



## CHILD'S PARTY SKIRT

**SKILL LEVEL: BEGINNER**

Who doesn't need a new party skirt? And a bespoke one at that! Get creative with your embellishments to make this a truly one-of-a-kind piece. The pattern is sized to fit a child with a 51–55cm waist (about 5 years old).

## YOU WILL NEED

- Net fabric: 230cm (L) x 115cm (W)
- Cotton lining: 1 m (L) x at least 1 m (W)
- Colourful elastic: 52cm (L) x 3cm (W)
- Matching cotton thread
- Embellishments of choice – for example, you could:
  - a) Stitch ribbon around your hem (you'll need a 3m 60cm length of ribbon)
  - b) Add hand-sewn jewels to the net skirt
  - c) Use iron-on motifs
  - d) Add a bow to the elastic waistband

## FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length (waist to finished hem): 40cm

Garment size: age approx. 5 years

## PATTERN

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Print at 100% (ACTUAL SIZE) and join the pattern printouts as shown on the past page of the PDF to give you a full pattern.

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1 x skirt lining

1 x skirt net

Seam allowance is 1 cm, unless otherwise stated

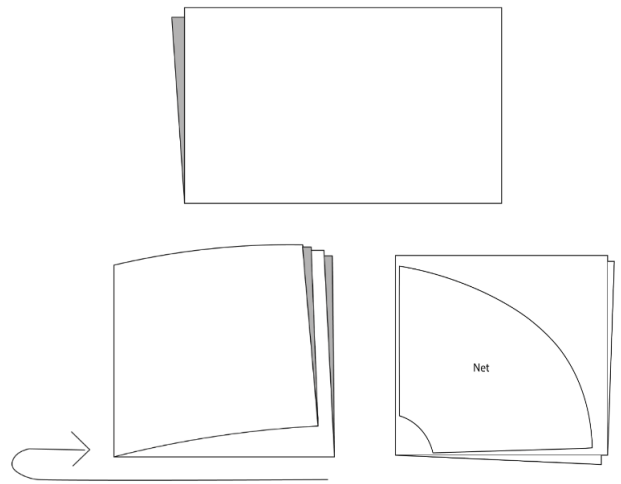
Grey shading indicates the wrong side of the fabric

Finish the seams with either an edge stitch or an overlocker

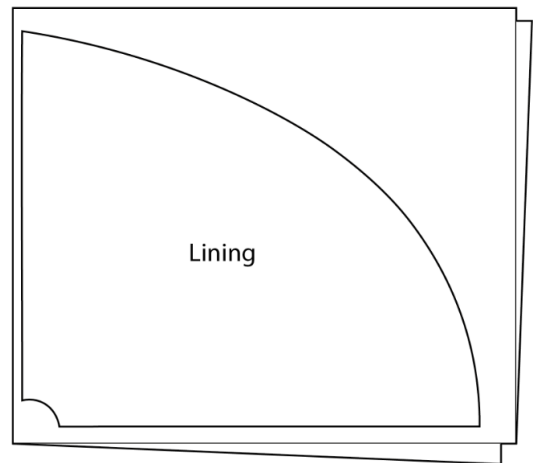
## METHOD

### Preparing the fabric and pattern pieces

1. Using your diagrams below, lay your fabric wrong side up and fold it in half, bringing the bottom edge up to meet the top edge (fold closest to you), then left over right, again edges together. Place your skirt net pattern piece up against the folded edges, as shown. Repeat to prepare a second layer of net fabric.



2. Fold the lining fabric as you did for the net fabric, then place the lining pattern piece over top, against the folded edges, as shown.

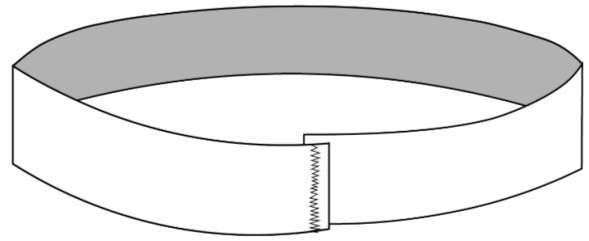


### Cut the fabric pieces

3. Cut out the three circles of fabric (two net, one lining), using the pattern pieces as a guide. You have 1 cm seam allowance on the top edge of the skirt pieces and a 1 cm seam allowance on the hem of the lining piece. Set aside.

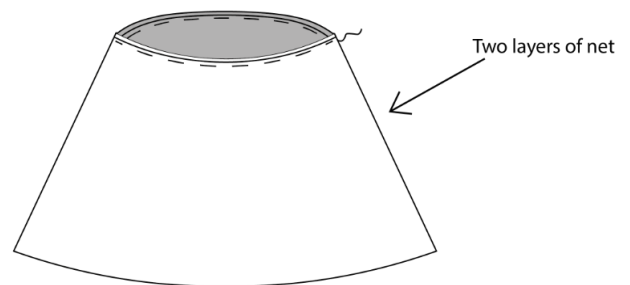
## Make the waistband

4. Lay your strip of elastic wrong side up in front of you and bring the ends together, overlapping them by 1 cm to make a circle. Pin the ends in place, then using zigzag stitch, stitch the ends together, as shown.

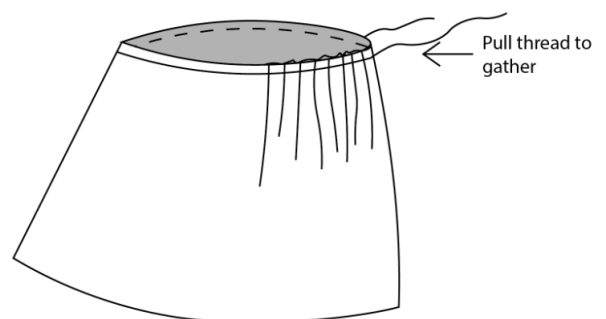


## Attach the nets and lining

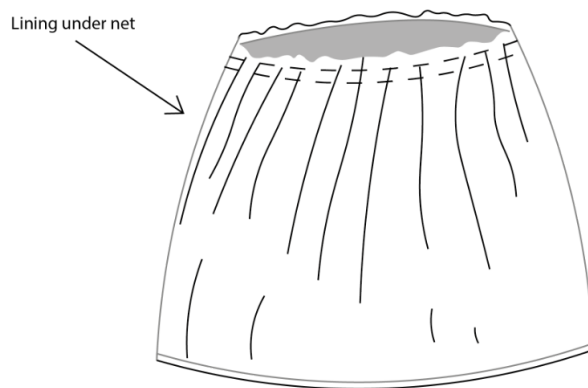
5. Slot one net circle inside the other, right sides out, and pin the two layers together around the top edge. Machine stitch the top edges together, using a wide straight stitch all the way round 1 cm in from the top edge and leaving a slight gap between your first stitch and your last stitch. Cut the cotton to leave a long thread that you can pull.



6. Using the long threads, pull your stitching carefully to gather up the net so that it measures 68cm around the top edge. Knot together the ends of your threads to keep the gathers, then move your gathers around the skirt so they are even.

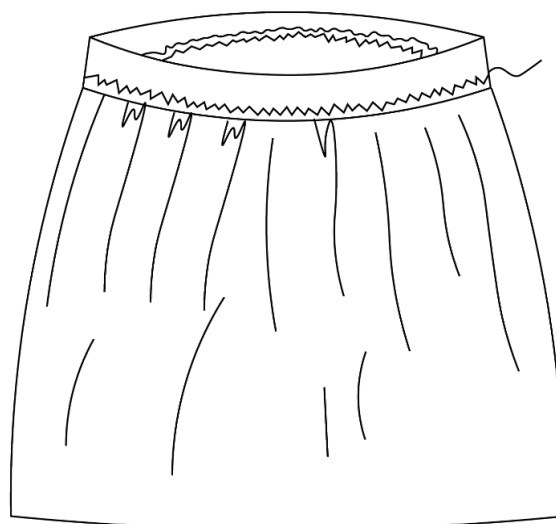


7. Pin the lining piece underneath the net, then stitch the lining and net pieces together around top edge, making your stitch line above your gathering stitches.



### Add the waistband

8. Place the elastic waistband around the top edge of the net and lining, placing the bottom edge of the elastic over the gathering stitches. Pin in place, stretching the elastic as you go, as necessary.



9. Using your machine set to zigzag stitch, attach all the layers together along the bottom edge of the elastic. After stitching, stretch out the elastic to snap your straight stitches and allow the elastic waistband to stretch.

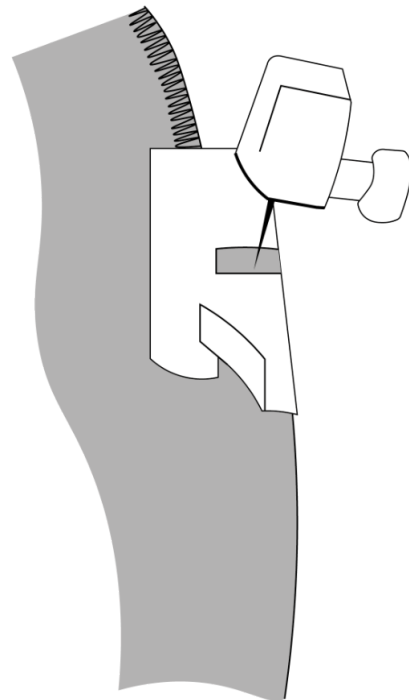
## Hem the lining

10. Choose one of the three finishes below:

a) Make a pin hem: Turn the hem edge inwards towards the wrong side of your lining fabric by 0.5cm and iron in place. Turn it in again by 0.5cm, and iron in place again. Use a straight stitch to stitch all the way round, near your folded edge.

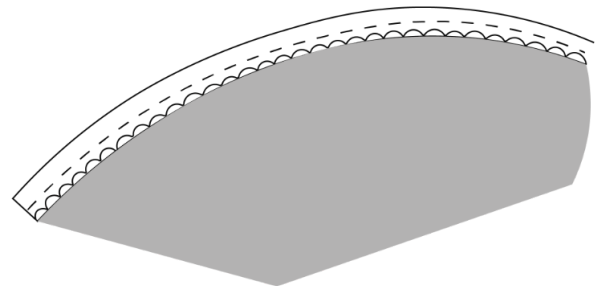
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b) Roll the hem with a roll hem foot: Attach a roll hem foot to your sewing machine and set your stitch to a wide zig zag and a narrow stitch length. On the wrong side of your lining, use roll hem stitch to roll the hem through the foot all the way around the lining edge.



Or, if you have an overlocker -

c) Overlock and turn up the hem: If you have an overlocker, overlock all the way around the lining edge, turn the edge inwards by 1 cm towards wrong side of your lining fabric and iron in place. Straight stitch all the way around near the overlocked stitching.



d) If your overlocker has a roll hem setting use this to roll hem the lining edge.

## Finish the skirt

11. Finally, add your chosen embellishments for a truly bespoke finish.

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