



HALF CIRCLE - SKIRT

Single and double layer skirt PDF Sewing pattern
for ages Tiny Baby to age 7-8 years.



Description

This pattern is for retro style pinafore dress. With the option to make a half circle skirt when omitting the bib and straps.

Additional Features:

- ♥ Regular fold-over hem or lettuce/ rolled hem options
- ♥ Double or single layer skirt options

FABRIC OPTIONS:

Use fabric with at least a 15% stretch value. A jersey with a good recovery should be used for the waistband. The skirt has not been tested with woven fabric but it may work if you add a few cms on either side seam of the skirt pattern pieces for ease then stretch the waistband to fit.

SEAM ALLOWANCE:

There is a 7mm (0.25 inch) seam allowance included in the pattern. This means you can serge along the edge of the fabric without trimming any fabric off with the blade.

PREWASH:

Remember to prewash all fabrics to allow them to preshrink and to remove any factory residues.

NOTIONS:

You will need jersey fabric, a sewing machine using a zigzag or stretch stitch or an overlocker. If using a sewing machine remember to use ballpoint or stretch needles and polyester thread.

GET IN TOUCH: If you're stuck at any point, feel free to get in touch :)

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SIZE GUIDE:

Use these measurements to work out which size pattern to make. Don't worry if your child is near the top measurement of either the length, weight or height and mid range for another. You can easily adjust the pattern to fit. If your child has a narrow waist but is the right height for the size you can cut a smaller waistband to go with the skirt.

SIZE	HEIGHT		WEIGHT		WAIST		INSEAM	
	cm	inches	kg	lbs	cm	inches	cm	inches
Tiny-1M	54	21.25	3.5	7.7		15	16	6.25
0-3M	62	24.4	5.5	12	43	17	18	7.1
3-6M	68	26.8	7.5	16.5	45	17.7	23	9
6-12M	80	31.5	9	20	48	18.9	27	11
1-2Y	90	35.4	13	29	50.5	19.9	33.5	13.25
2-3Y	98	38.6			52	20.5	39	15.4
3-4Y	104	41			54	21.3	42	16.5
4-5Y	110	43.3			55	21.7	46	18.1
5-6Y	116	45.7			56	22	49	19.3
6-7Y	122	48			58	22.8	53	21
7-8Y	128	50.4			60	23.6	57	22.5

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS:

Calculated on fabric of 150cm width:

Measurements are calculated so you know how much each option requires in case you want to use different materials for each. I.E. To make a Single Layer Pinafore you need 0.3m for the skirt and 0.5m for the bib and straps. If you're making it all from the same fabric you will need the 0.4m for the skirt and 0.5m for the bib and straps. If you are making the skirt only without the bib you will only need 0.4m

SIZE in metre	SKIRT SINGLE LAYER	SKIRT DOUBLE LAYER
Tiny-1M	0.4	0.5
0-3M	0.5	0.6
3-6M	0.5	0.7
6-12M	0.5	0.8
1-2Y	0.6	0.8
2-3Y	0.7	0.9
3-4Y	0.7	1
4-5Y	0.7	1
5-6Y	0.7	1
6-7Y	0.8	1.1
7-8Y	0.8	1.1

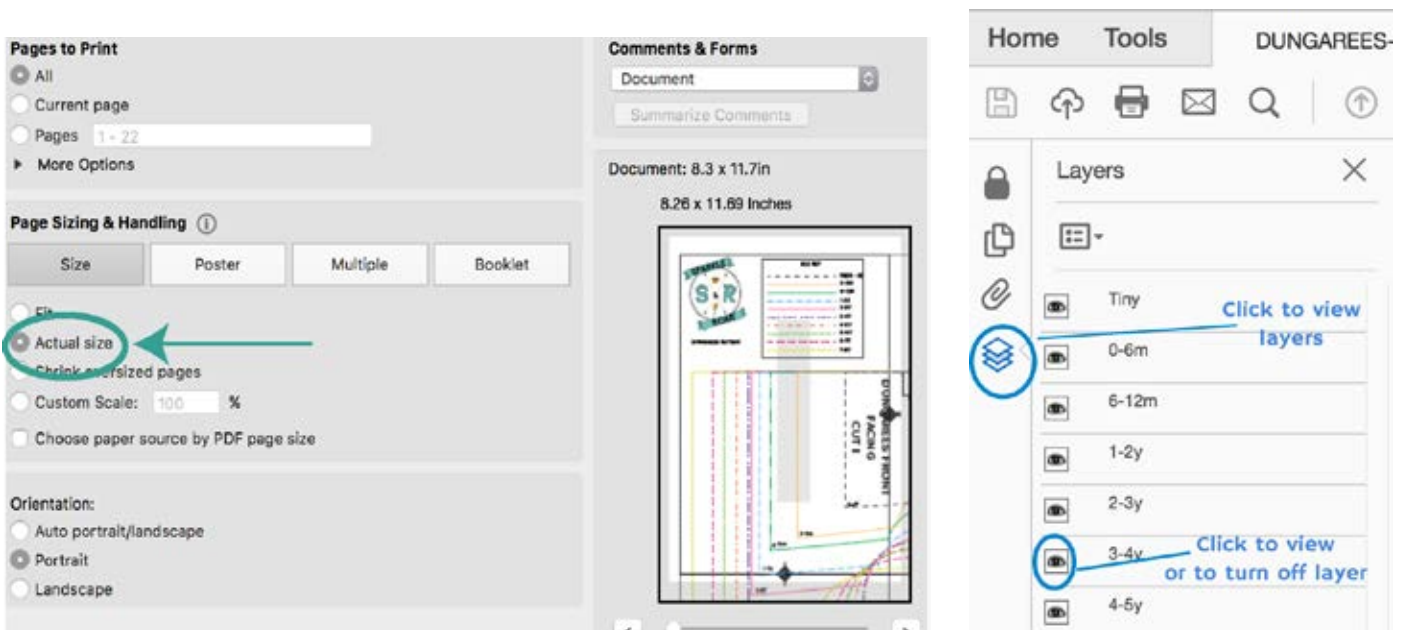
Table of measurements for the various pieces in the pattern and elastic requirements. You can just print out the pieces from the pattern, these measurements are mostly for reference. Elastic can be used on the waistband if your jersey fabric does not have a strong recovery.

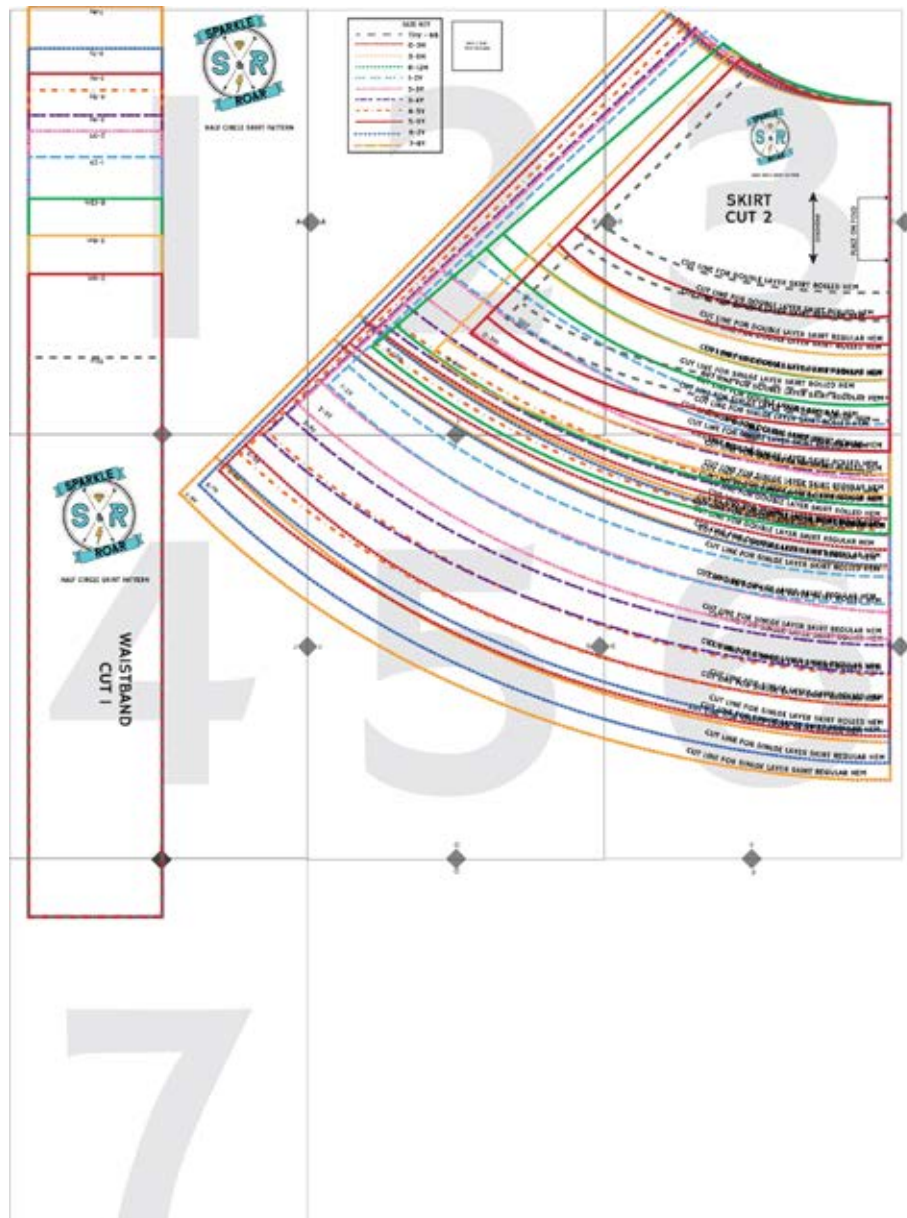
Measurements in cm	WAISTBAND	WAIST ELASTIC
		Max width 3cm
	W x L	Length
Tiny-1m	11 x 33	
0-3m	11 x 38	
3-6m	11 x 40	
6-12m	11 x 42.5	43
1-2y	11 x 44.5	45
2-3y	11 x 46	47
3-4y	11 x 47.5	48
4-5y	11 x 49	49.5
5-6y	11 x 50	50.5
6-7y	11 x 51.5	52
7-8y	11 x 53	53.5

HOW TO PRINT THE PATTERN:

Print all pattern pieces at 100% or Actual Size making sure that no scaling has been set. The pattern is designed to be printed on A4 paper in portrait format.

In Acrobat Reader you can click on the layers option and choose which layers you want to view and print. Leave them all checked to print all or uncheck the sizes you don't want to print.





Pinafore pattern pieces layout

ARRANGING:

Arrange the printed pages as shown on this diagram then stick them together making sure you line up the lettered squares on each page. You can then cut your pattern pieces out. You can reuse the top half front and back A pieces as the facing pieces as they are exactly the same size if you would like to save on paper. If you want to bluetack the top to bottom half pieces cut an extra cm above the bottom half join line, this will help you be able to add and remove the top half with ease :)

IMPORTANT:

ALWAYS MEASURE THE TEST SQUARE TO MAKE SURE YOUR PATTERN HAS PRINTED AT THE CORRECT SCALE

CUTTING YOUR PATTERN PIECES:

SKIRT - Cut 2 pieces of the longest length skirt if you are only making a single layer skirt.

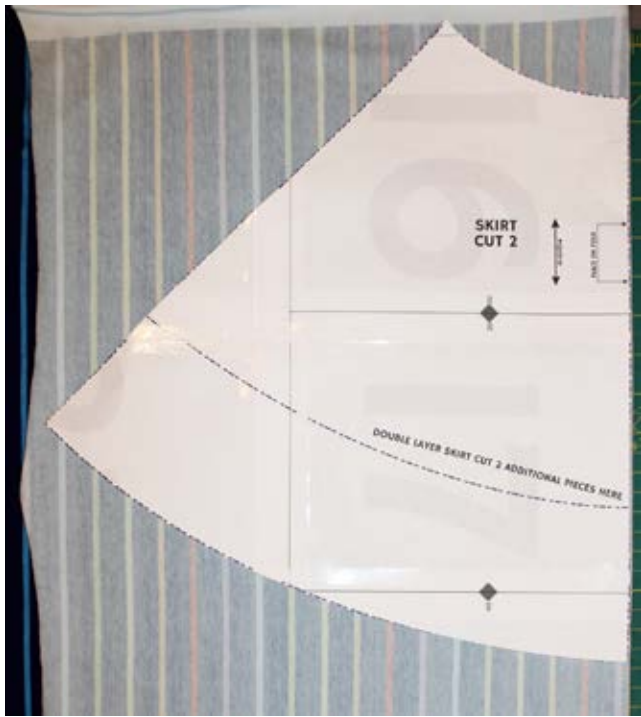
If you are making the double layer skirt you will need to cut 2 skirt pieces on the longer length line and then 2 additional pieces on the shorter length line that says double layer.

HEMS- If you are going to use a standard fold up hem finish cut the skirt pieces on the regular hem line. If you are going to use a lettuce/ rolled hem hem then cut each skirt piece on the rolled hem line.

WAISTBAND - Cut 1 waistband

NOTE: Can be combined with the Bib and Straps from the Dungarees/ Comfy Legs pattern to create a Pinafore Dress

THE SKIRT:



When cutting the skirt pieces fold your fabric and then place your pattern piece on the fold.

You will notice the pattern piece has a number of different lines for each size. These are to indicate the single layer skirt and the double layer skirt as well as the regular hem cut line and the lettuce hem cut line.

If you are making the single layer skirt you will only need to cut 2 skirt pieces on the fold (front and back) on the single layer skirt line.

If making the double layer skirt you will need to cut 2 skirt pieces (front and back) on the fold IN ADDITION to the single layer skirt pieces. CUT THESE ON THE DOUBLE LAYER SKIRT LINE MARKED ON THE PATTERN.

HEM LINES: If you are making a regular foldup hem then cut on the first line. If you are making a rolled/ lettuce hem then cut your fabric piece on the ROLLED HEM LINE.

Place the skirt pieces right sides together and pin each raw edge together. Do the same for the shorter second skirt layer if you're making a double layer skirt.

Then stitch up each outer edge making the skirt.



If making the double layer skirt place the shorter skirt inside the longer skirt with the wrong side of the shorter skirt against the right side of the longer skirt and pin the raw edges of the skirt waists together.

If you're making a pinafore dress carry on to the [BIB AND STRAPS](#) instructions. If not then go to [ATTACHING A WAISTBAND](#).

ATTACHING THE WAISTBAND



Fold your waistband wrong sides together and stitch the shorter raw ends together to create a band.

Fold the raw ends wrong sides together along the long edges and place 4 pins at quarter points on the band. You can then line these up with the back, front and sides mid points of the skirt.



Place the waistband inside your skirt while the skirt is inside out. Line the raw edge of the waistband with the raw edge of the top of the skirt.

Line up your quarter point pins on the waistband with the front, back and side points of the skirt then stretch the waistband to fit and place further pins so that the waistband is stretched evenly to fit inside the skirt.

Serge or stitch the waistband onto the skirt along the raw edges. Stretch the waistband to fit as you sew.

Hemming the skirt, regular foldover hem:



Looking at your skirt from the wrong side, fold up the edge to the wrong side by 2cm and pin.

Continue to pin the entire hem and press.



Stitch the hem using any stitch you like, straight, zigzag or coverstitch.

Hemming the skirt, lettuce rolled hem:

Make sure you've cut out your skirt piece/ pieces on the rolled hem line from the pattern piece, otherwise your skirt may be too long.

To create a lettuce hem on your serger you will need to remove the left hand needle and reduce the stitch width. Some machines have a rolled hem setting on the stitch width and length dials. You should always refer to your machine's setting to achieve the perfect rolled hem. On my machine I will set the right needle tension to 5, the upper looper tension to 5 and the lower looper tension to 8 and stitch length to the lowest setting. I then adjust the differential feed to a number less than 1 to get it to stretch the fabric slightly while it pulls it through.

Each machine is slightly different so it's always best to practice on scrap pieces until you get the settings just right. Then make a note of the settings so you don't have to go through the whole process again in the future.



IF YOU WANT TO ENCASE ELASTIC IN THE WAISTBAND:

You can finish the skirt by either attaching the waistband as described in [ATTACHING THE WAISTBAND](#) or you can create a casing out of jersey or rib and add elastic to create an elastic waistband. You may not need elastic if using a jersey with a strong recovery but if using rib or jersey with less recovery then you will need to add the elastic.



Sew the elastic ends together to make a band and insert the elastic band into the waistband.

Place 4 pins at quarter points on the waistband.

With the elastic band still inside the waistband, insert the waistband into the garment with right sides together lining up the quarter points with the garment quarter points.



Pin the waistband quarter points with the trouser quarter points.



Continue to pin the waistband to the garment to get an even stretch of the waistband all the way around. Then serge the raw ends together.

You can add a stay stitch to the waistband to stop the encased elastic from flipping over. I don't normally have an issue with the elastic flipping but if you find it starts to do this you can easily fix it by adding a stay stitch like this.



Credits: I just want to say a massive thank-you to all my pattern testers who used their own time and fabric to help bring you this pattern. Here is a list of everyone who has helped :)

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