

# Drafting a Pattern & Sewing a Simple Summer Skirt

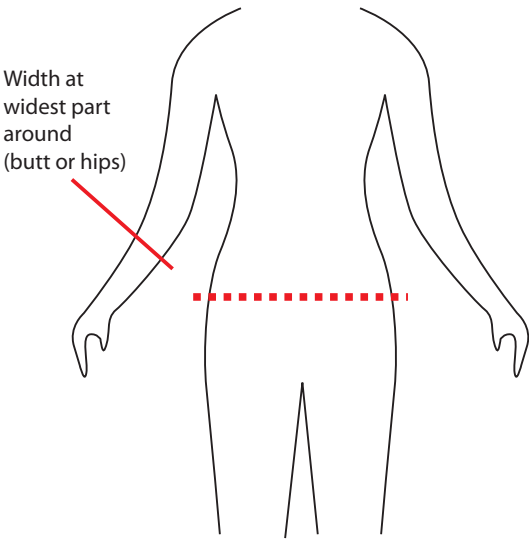
## Materials You'll Need To Draft

- Measuring tape
- Scissors
- Sharpee, pen, pencil
- Ruler or straight edge
- Paper bag cut open

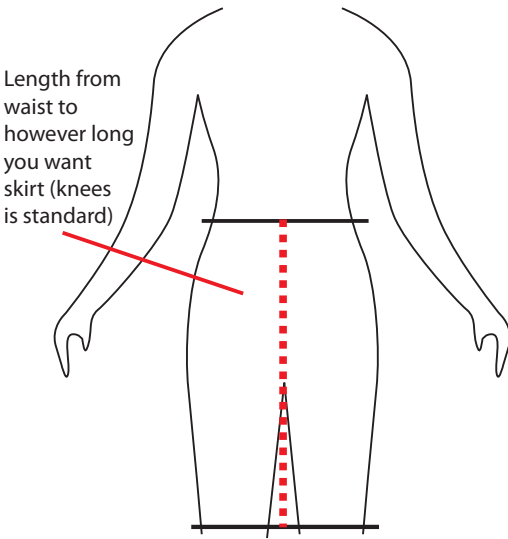
## Materials You'll Need To Sew

- 1 yard of fabric
- 1/4" braided elastic cut to measurement
- Thread
- Sewing machine
- Pins

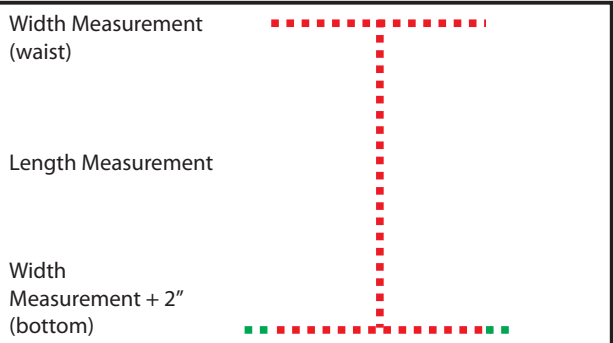
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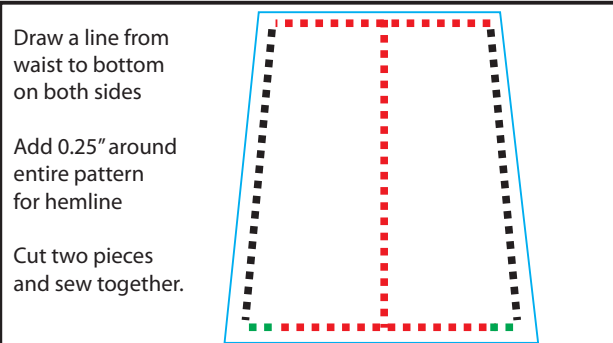
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## Drafting Pattern

1. Measure around the widest part of your body (usually around your butt or waist.) Divide that number in half. That will be your width measurement.
2. Measure the distance from your waist to however long you want your skirt. (Knee length is usually a pretty good standard.)
3. Create an I shape on your paper bag using your length measurement as your center line and half of your width measurement on the top and bottom. Add 2" to the length of the width measurement on the bottom.
4. Connect the open ends of the top and bottom by drawing a line from point to point closing up your pattern.
5. Copy a line 0.25" around each side of your pattern to allow for your hemline and cut.

## Sewing Your Skirt

1. Fold fabric over and place pattern on top of fabric pinning it in place. This will cut out 2 pieces in one shot.
2. Take two pieces and pin them together so that the wrong side of the fabric is on the outside.
3. Sew down both sides leaving the top and bottom open.
4. Open the skirt up and use a zig zag stitch sewing along the hemline of the top and bottom. \*You can use a serger if you have one on this step. \*\*Contrasting thread colors make for a fun option.
5. Take the FULL measurement you originally got from measuring your widest part and subtract 1" and cut your elastic at that size. Sew shut at one end.
6. Place elastic along the top, fold over and pin in place. Directly across from pin, place elastic and fold over. Evenly stretch along pinned parts to place elastic along waistband and pin in place.
7. Sew elastic in place and remove pins. Turn right side out and you have a fun summer skirt!