4cm (button up front) + 2cm seam allowance = 91cm.

Remember, if you are cutting on fold, to cut only half the length. In this case that would be 45.5cm. In order to keep the skirt ruffled, even if you enlarge the waistband, you will need to attach the optional scallops to the ¥ markings on pattern pieces 3, 4, 5 and 6 before cutting your fabric. Depending on your waist-band enlargement add one or several scallops and you will receive less or more ruffling.

Printing: I used A4 sized paper for this pattern, but it should work with smaller ones, too. Set your printer on 'no scaling' or rather '100%'. I have also added a little test square, which should be 10 x 10 cm. Tape the pattern and cut it.

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## Step 2 — Cutting & Preparation

There is no seam allowance included. I would recommend to add 1 or 1.5cm seam allowance.

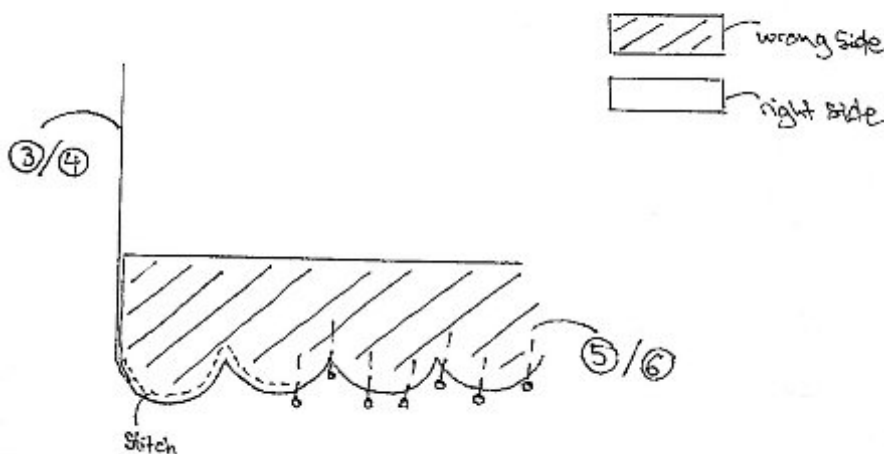
- 1 Pocket A (2x)
- 2 Pocket B (2x)
- 3 Front piece (2x)
- 4 Back piece (1x on fold)
- 5 Front scallop edge lining (2x)
- 6 Back scallop edge lining (1x on fold)
- 7 Waistband (1x on fold)

Preparations: Copy all pattern pieces onto your fabric (take care on the grainline). Then cut the pieces. Apply fusible interfacing onto the whole waistband and on the button facing of both front pieces. Be cautious to apply the interfacing onto the wrong side of the fabric.

In order to keep it simple hem all edges (except the scallop edge) before starting to sew.

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## Step 3 — Scallop edge

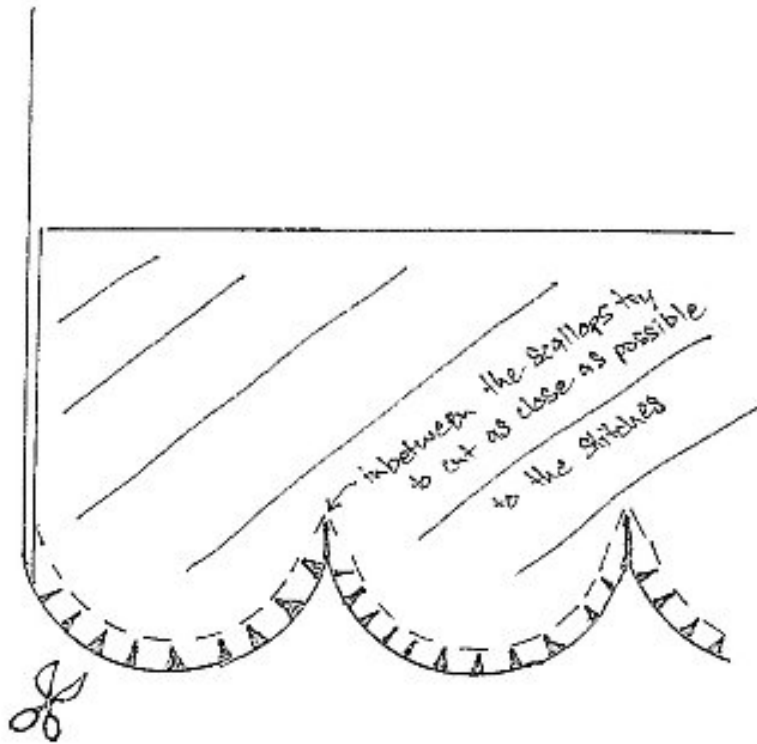


Start with the scallop edge. Take one of the front pieces (3) and the matching front scallop edge lining (5). Position, right side facing, and pin the scallop edge. Then sew along the scallop edge with the help of your markings on the fabric (or use the recommended technique).

Repeat this step with the other front piece/front scallop edge and the back piece (4)/back scallop edge lining (6).

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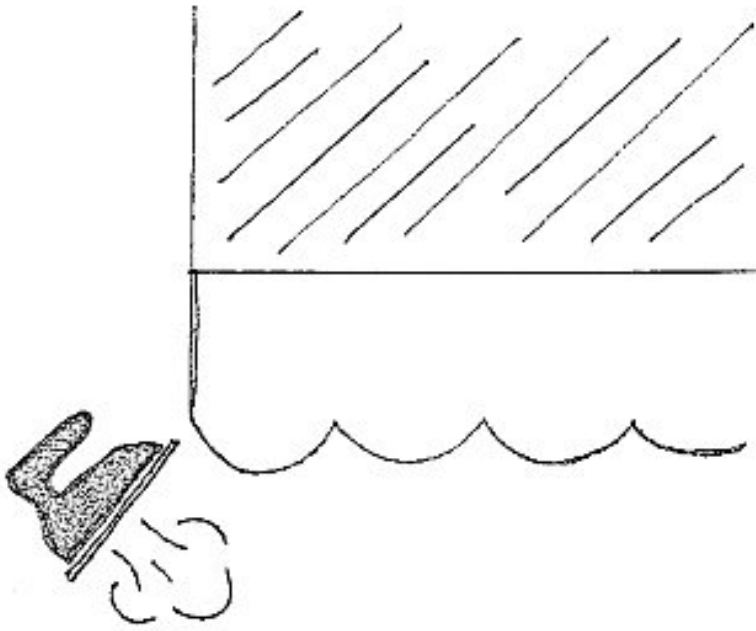
## Step 4 — Clipping Notches



Next carefully try to cut between the scallops as close as possible to the stitches. Then, trim excess fabric and clip several notches along the curves, so that once turned inside out you will get neat scallops.

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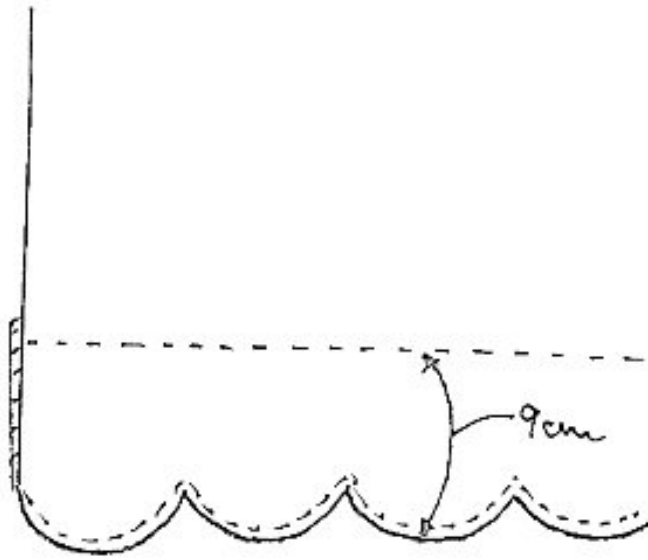
## Step 5 — Turning Scallops Inside Out



Once you are done with both front pieces and the back piece turn the scallops inside out, so that right sides of the fabric are on the outside. Then model and shape the scallops as best as you can using your fingers and iron them.

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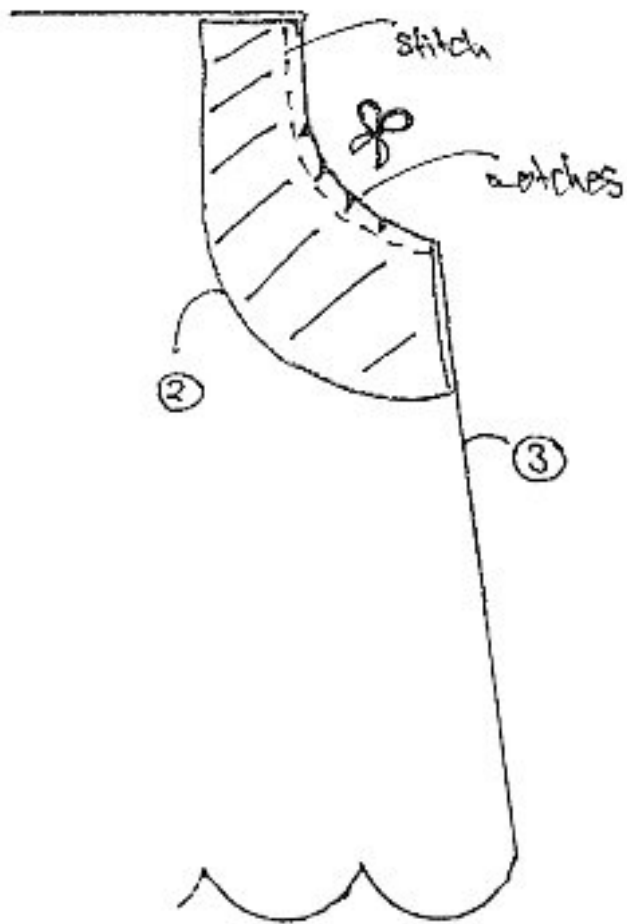
## Step 6 — Topstitch the Scallops



In a next step return to your sewing machine in order to topstitch along the scallop edges. After finishing this step for all three pieces topstitch, 9cm parallel to the edge, the outer skirt pieces (3 respective 4) to the inner facings (5 respective 6), so that the lining won't slip outside.

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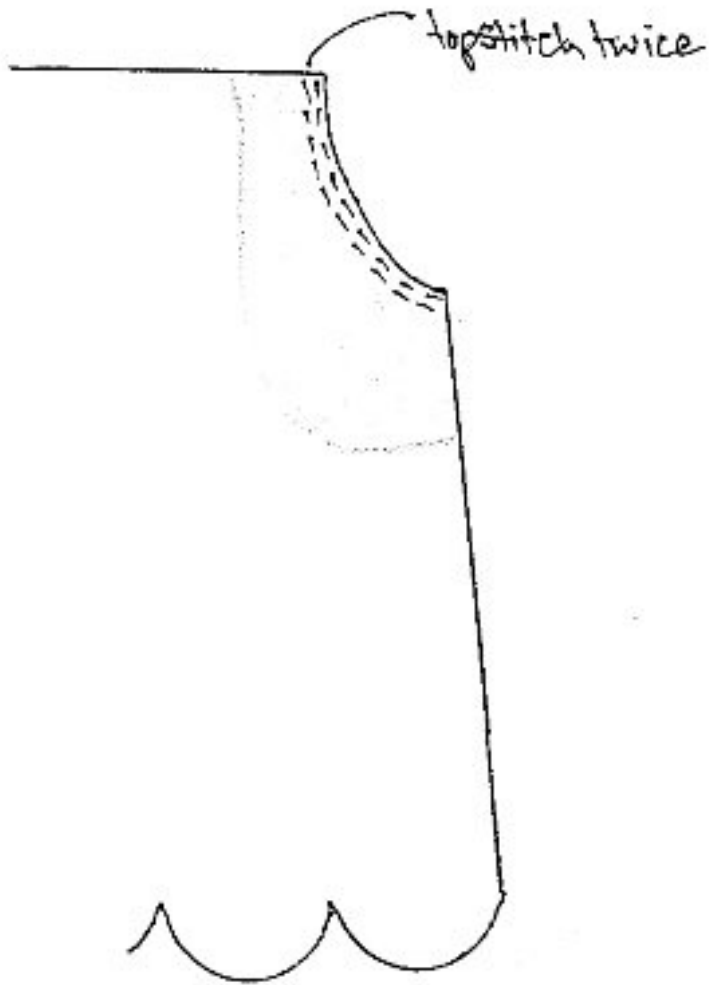
## **Step 7 — Preparing the Pockets**



Sew pocket B (2) onto the matching pocket opening of the front piece (3) (right side facing each other). After that clip little notches into the curve, carefully and close to the seam, using scissors. Repeat this step with the other front piece.

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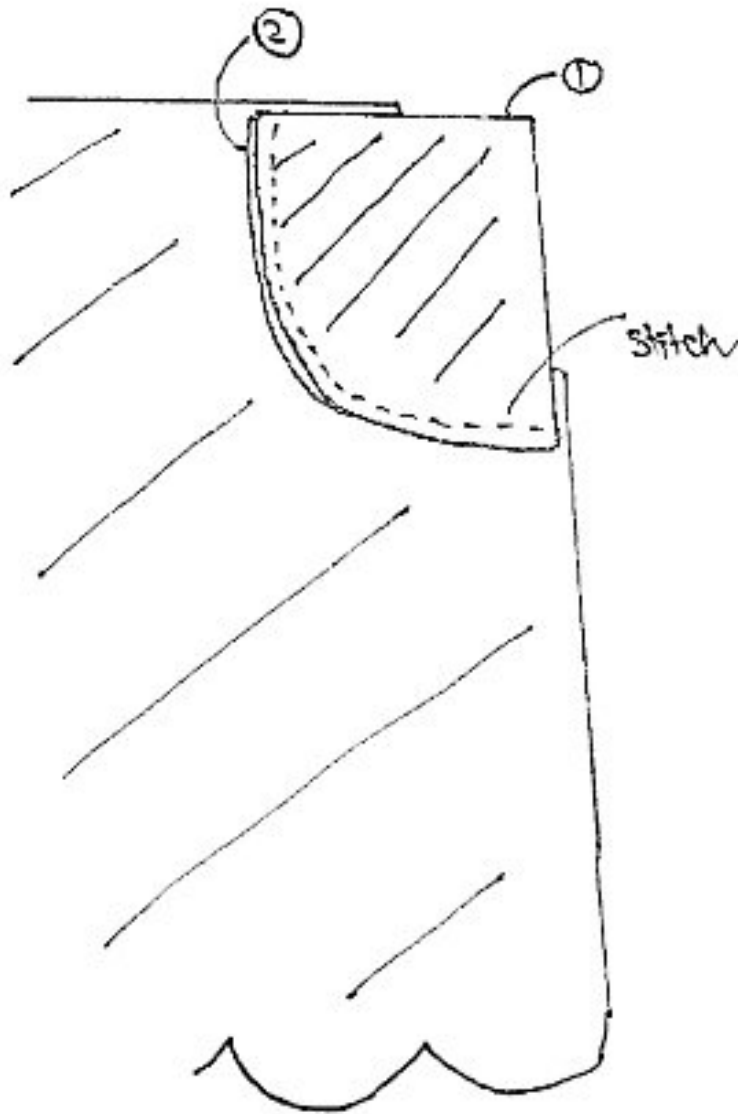
## Step 8 — Preparing the Pockets



Turn pocket B onto the inner side of the front piece and stitch the pocket opening from the outside twice. Do the same with the other front piece.

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## Step 9 — Preparing the Pockets



Position pocket A (1) on pocket B (2), right side facing, pin and sew along the curved side.

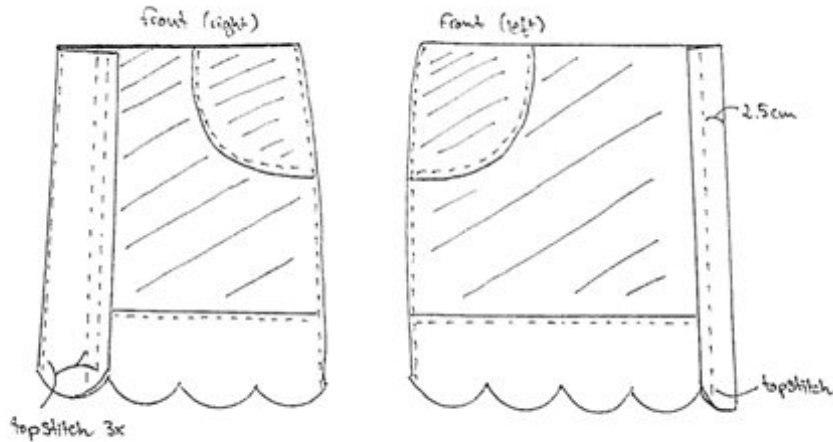
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### **Step 10 — Sewing Back and Front Skirt Pieces**

Now that both, hem and pockets are already finished, position front skirt pieces onto the back skirt piece, right sides facing. Pin the side seams and stitch (no picture). After that press them apart.

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### **Step 11 — Front Button Facing**

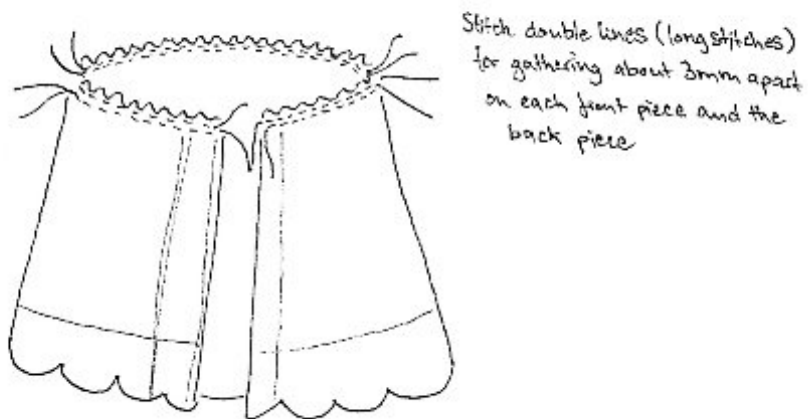


To finish the front button facing, fold one scallop width of the right front piece to the inside and topstitch 3 times as indicated on the pattern.

Turn only half-scallop width of the left front piece to the inside and topstitch 2.5cm from the edge.

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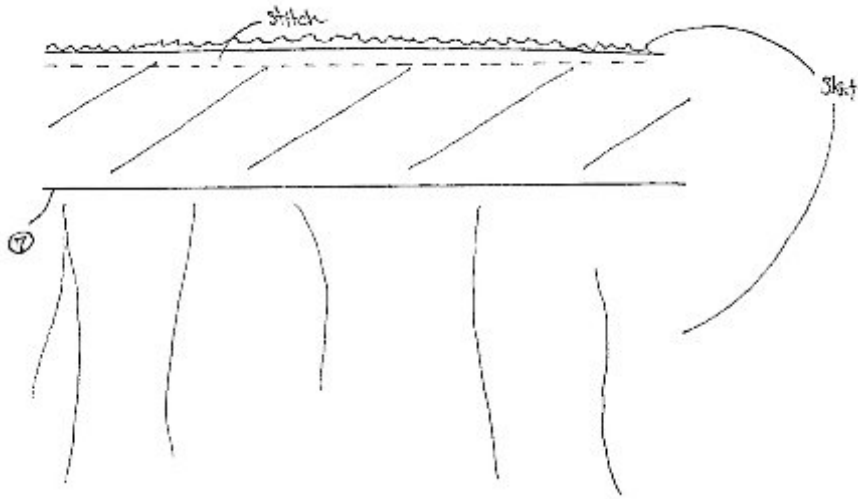
## Step 12 — Gathering



Gather the top skirt edge of both front pieces ( 20.5cm) and the back piece (to 41cm). If you lengthened the waist-band, gather each front piece to  $\hat{A}\frac{1}{4}$  and the back piece to  $\hat{A}\frac{1}{2}$  of your waist measurement.

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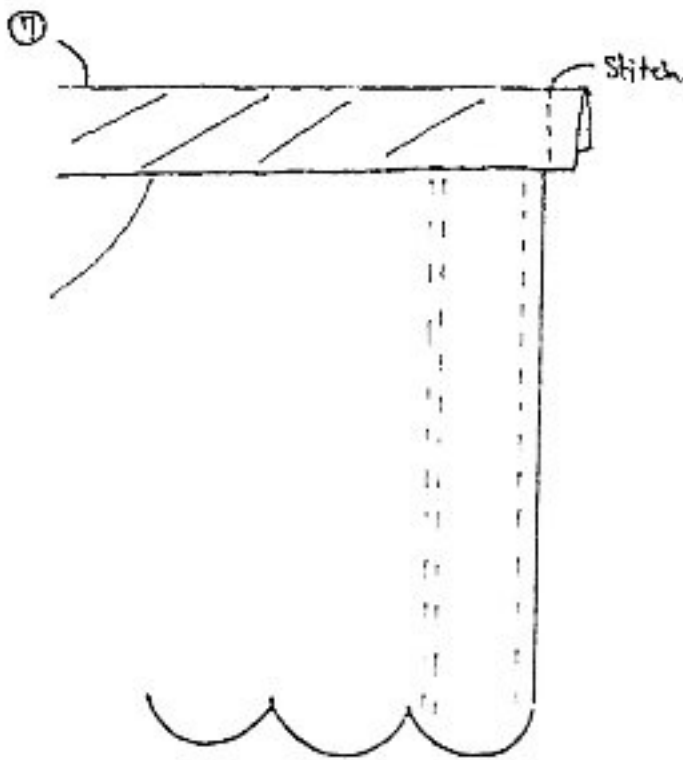
## Step 13 — Preparing the Waistband



Position and pin the unfolded waistband (7) on the top skirt edge, right sides facing and center back meeting. Stitch.

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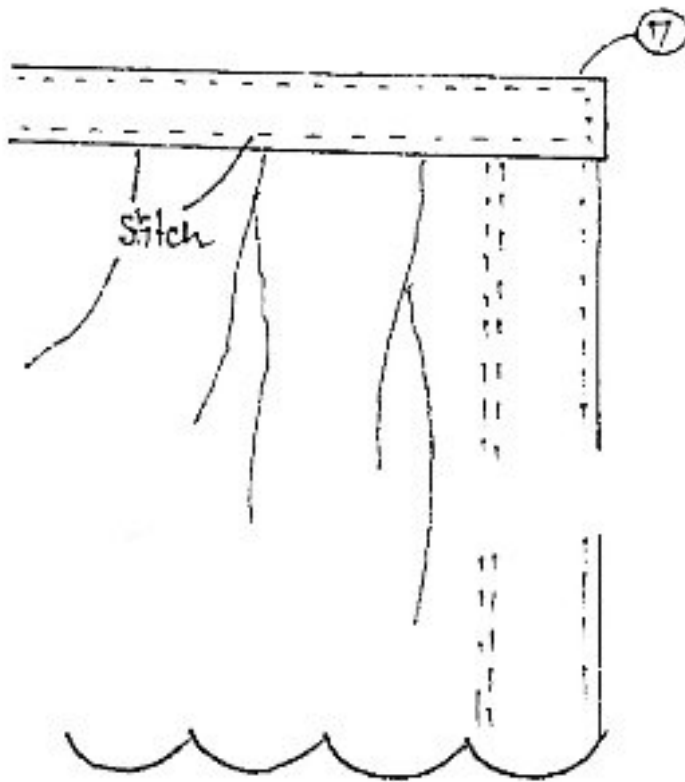
### Step 14 — Preparing the Waistband



Next, fold the waistband, right sides facing, pin the short ends and stitch.

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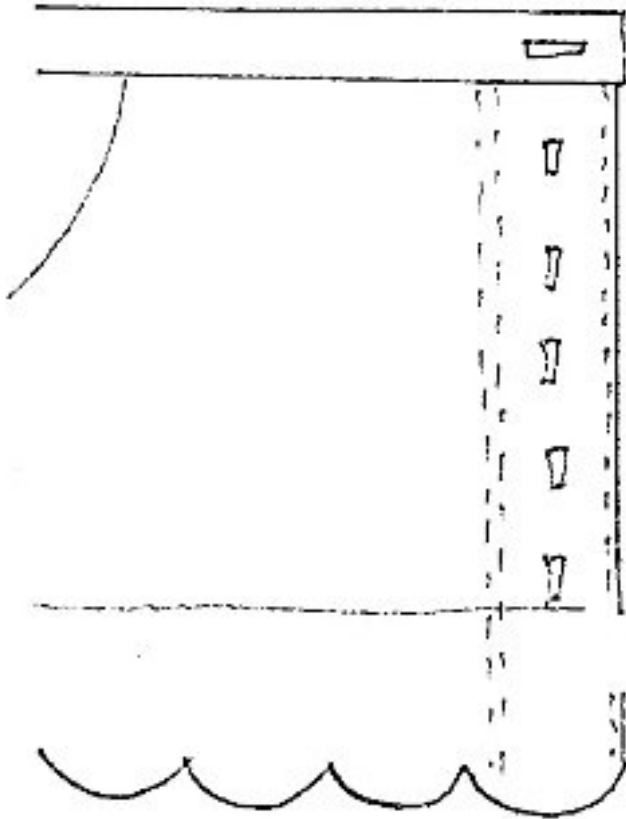
## Step 15 — Preparing the Waistband



Turn the waistband inside out. It will now almost self-acting fold itself lengthwise, wrong sides facing. Pin it carefully, press and topstitch a 'frame' onto the waistband.

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## Step 16 — Buttonholes & Buttons



Make vertical buttonholes onto the right front side as indicated on the pattern and an additional final horizontal buttonhole on the waistband (as indicated on the waistband pattern).

Sew the buttons on the left front piece and a very last one onto the left side of the waistband.

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## Step 17 — Finishing

Finished! â ¤ I really hope you liked this pattern and instructions. If you find any mistakes or steps that seem to be unclear, please let me know and mail me: [nettevivante@hotmail.de](mailto:nettevivante@hotmail.de)

I tried my best to write down every single step, but as you might know I am a total beginner on pattern making and seeking to improve! Also, if you donâ ¢ t mind, I would love to see your finished skirts! I am so curious to see how this pattern worked for you!

You can also download the pattern and instruction as pdf on my [blog](#)

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