

The
Dress Up
Bunch

Simple Skirt



I hope you like this free pattern for a simple skirt that will fit everyone in **The Dress Up Bunch** - even critters with tails!

You can make it super simple with a fun print and nothing extra, or you can dress it up with fancy trims. They're so easy - you can make a whole pile of them!

Happy sewing!

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Throughout the pattern, the **purple text** links to online video tutorials demonstrating the techniques used.

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Materials

- less than 1/4 yard fabric (the wild stripe pattern here is [this print from Timeless Treasures](#))
- 12 inches 3/8" elastic
- 24 inches fancy trim (optional)

Step 1

Cut a rectangle 7 inches tall x 24 inches wide.

Step 2

Prep the top and bottom edges for hemming.

Turn the top edge down 1/2" and press.

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Turn the bottom edge up 1/4" and press.

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Don't stitch the hems down yet - it's just easiest to do all the pressing while it's one flat piece.



Step 3

If you want to add trim to the middle of the skirt (like Poppy's on the cover) now is the time to add it.

Sew it in place all along the 24 inches of the skirt. For wider trim like this, stitch it down at the top and the bottom. For something like rickrack I might use a zigzag stitch down the middle. It depends on the trim and the size. Use your best judgement.

Step 4

Unfold the creases you made in Step 2.

Sew up the center back seam of the skirt using 1/4" seam allowance.

If you're not leaving an opening for a tail, just sew the whole edge.

If you're leaving a tail opening for critters, sew as shown in the photo. Make sure to backstitch at the top and bottom of the tail opening so it's nice and strong and holds up to lots of dressing and undressing. :-)



Step 5

Press the center back seam open.

If you are leaving a tail opening, stitch a box around the opening to stabilize it.



From the Outside

Here's that boxed-in tail opening from the outside.

You'll probably use a matching thread color - I just wanted to make sure you could see the stitching.





Step 6

Refold the creases.

Stitch the hem down all the way around the skirt. If you're adding trim to the bottom of the skirt, now is the time to add it.

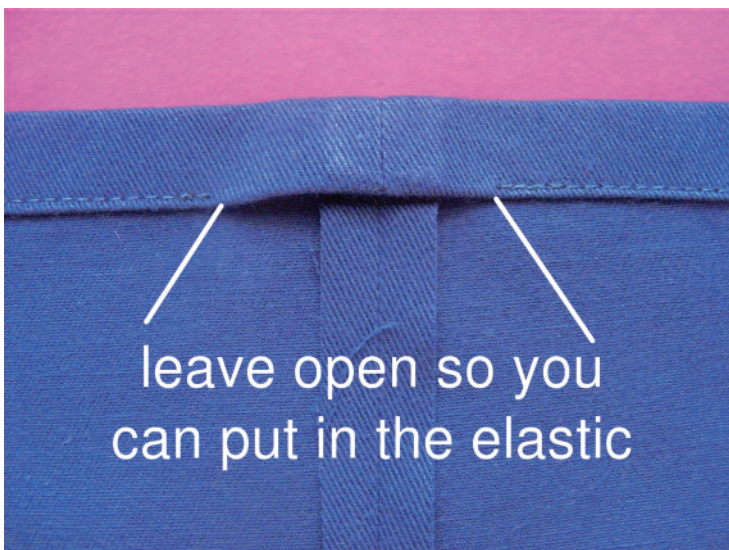
I sewed this beaded fringe in place as I stitched down the hem. The beads are attached to a ribbon. I just laid the ribbon down over the folded hem and stitched through all the layers at once.

From the Inside

Here it is from the inside.

I stitched along the top and the bottom of the ribbon. I needed to use a zipper foot to stitch along the bottom of the ribbon, so I could get that close to the beads.

I could have sewed it so the ribbon was on the outside of the skirt. Use your best judgement based on the trim you're using.



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Step 7

Sew the casing at the top of the skirt in place. Leave a couple of inches open at the top - at the back seam - so you can put in the elastic.

Step 8

Cut a 12" piece of 3/8" elastic and thread it through the casing. Overlap the ends of the elastic 1 inch and sew them together. Slip the stitched elastic up into the casing and finish sewing the casing closed.

Watch this video for more info on using elastic in a waistband.

Done!

Press everything neatly, turn the skirt right side out and try it on.

With trim or without, these skirts are so quick and easy to make! Bet you can't make just one. :-)



Did you have fun?

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