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## High Waist Skirt Skill Level: Intermediate

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This is a very easy skirt that can be tweaked and embellished. Add pockets, make it mini, or apply lace to the bottom. The possibilities are endless. It wears best right around or above the belly button because of its lightly gathered and straight shape. Keep this in mind when measuring the waist. Sample used Brandon Mably Shell Scape, 44" wide.

### **Fabrics Needed**

Skirt fabric	1 yard
Belt ties - bias tape, rope, leather, lace, or ribbon	One 20" piece, one 20" plus waist measurement

### **Materials Needed**

Pellon <sup>®</sup> 930 Sew-In Midweight	1 yard
Zipper	1
Contrast bias tape or trim (optional)	1 yard
Buttons (optional)	
Thread	

### **Tools Needed**

Sewing machine and related supplies  
Rotary cutter and related supplies.

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## Instructions

This project assumes basic knowledge of garment construction such as zippers and hems.

Measurements needed:

Waist + 1"  
Hips + 4-1/2"  
Length + 3"

Step 1. Straighten and cut top of the fabric.

Step 2. Fold fabric wrong sides together, aligning selvages.  
Cut one 5" strip across the width of the fabric.

Step 3. Cut the 5" strip so that the width equals the waist + 1" measurement. Use this piece as a guide to cut the interfacing for the waistband.

Step 4. Fold the fabric wrong sides together, aligning selvages. Cut the piece to the desired length + 3".



Step 5. Keeping the fabric folded, cut it so that the width equals the hip measurement + 4" divided by 2. This is the main skirt piece.



Step 6. Run two rows of gathering stitches across the top of the main skirt piece.



Step 7. Pull up the gathering threads until the width equals that of the waistband.



Step 8. Sew the bias tape, cording, or embellishments to the main skirt piece. (optional)

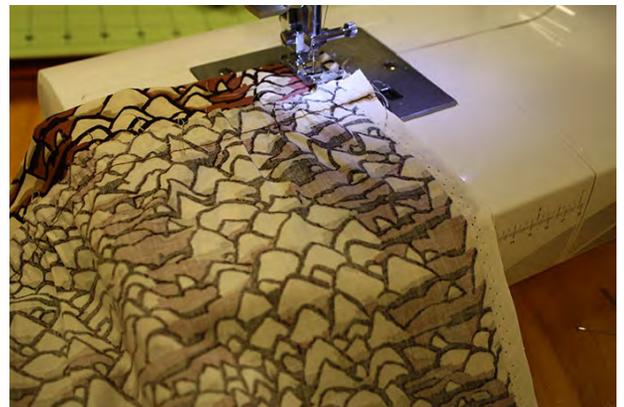


Step 9. Place the interfacing on the wrong side of the waistband. Fold the waistband in half and press, sandwiching the interfacing inside.

Step 10. Pin the waistband to the main skirt piece with right sides together, aligning raw edges. Stitch together using a 1/2" seam allowance.



Step 11. Place the right sides of the skirt piece together and stitch the back seam using a 1/2" seam allowance.



Step 12. Install the zipper.



Step 13. Hem the bottom of the skirt.

