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Handkerchief Skirt

Instructor: Sandra Tholen

SUPPLIES:

You will be designing and drafting the pattern for your skirt to fit your body perfectly (or the body of the person you are sewing for). Don't worry, it's not hard and once you learn the technique you can create a perfectly fitting skirt for anyone from a child to plus size adult! We will go over how to accurately measure in class, but you will need to know some measurements in order to buy supplies. Do the best you can using the guidance below. You will get close enough to get the correct supplies.

Measurements: You may need someone to help you measure, especially the Waist to Short Hem length.

- Waist – Measure around your waist where you want to wear your skirt.
- Hip – Stand with your feet comfortably apart, measure around the widest part of your hips (or to be less polite, the widest part of your butt!)
- Waist to Short Hem - A handkerchief skirt has two hem lengths, a short hem and a long hem. You need to decide the shortest length that you want your skirt. The longest part of the skirt will drop approximately 10 inches lower than the short hem. Keep an eye on the long hem. If your short hem is within 10 inches of the floor, your long hem will drag on the floor. It is easiest to tie a string around where you want your waistband to be and have a friend help you measure where you want the shortest part of your skirt.

Fabric Choices: These skirts can be made out of almost any fabric, woven or knit. This pattern is not suitable for directional prints or plaids.

Light crisp fabrics will be more floofy, heavier fabrics will be more drapery. I would suggest a woven fabric if you are a beginner sewer, knits are great but they take a little more patience. Be cautious if choosing a knit, a little stretch is fine, but if the fabric has a lot of stretch and is a heavier material, the weight of the material may drag the skirt down and stretch it out of shape.

You can choose 44-45" wide fabric or 58-60". Your Hip size and short hem length determines how much to buy.

58-60" wide fabric:

If you have a hip size of 43" or less and want a short hem of 20" or less ---- buy 2 yards of fabric

If you have a hip size of over 43" and/or want a short hem of 20" or longer ---- buy 4 yards of fabric

44-45" wide fabric:

If you have a hip size less than 43" and want a short hem of less than 14" ---- buy 1 ½ yards of fabric

If you have a hip size of over 43" and/or want a short hem of 15" or longer ---- buy 4 yards of fabric

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Elastic - You can use either 1", 1 1/2" or 2" wide elastic. The wider the elastic, the wider the waistband of your skirt. If you want an unobtrusive waistband choose narrower elastic. If you like to have the waistband make a statement, use a larger elastic. Please purchase your waist measurement plus about 5 inches of elastic.

- Thread that matches your fabric.
- Optional - If you want to trim the bottom of your skirt with bias tape, lace, ribbon etc. You will need approximately 9 yards.

Fabric shrinks, some more than others, upon washing. Please check washing instructions on the fabric you choose and prewash and dry accordingly prior to class. (Unless its dry clean only then don't. Some recommend dry cleaning prior to sewing as well.) You don't want to finish your garment only to have your skirt shrink, it will distort your seams as well as your length. You do not need to preshrink elastic.

Tools:

Sewing Machine. Basic knowledge of your machine is required. You will need to know how to use a straight stitch and a zigzag stitch.

- Paper Scissors
- Sewing Scissors
- Scotch Tape
- Pencil
- Measuring Tape
- Seam Gauge
- Seam Ripper
- Quilters Ruler 24"x 6" if you have one – We have some to borrow if you don't have one.

COUPON:

Stop by our customer service desk to pick up your coupon that will go towards your purchases for the class.

CANCELATION POLICIES:

Minimum enrollment must be met for all classes 48 hour prior to schedule time or the class will be canceled. If you are interested in a class, please pre-register and prepay for the class 48 hours before the class date.

In the event that you cannot attend a class, your fee may be credited to another class or refunded ONLY if you notify the store at 360-794-6745 at LEAST 48 hours in advance of the class date. You must have a cancellation number to verify this. If you don't follow this procedure you will forfeit your class fee.

Purchase class supplies in advance so classes may begin on time. Present your supply list when purchasing supplies to receive a 10% discount. If you have any questions regarding supplies, please ask a clerk for assistance.