

THE PETAL SKIRT – by Sarah Gunn

TUTORIAL:

CALCULATING THE TEMPLATE SIZE:

1. Measure the finished width of skirt. (My skirt is 35")
2. Decide on number of scallops. (I have chosen 10 – five in front and five in back.)
3. Divide the finished width of by the number of scallops and draw accordingly.
4. 10 into 35 = a 3.5 inch scallop.

MAKING THE TEMPLATE:

1. Cut a 2- 3" piece of interfacing slightly longer than needed. (If both sides of the skirt are the same width you will need only one template.)
2. Mark the seam allowances, then measure at 3 ½" intervals.
3. Mark the midpoint of each scallop
4. With a compass or a round object, fill in the scallop.

MAKING THE FACING:

1. Place the template on the fold of the fabric and cut the facing.
2. Interface with a very lightweight interfacing.
3. Transfer the markings.
4. Finish the upper edge with a serger or by turning under.

ATTACH THE FACING:

1. Determine skirt length.
2. Attach right sides together.
3. Stitch along markings.
4. Cut along stitching.
5. Turn and hem.

MULTI – TIERED SCALLOPS WITH LINED SCALLOP LAYERS

1. Cut the pattern back and front skirt pieces.
2. Determine where to place your layers and mark the cutting points for your layers. It's important for the top of each layer to be covered by the bottom of another layer, so I'll add an extra two inches to the top of each tier.

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3. Once marked, cut separate pattern pieces for each tier and place on the fold of your fashion fabric and lining.
4. Create notches or dots for accurate placement of scallop layer to base of skirt

STEPOUT

1. Lay template along the lower edge of the tier lining and mark.
2. Pin lining and fashion fabric right sides together.
3. Stitch along stitching line, cut, turn and press
4. Stitch top together and finish seam (I use a serger)

PLACING TIER ON SKIRT

1. Match notches of the tiers to the skirt base.
2. Pin and stitch along the top of the tier.
3. Starting at the top of the skirt front, stitch or serge down the side. Repeat with the skirt back.
4. Finish the skirt following the pattern manufacturer's instructions.

TIP:

Use an invisible zipper to avoid detracting from the petals.

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