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The Patternless Skirt

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Made based on your measurements, so it will fit all sizes!

Materials:

- Flexible Tape Measure
- Fabric (quantity will greatly vary depending on size and length of skirt – determine amount based measurements below and shown in video)
- Lightweight Fusible Interfacing - approximately 1/4 yard.
- Buttons (1/2" wide buttons, quantity will also greatly vary depending on length of skirt)
- Cutting Mat and rotary cutter
- Baby Lock Sewing Machine
- Buttonhole Foot for the sewing machine
- Coordinating Thread



Take your Body Measurements:

- Waist: Place a flexible tape measure around your natural waist and jot down that number.
- Length: Place a flexible tape measure at your natural waist and determine how long you would like your skirt (including the hem and waistband).

Cutting Instructions:

Waistband= Cut 1 piece of fabric based on the width and length below.

Width = 4" regardless of size

Length = Waist measurement + 2" (for seam allowances and plackets)

Cut 1 piece of lightweight fusible interfacing at 1.5" wide x waist measurement (if your interfacing is not as long as your waist measurement, it is OK to cut 2 equal strips and splice them later).

Skirt panel(s) = If your waist measurement equals 30" or below cut 1 piece of fabric at the Skirt Length determined above (the waistband + seam allowance and the hem allowance cancel each other out) and full width of fabric. The smaller the waist is the fuller the skirt will be.

If your waist measurement is more than 30", cut 2 pieces of fabric at the Skirt Length determined above x Waist Measurement. If you prefer the skirt to be less full, reduce the width of the skirt panels accordingly.

Button Plackets = Cut 2 vertical panels at Skirt Length minus 1/2" x 3" wide. Cut 2 piece of lightweight fusible interfacing at 1" wide x Skirt Length minus 1" (if your interfacing is not as long as your length measurement, it is OK to cut 2 equal strips and splice them later).

Sewing Instructions: *(All seam allowances are 1/2")*

1. If you've cut only 1 skirt panel, skip to step 2. If you've cut 2 skirt panels for your skirt, split one of the panels in half lengthwise, then stitch each half to the sides of the full size panel, so that you have 2 equal side seams. Finish these seams with a serger or zigzag stitch on your sewing machine and press seam to one side.
2. Hem your skirt by pressing 1/4" toward the wrong side, then pressing again 3/4" for a 1" hem allowance. Topstitch close to the inner hem fold.
3. Fold both Button Plackets in half wrong sides together, inserting the strip of fusible interfacing inside before pressing. Open up the placket and fold one short side and both long sides 1/2" toward the wrong side. Press well.
4. Attach a Button Placket at each raw edge of the skirt by inserting the skirt edge 1/2" inside the Placket. The folded short edge of the placket should be at the bottom, aligned with the skirt's hem, and all raw edges should be aligned at the top. Pin, then topstitch 1/8" from all edges of the placket. Repeat for the other side.
5. Stitch 2 rows of long basting stitches along the top raw edge of the skirt panel(s), only 1/8" apart from each other. Do not stitch through the button plackets! At the end, grab the bobbin threads and gently pull to gather the top raw edge of the skirt to the same length as the waistband. Use your fingers to ensure the gathers are equally distributed. Set aside.
6. Fold the waistband in the same manner as you folded the Button Plackets in step 3, except with folding



both short edges toward the wrong side 1/2". Don't forget to insert the interfacing strip inside before you press.

7. Attach the waistband in the same manner as you attached the button plackets, with both short folded edges aligned with the outer edges of the Button Plackets.

8. On the left Button Placket (viewer's point of view) measure the buttonhole placements. The top buttonhole should be perfectly centered within the waistband and placket and should be horizontal. The remaining buttonholes should be approximately 2" apart and vertical. NOTE: The bottom buttonhole should be at least 2.5" to 3" above the hem. Use a disappearing ink pen to mark the positioning of all buttonholes. Use your buttonhole attachment on your sewing machine to stitch the 1/2" buttonholes where marked. Use a seam ripper or embroidery scissors to open the buttonholes.

9. Overlap the left Button Placket over the right one and pin together to keep them from shifting out of place. Use the opened buttonholes to mark the positioning of the buttons on the right Placket. Stitch the buttons.

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