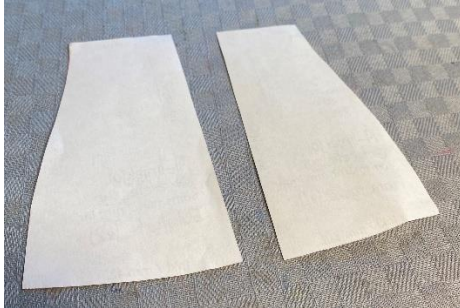


Tutorial for Skirts (56 "Basic Favourites – 10.2 inch fashion dolls") www.meretesyr.se

Choose a stretchy fabric that does not fray, for example cotton jersey.

You also need 6 mm (1/4 inch) wide velcro (or small sew on snaps) and a small piece of iron-on interfacing.



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1. You need these pattern pieces. There is a similar pattern for a more narrow skirt which is sewn in the same way.
2. When you have cut the fabric, the pieces should look like this. Add markings (to the wrong side of the fabric) for the opening.
3. Place the parts on top of each other, right sides in. Attach the sides with a (fabric) glue pen. (This is a special glue pen for sewing that does not hurt the sewing machine. The glue dries quickly and becomes almost invisible, and it washes away.) You can use pins instead of a glue pen, but it is easier to use the glue pen.
4. Sew with an elastic seam, for example a reinforced straight stitch. The seam allowance is 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch). Use a matching thread colour (I use a different colour so that it will show well on the photos).



5. Cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain.



6. Pry the seam allowances apart and press.



7. Fold the 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch) upper hem. Attach with glue pen. Press.



8. Sew close to the edge with an elastic stitch, for example a reinforced straight stitch. Press.



9. If you want to make decorative stitches, it should be done now. The seams have to be elastic, for example using a reinforced straight stitch. Here I added an extra line on top and some (fake) pockets.



Close-up of pockets.



10. This is what it looks like on the wrong side. If needed, cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain (not needed in this case, because I made another seam a couple of millimeters below the first one).



11. Fold the garment right side in. Attach with glue pen.



12. Sew with an elastic seam, for example reinforced straight stitch. NB: Do not sew all the way, leave an opening on top according to the marking on the pattern.



13. Cut away some of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain. NB: do NOT cut away anything at the top near the opening (see pic).



14. Pry the seam allowances apart and press.



15. Turn the garment right side out. Cut a 15 mm (1/2 inch) piece of the 6 mm (1/4 inch) wide velcro strip. Or use a small "tryckknapp" that is sewn on by hand.



16. Attach one piece of the velcro on the (unfolded) seam allowance using the glue pen. If you are using a sew on snap instead, press on a small piece on iron-on interfacing on the wrong side on the fabric. Fold the other seam allowance and attach with glue pen. Attach the other part of the velcro here.



17. Sew the velcro in place. This is possible to do with the sewing machine, but can be quite difficult. An alternative is to sew this particular part by hand



18. This is what it should look like with the velcro closed.



19. Fold the 7 mm (approx 1/4 inch) upper hem. Attach with glue pen. Press. Sew close to the edge with an elastic stitch, for example a reinforced straight stitch. Press. Cut away about 2/3 of the seam allowance so that only a couple of millimeters remain.

20. Finished!



Skipper in an A-line skirt.



Skipper in a pencil skirt.