

Pioneer Skirt

Medium Fullness with Ruffle

Instructions:

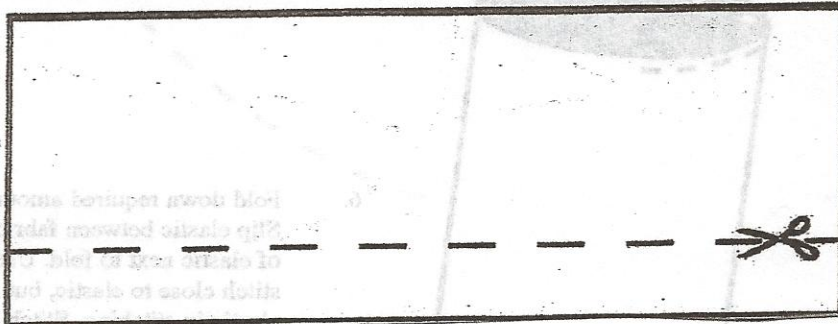
You will need 45/45" inch wide light colored, light weight, but sturdy fabric. To determine the length of fabric needed, measure from your waist to the ground. Then double the length. If you want a ruffle at the bottom of the skirt add 10 inches to the measurement. If adding pockets, add another 12 inches. Remember the finished skirt should be just below the calf and you should be able to walk up stairs without having to lift the skirt. Although, the pattern shows sewing the fabric together without cutting it, you can remove approximately 8 inches of fabric at the top of both ends of the fabric and taper it to the bottom of the fabric if you would like less bulk at the waist.

When measuring for the elastic, wrap the elastic around your waist and then add enough extra to work with, (at least 1-3 inches). It is a good idea to try on the skirt with the pantaloons or bloomers that you will be wearing underneath in case you need more room at the waist.

Add simple pockets on the outside of the skirt by cutting out the size and shape that you would like. Remember to add at least 1/2 inch to the each side of the pocket and 2 inches to the top of the pocket so that you will have enough fabric to turn under. Secure the pocket in the desired spot, by top stitching into place.

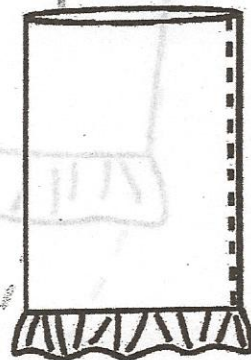
Cutting Instructions:

1. If you are going to have pockets. Lay out the fabric still folded and cut off 12 inches. Set fabric aside for later use.
2. Open up the fabric and lay out flat in single layer. If you are doing a ruffle, cut a 10 inch strip along the length of the fabric.



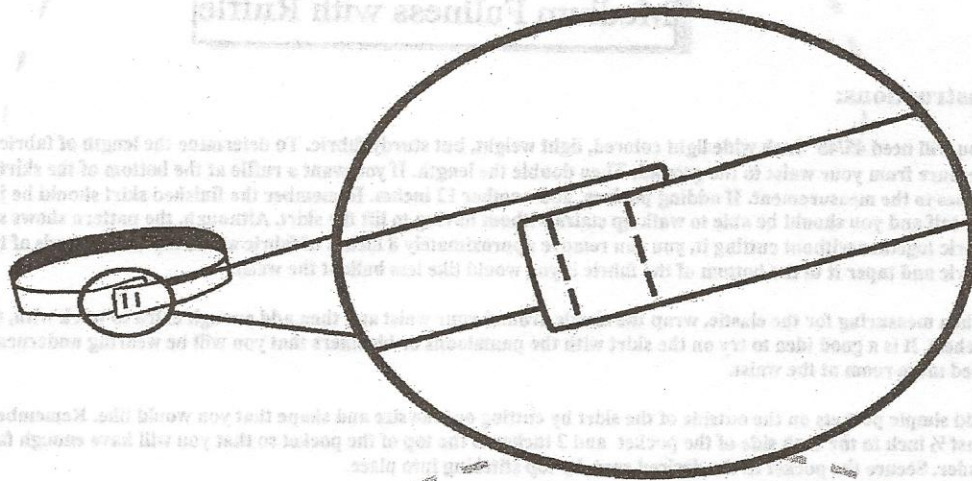
Sewing Instructions:

1. Gather Ruffle by machine basting 5/8" and 3/8" from raw edge along one long side. Pin Ruffle to long edge of skirt. Divide ruffle fullness evenly. Pull up bobbin threads and adjust gathers to fit. Stitch.
2. Stitch center back seam.
3. Hem ruffle with 1/4" double rolled hem.

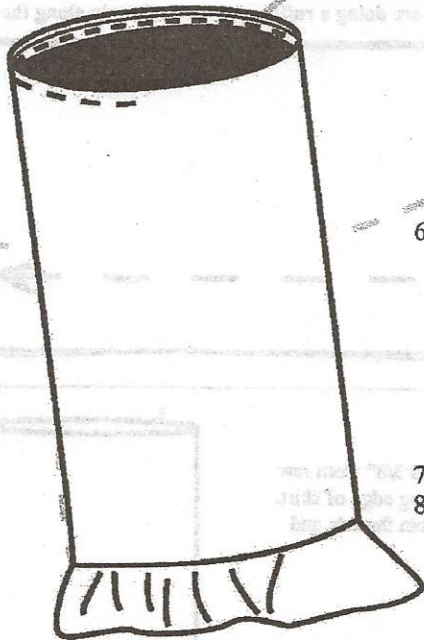


Sew a pocket on the inside of the skirt front panel to put personal items in and they won't fall out!

- The length of the skirt can be adjusted by how much the top of the skirt is folded down to put in the elastic. Determine how long skirt should be.



- A one step method to put in elastic can be done quickly. Measure elastic to fit waist. Add 1" to overlap. Overlap elastic and stitch twice.



- Fold down required amount for casing. Slip elastic between fabric and place edge of elastic next to fold. Use a zipper foot to stitch close to elastic, but do not catch elastic in stitching. Stitch a little bit and then gather fabric up on the elastic so you can stitch farther. Continue around entire skirt.
- Now you are finished. It's Beautiful!
- Follow Sewing Instructions for Bonnet.