

FEATURED PROJECT

two skirts in one reversible skirt

SUPPLIES NEEDED

McCall's Pattern #3830

Per pattern: Ponte knit fabric for skirt and jersey stretch knit fabric for lining

1/4 yard contrast fabric for lower skirt band

1" elastic

Sulky Rayon thread, assorted colors

Shears

Straight pins

Marking tool

Seam gauge

Tape measure

CUTTING

1. Cut lining using front and back skirt pattern (we used view E, the shorter version). We eliminated the back seams on the skirt and lining by laying the back pattern edge 5/8" over the folded fabric edge.
2. Cut the skirt fabric next. You will need to adjust pattern before cutting out skirt fabric. Using seam gauge, mark 2" down from upper edge, on front and back pieces, cut off. This allows the skirt to rest below the waist instead of actually at the waist as the pattern is designed to do.
3. Cut skirt fabric using the adjusted pattern pieces and mark the darts, both in the lining and skirt back pieces. Since we are using elastic at the waistline, the front darts are eliminated and not stitched.

SEWING

All seams are 5/8".

1. Stitch darts in skirt lining and skirt. Be sure to start at the widest part of the dart, stitch to the point, stitching off the end, then secure the dart by backstitching in the fold edge, right behind the point. This helps prevent dart puckers.
2. Stitch side seams in both lining and skirt fabric. Use a narrow zigzag on the knit seams to help seams to stretch. Press skirt seams open. Trim knit lining seams close to stitching.
3. Measure lower circumference of skirt. Cut lower skirt band from contrast fabric 8" wide x this measurement.

Optional: If you would like to add rows of decorative stitching to the lower band, press mark a horizontal placement line on band. Thread the machine with Sulky Rayon thread, and choose a decorative stitch. You can use the edge of the presser foot as your guide for aligning additional rows of stitching to help keep them straight. To keep stitches from puckering, use Sulky Solvy to stitch over. Remove the Solvy when your stitching is complete, per package instructions.

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4. Stitch side seam band, press seam open. Fold band in half lengthwise, wrong sides together, press. Baste the raw edges together to prevent slipping.

5. Measure length of skirt. Determine how long you want your finished skirt. The band adds about 3" to the finished length of the skirt once it is stitched on. Cut off any excess from lower edge of skirt. Stitch band to lower edge of skirt, right sides together, matching the side seam to one skirt side seam.

6. Measure elastic using waist of skirt for guide. Stitch together, overlapping elastic ends to create loop. Attach to waist of skirt, matching upper skirt raw edge to the middle of elastic. Zigzag stitch to attach.

7. Attach lining to waist of skirt, right sides together. Zigzag stitch at lower edge of elastic, attaching lining to skirt upper edge.

8. Turn skirt lining to wrong side, rolling lining over elastic "waistband". Tack lining at waist; stitch in the ditch on side seams and a couple of inconspicuous places on back and front.

9. Wear your new skirt on either side, for two completely different looks. Or if you spill something on one side you have another option!

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