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HALF OR FULL CIRCLE SKIRT

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A circle skirt is an excellent skirt to combine with the **DAISY** pattern (but of course it can be combined with about anything):

- Idea 1: Choose Daisy **VERSION A**, but instead of sewing the pants to the top, you can attach your own circle skirt and make a **DAISY**-dress.
- Tip 2: Choose Daisy **VERSION B** for daytime and in the evening you transform your look by wearing a matching circle skirt on top of it. (See photo).

⚠ The green skirt in the picture is a 'half' circle skirt. A 'full' circle skirt has as expected two times as much fabric and is therefore more voluminous.

1 WHAT DO YOU NEED:

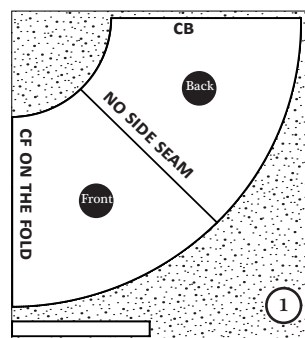
- pattern paper
- measuring tape, pen, ruler and pins
- fabric (see usage below), pre-wash your fabric to eliminate any shrinkage after you have made your skirt.
- blind zipper: 8 inch (20 cm)
- button: 1/2 inch (12 mm)
- yarn to match your fabric
- interfacing for your waistband

2 CALCULATE YOUR FABRIC USAGE:

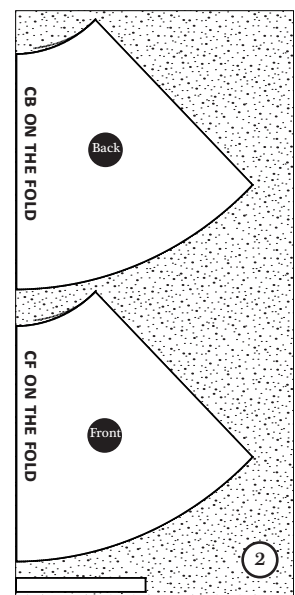
How much fabric you need is dependent on how long you would like your skirt to be (see cutting lay outs).

USAGE HALF CIRCLE SKIRT:

- For a skirt length up to 20" (50 cm) you need fabric that is minimum 60" (1,50m) wide. For the length you measure the distance from your circle point (see 5) to your hem (incl allowance) + 2 3/4" (7 cm) for the waistband. See 1
- If you wish your skirt to be longer, you need 2 x the length as described above + 2 3/4" (7 cm) for the waistband. See 2



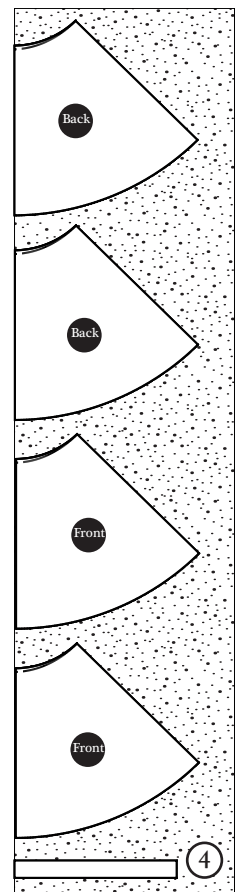
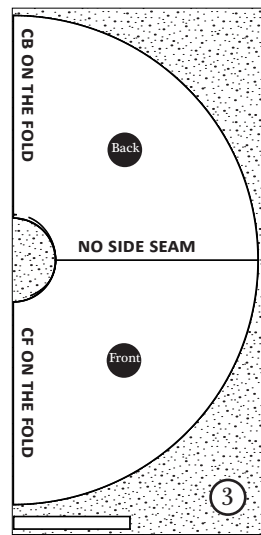
NO SIDESEAM & ZIPPER AT CB



SIDESEAM & ZIPPER AT SIDE

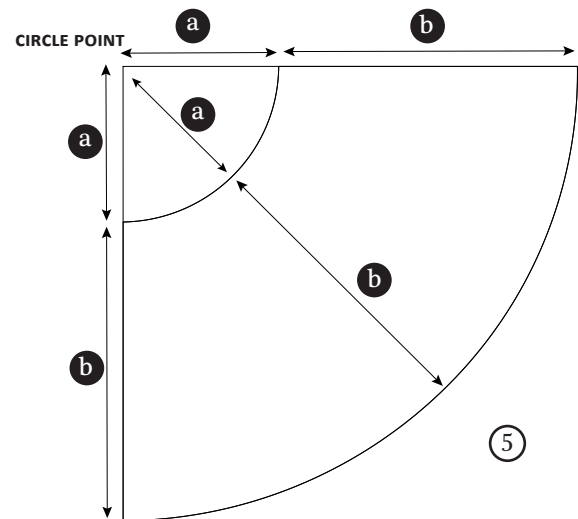
USAGE HALF CIRCLE SKIRT:

- For a skirt length up to 20" (50 cm) you need fabric that is minimum 60" (1,5m) wide. For the length you measure the distance from your circle point (see 5) to your hem (including allowance) + 2 3/4" (7 cm) for the waistband. See 3 The Center Back will be cut open later to be able to add a zipper. (Or you can keep it an uncut circle if you choose to use an elastic waistband).
- If you wish your skirt to be longer, you need 4 x the length as described above + 2 3/4" (7 cm) for the waistband. See 4 You will now have a seam on both sides as well as on CF and CB. The zipper can be inserted either at CB or in the left side seam.

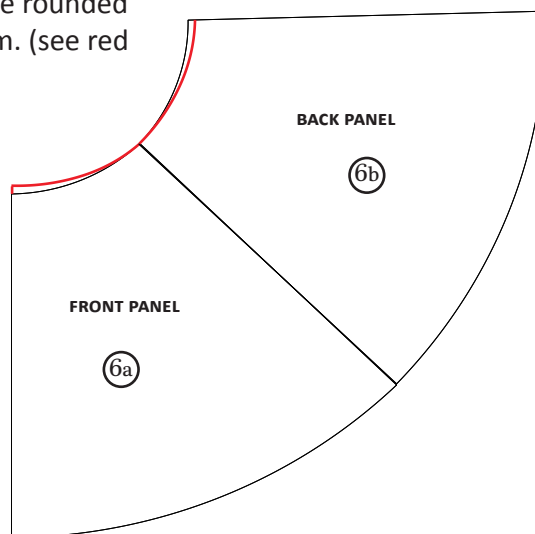


3 HOW TO MAKE A HALF CIRCLE SKIRT:

- Measure your waist where you want your skirt to sit (high or low waist). Draw the following rounded lines on your pattern paper. See 5 distance a = 1/3 Waist - 3/8" (1 cm)
distance b = your desired skirt length
- The Front and Back panel are now attached and identical to each other. To help the flare lay more flat around your tummy and make it flare out more around your buttocks, I advise to adjust the pattern as following:



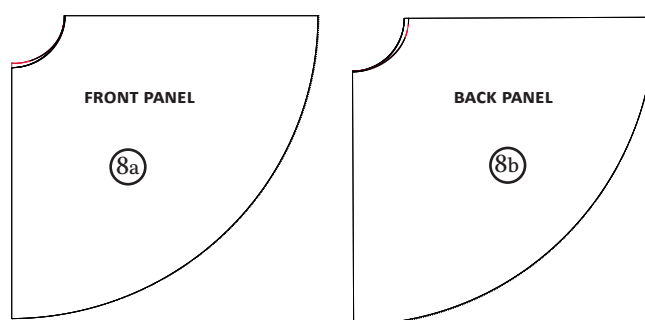
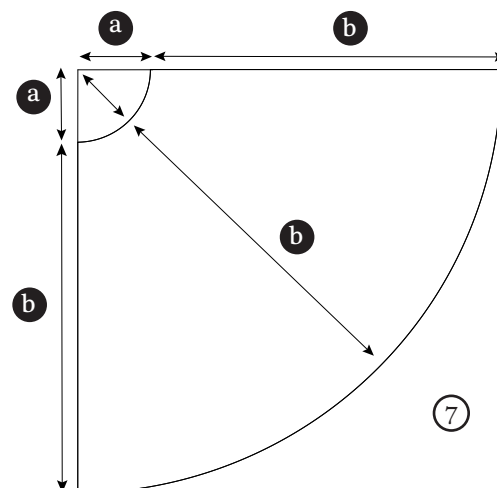
- Draw the CF 3/8" (1cm) **higher** and reshape the waistline in a nice rounded curve to the original sideseam. (see red line in image 6a)
- Draw the CB 3/8" (1cm) **lower** and reshape the waistline in a nice rounded curve to the original sideseam. (see red line in image 6b)



4 HOW TO MAKE A FULL CIRCLE SKIRT:

- Measure your waist where you want your skirt to sit (high or low waist). Draw the following rounded lines on your pattern paper. See 5
distance a = $\frac{1}{6}$ Waist - $\frac{1}{4}$ " (0,5 cm)
distance b = your desired skirt length
- The Front and Back panel are now identical to each other. To help the flare lay more flat around your tummy and make it flare out more around your buttocks, I advise to adjust the pattern as following:

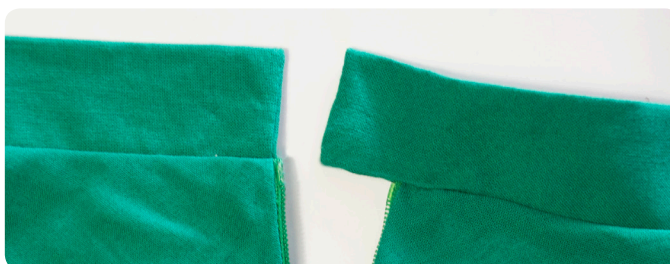
- Draw the CF $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) **higher** and reshape the waistline in a nice rounded curve to the original sideseam. (see red line in image 8a)
- Draw the CB $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) **lower** and reshape the waistline in a nice rounded curve to the original sideseam. (see red line in image 8b)



5 SEWING YOUR SKIRT:

- For the waistband: cut a strip that is $2\frac{3}{4}$ " (7 cm) wide. It will be folded double and will give you a $\frac{3}{4}$ " (2 cm) finished waistband when using $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1,5 cm) seam allowance. For the length use $\frac{1}{2}$ Waist + $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1,5 cm) for the button underlay (cut on the fold).
- Place your skirt pattern pieces on the fabric as described in step 2 and cut them out. Note that you will need to add seam allowance!
- Finish the side edges of your cut skirt pieces.
- Stitch the sideseams if needed. If you like your zipper in the left sideseam, make sure to leave this open. Press the seams open.
- Place your zipper in either the CB or left side seam.
- Press Interfacing to the inside of your waistband if the fabric requires some body.

- Stitch one side of your waistband to the skirt, the side with the underlay will be longer and stick out.
- Fold the waistband double, right sides together. Stitch the sides, including the underlay closed. Trim the corners and turn the right side out again. Nicely shape and press the corners.
- Fold the seam allowance of the inner waistband in (over the stitched line) and pin in place. Stitch on the right side of your skirt precisely in 'the ditch' of your stitched seam, attaching your inner waistband and clean finishing the inside.



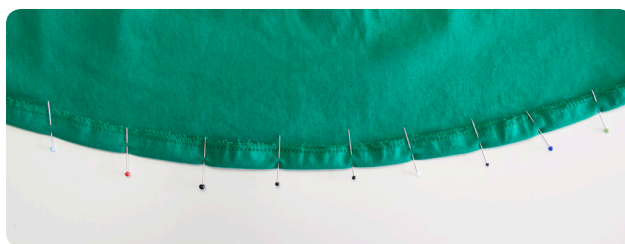
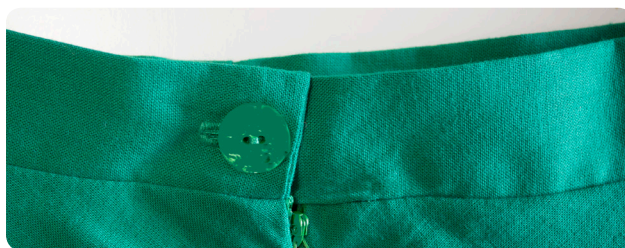
- Stitch a buttonhole at the end of your waistband and attach your button to the underlay.

⚠ NOTE Before you continue it is important to let your skirt hang for 24 hours on either a hanger, washline or mannequin. Say what? Yes, sorry, but this is an important step before you can finish your hemline evenly.

The reason behind this is that fabric with a bias cut stretches more than fabric with a straight cut. And with a circle skirt you will have fabric alternating with straight and bias cuts all around. Especially with heavier fabrics this can result in a very uneven hemline. So my advice is to first let your skirt hang to find its true length all around before finishing your hemline.

6 FINISHING THE HEM:

- The easiest is to have someone else pin the skirt to the correct length, while measuring from the ground up. Repeating this all the way around. Make sure you stand up straight and don't look down to see what's going on.
- Hemming a rounded seam is a bit trickier than hemming a straight seam. The outer edge is rounder and therefore longer than the desired length. It is possible to do a double folded hem, using just 1/4" (0,6 cm) while pressing it first in shape. Another way (which might be a better solution when your fabric is heavier) is to first overlock the edge of your skirt, then only do a single fold before stitching it at 1/4" (0,6 cm).
- Ease your seam in a little and hold it in place with pins. Press your seam to keep it in shape as you stitch it.
- Stitch your seam and iron your skirt.
Voila! Your circle skirt is finished!



⚠ HEM TIP 1: When you are using slippery fabric this might help: stitch a loose tension stitch with longer stitches right at the place where you want your hemstitching to be. Don't finish off the beginning and end. Now you can pull these threads and gather the skirt to ease a little in the extra length. Stitch your seam and remove this thread again when finished.

HEM TIP 2: If you would like a clean and pretty finish of your inside hem, then you can use lace tape (that has a little stretch to it). First you can ease your hemline in as described above. Then place the lace tape over your raw hemline and handstitch it with a hemming stitch onto the inside of your skirt.
