



Tiered & Ruffled Skirt

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Supplies & Tools:

- Simplicity® pattern 2475
- 4 yds Casa Collection™ crepe fabric
- Notions (refer to pattern)
- Basic sewing supplies
- Rotary cutter, mat & ruler
- 10" Round plate
- Sewing machine
- Iron & ironing surface
- Optional: Compass to draw circles

Directions:

Assemble skirt following Simplicity® pattern with the following exceptions: Do not sew lower skirt and yoke together; do not sew the back seam together.

To create tiers:

1. Cut 10 fabric pieces on the bias 6" wide and the length of the hip width. Fold in half right side out and press.
2. Mark on skirt even rows of $2\frac{3}{8}$ " working down starting $2\frac{3}{8}$ " from the $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance at the top of the skirt. This measurement may need to be adjusted depending on the length of the skirt. Gently ease and pin bias tiers to markings and sew tiers with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam from center back around the front to center back. Hem skirt.
3. To finish the top tier, sew yoke to skirt, attaching tier to the waistline and sewing on the facing.

To create ruffles:

1. Trace around a 10" plate on the remaining fabric. Find the center of the circle and measure out from the center $1\frac{1}{4}$ " all around, forming an inner circle.

A compass may be useful for this step. Repeat making 11 circles then cut them all out, saving the donut shapes to make the ruffles. Cut the circle open on one side and sew the circles together end-to-end forming a long ruffled fabric strip. Sew a narrow hem along the outer edge of the long ruffle strip.

2. Cut the ruffle strip into the following lengths: 5", 6", 8", 9", 11", 13" and 15". Hem the side edges of each piece.
3. Sew the longest ruffle strip starting at the bottom of the skirt and 1" toward the back from the side seam going left toward the center front. Sew the ruffles at each tier, working the longer strips at the bottom and the shorter strips as you work up. At the 4th and 5th tiers from the bottom, start at the side seam sewing toward the center and the 3rd, 2nd and 1st tier go in 1" toward the center front.

Finish skirt by sewing the back seam and inserting the zipper.

Skill Level 3: Experience necessary
Approximate Crafting Time: 6-8 hours