

EASY POINTED OVERSKIRT



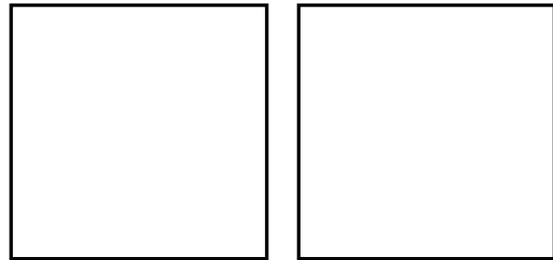
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FABRIC:

Two equal squares of fabric - (such as chiffon, crystal organza, lingerie satin, or any fabric you fancy for the particular occasion) - even two matching interesting ethnic looking scarves) matching thread, and elastic/and or tape for waistband. Some "Fray Stopper" if cutting sequined fabric.

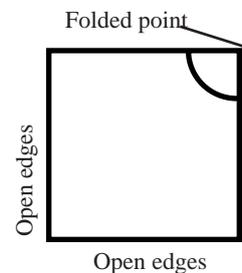
METHOD;

Cut two equal squares of fabric - remember whatever measurement your squares are from waist/hip circle cut-out to points determines the finished length.

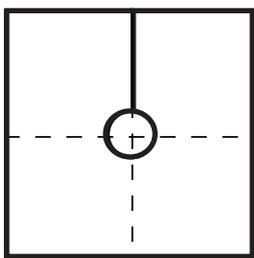
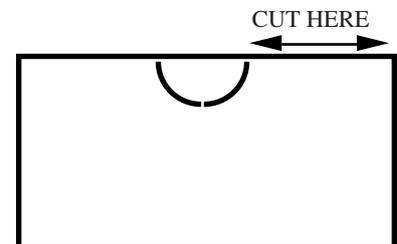


Cut yourself a paper circle pattern to guide you on waist openings - something about the size of a saucer is a good start.

Fold your 2 skirt material pieces into quarters, then fold your paper waist circle into a 1/4 shape, and trim out.



Then open out your skirt material pieces and fold in half (rectangle), to give you a centred cutting line and then cut one slit from skirt edge to skirt waist you have just trimmed out. Be careful if you are matching two scarves patterns.



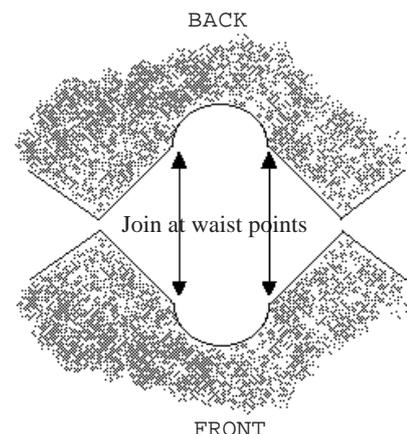
Machine raw edges at this point either with a fine overlock or rolled hem

Open out your skirt pieces, and overlap the circle cuts slightly at waist at sides for firmness, machine tack to hold.

At this point determine that your hip/waist opening is going to be satisfactory for you.

REMEMBER it is easy enough to trim a little more at this point than to have cut too large in the first place.

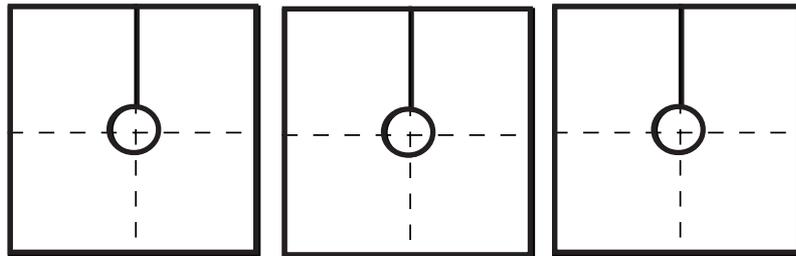
You have a choice here : you can turn a small hem at the waist/hip circle, and attach elastic on the inside with a zig-zag stitch, or add another piece of fabric as a waistband and enclose elastic, whichever method you would feel comfortable wearing. Decorate edges with sequins or coins, etc.



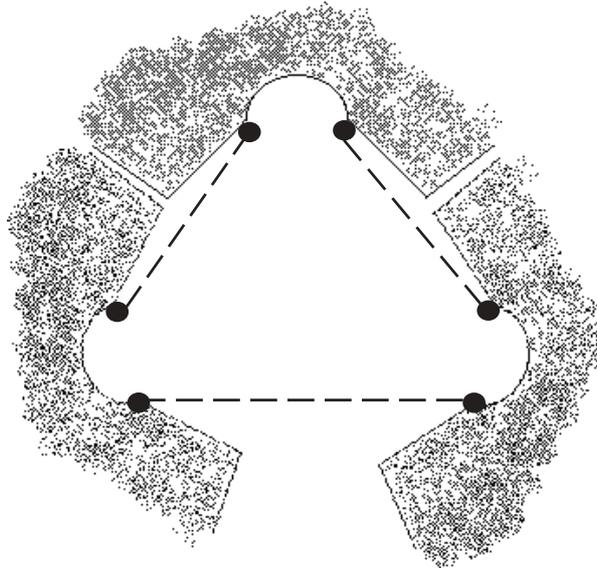
further variation to.....
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This variation requires THREE equal squares of fabric - cut exactly the same method as the two piece skirt already described, with the exception that **you will need to cut out much smaller waist holes in each piece of fabric**, 3 waists being same measurement to 2 waists.



Join all three pieces together at corners of waist circles, giving a slight overlap for strength and proceed with your choice of waist band finish - either elastic sewn direct, or attached waistband



To do a Simple waistband...cut a length of fabric approximately one and a half inches in width and enough to go round the opening, and sew to your assembled skirt "waist" with a narrow seam, joining waistband fabric at the back..

Sewing hints:

(1) Your skirt "waist" is actually cut on the bias, and if you give it a few scissor nicks to ease the curves round the circumference after attaching, (being careful not to cut your seam), it will lie nice and straight for your next step, which is to turn over and seam down on opposite side, leaving opening at rear join to insert elastic.

(2) Before inserting elastic, press the waistband, then run a line of stitching close to the top, this gives a professional looking finish, and also helps to keep the waistband flat and in place.



Example pointed skirt

