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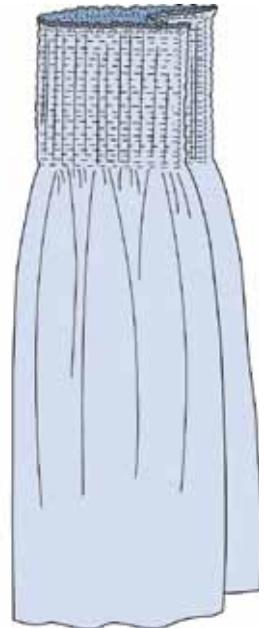


SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 54" shirred rayon or cotton dress fabric. Note: Measure before purchasing yardage. Measure hips at the fullest point. Subtract 1" to determine the amount needed in inches.
- Thread to match the fabric
- Sewing machine
- Basic sewing supplies
- Iron and pressing surface

DIRECTIONS:

1. Straighten both cut edges before beginning. Determine the desired length of the skirt adding 2" for the hem. If desired the excess can be cut off the bottom. Remember cut the skirt a little longer than the determined length.
2. To determine the width needed for the front panel, place the fabric around the body overlapping the extra so it fits comfortably around the hips. Pin the elasticized area to hold it temporarily. Mark the position of the seams at the lower edge of the shirring so they fall in the center of each leg. Measure this distance and add 2" to this amount. Cut the center front panel from one end of the fabric so it is this width.
3. With right sides together, pin the shirred section of the front panel to the side/back shirred section along the raw edges. At the top, match the small ruffled edge. Also, match each elasticized row where they meet.
4. Straight stitch the seam of the shirred area only using a 1/2" seam allowance. Try on the skirt and make sure it fits in the waist and hips. Make any adjustments if needed.



Skill Level: Some experience necessary

Crafting Time: 1-2 hrs

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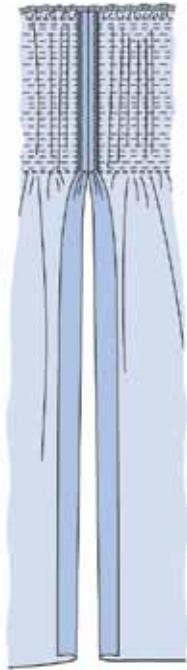
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5. Use a zigzag stitch to finish each raw edge of the shirred section. Press fabric under along the edges of the slits so the folded edge is even with the stitching of the seamed area. The width of the hem should be approximately 1" wide. Be careful not to stretch the edge while pressing.



7. Mark the hemline along both the center front panel and the side/back. Trim the lower edge 2" from the hemline. Press under 1/2", then 1-1/2". Stitch along the top of the hem.



6. Fold each hem in half matching the long raw edge to the inside of the fold. Starting at the top edge of the skirt, stitch along the edge of the seam allowance of the shirred section. Continue along the inner edge of the hems finishing at the lower edge.

