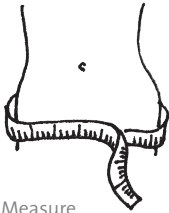


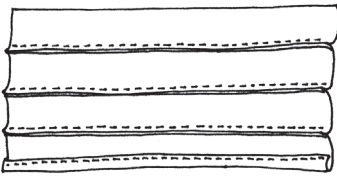
# Simple tube skirt

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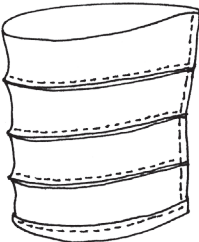
This basic skirt design is easy to make—you don't even need a pattern. The design possibilities are endless as you put together strips, stripes, and layers of fabric.



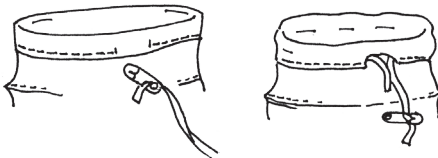
Measure.



Sew together fabric strips or layers.



Make the tube.



Add elastic..



Design and sketch.

## Simple tube skirt

1. The first step is design! See what fabrics and trim you have, and make a sketch. Put together strips of fabric to create a banded skirt, or layer one fabric behind another for a dimensional effect.
2. Use a tape measure to find the size of your body around the hips. Your skirt has to be big enough to come up and down over the widest part of your body. Now, measure the length you want your skirt to be. Add an inch to both dimensions for seams. Our design is 37 inches wide by 18 inches long.
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5. Hem the bottom and add trim.
6. Sew the two ends together to make a tube.
7. Cut a piece of elastic that feels good around your waist, plus a few extra inches. Working from the inside of the skirt, fold over some fabric to make a pocket for the elastic. Leave an opening where you can insert the elastic.
8. Stick a safety pin through the elastic and push it through the pocket. Make sure you don't pull the end of the elastic all the way through, or you will have to start over! Sew the two ends of the elastic together firmly, by hand or on the sewing machine.
9. Turn skirt right-side-out and wear it!

