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SKIRT NO. 1 #SKIRTN01

ABOUT SKIRT NO. 1

Skirt No. 1 is a miniskirt with a subtle A-line cut.

It has a tight fit with an elastic waistband. The skirt features extra length in the back, created using short rows. The skirt is worked from the top down and shaped with increases.

SIZES

XS (S) M (L) XL (2XL) 3XL (4XL)

MEASUREMENT

Waist width (circumference): 68 (72) 77 (82) 88 (93) 99 (104) cm [26.75 (28.25) 30.25 (32.35) 34.5 (36.5) 39 (41) inches]

Length (measured mid-front): 41 (43) 43 (48) 48 (50) 55 (55) cm [16.25 (17) 17 (19) 18 (19.75) 21.5 (21.5) inches]

Bottom width (circumference): 100 (106) 112 (120) 125 (135) 142 (149) cm [39.25 (41.75) 44 (47.25) 49.25 (53.25) 56 (58.5) inches]

SUGGESTED NEEDLES

5 mm [US 8] circular needles (80 or 100 cm) [32 or 40 inches]

5,5 mm [US 9] circular needles (80 or 100 cm) [32 or 40 inches]

GAUGE

In stocking stitch using 5,5 mm [US 9].

14 sts / 22 rows in 10 x 10 cm [4 x 4 inches].

MATERIALS

Yarn used per quality in meters [yards] is approx. 325 (350) 375 (425) 475 (500) 525 (575) m [355.5 (382.75) 410 (464.75) 519.5 (546.75) 574.25 (628.75) yds]

200 (200) 200 (300) 300 (300) 300 (300) gr Madara, Eisaku Noro, 200 m / 100 gr

Shown in col. 3.

held together with...

50 (50) 50 (100) 100 (100) 100 (100) gr Alpaca 1, Isager, 400 m / 50 gr.

Shown in col. E7S.

Work holding two strands of yarn together. One strand of Madara and one strand of Alpaca 1.

Or...

300 (300) 300 (300) 300 (300) 400 (400) gr Aran Tweed, Isager, 160 m / 100 gr.

held together with...

50 (50) 50 (50) 75 (75) 75 (75) gr Silk Mohair, Isager, 210 m / 25 gr.

Work holding two strands of yarn together. One strand of Aran Tweed and one strand of Silk Mohair.

Or...

150 (200) 200 (200) 250 (250) 250 (250) gr Tweed, Isager, 200 m / 50 gr.

held together with...

50 (50) 50 (50) 75 (75) 75 (75) gr Silk Mohair, Isager, 210 m / 25 gr.

Work holding three strands of yarn together. Two strands of Tweed and one strand of Silk Mohair.

You'll also need...

Elastic band, 4 cm wide, approx. 70 (75) 80 (85) 90 (95) 100 (105) cm [27.5 (29.5) 31.5 (33.5) 35.5 (37.5) 39.25 (41.25) inches]

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Remember to make a gauge swatch to ensure that the needle size gives you the correct gauge. If your gauge is off, it will result in incorrect proportions on your skirt.

Size guide

Skirt No. 1 has a tight fit. Calculate a negative ease of approx. 2-4 cm [0.75-1.5 inches]. That is 2-4 cm less than your waist measurement. The skirt is designed to sit just at the navel. However, measure where you'd like the elastic to sit on your body for a custom fit.

Example: You measure 74 cm [29.25 inches] around your waist - 2-4 cm [0.75-1.5 inches] = 70-72 cm [27.5-28.25 inches]. So you should make size S with a waist circumference of 72 cm [28.25 inches].

Introduction to the work flow

The skirt is worked from the top down.

Begin by working the waistband casing. Attach the elastic band and fold and knit the edges together.

Then work in the round on circular needles while making increases on each side.

Increases

The increases are worked so that they lean towards either the right (M1R) or left (M1L).

M1R: With your left needle, pick up the bar (between the sts on the right and left needles) from back to front and knit.

M1L: With your left needle, pick up the bar from front to back and knit through the back loop.

SHORT ROWS

To create extra length on the back of the skirt, work short rows.

You can use any method you prefer, but *German Short Rows* gives a beautiful and almost invisible result.

TIP! Not familiar with the method? Check out the method here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z-E3YSHPOYs&t=4s>

HOW TO CUSTOMIZE SIZE

Width

It's easy to modify the skirt to your exact measurements. If you want a narrower/wider waist circumference, you can add/subtract 4 sts and therefore adjust the width of the skirt by 2 cm [0.75 inch].

Example:

You would like 80 cm [31.5 inches] circumference. Then choose size L and subtract 4 sts from the given numbers.

NOTE! When placing the markers, remember to adjust the number of sts between the markers. Subtract 1 st from each half of the back and 2 sts from the front.

Length

If you want to make the skirt longer, simply continue with the indicated increase frequency until you reach your desired length, resulting in an elegant A-line cut.

BEGIN YOUR WORK HERE

WAISTBAND CASING

Cast on 96 (100) 108 (116) 124 (132) 140 (148) sts using provisional cast-on method with 5 mm [US 8] circular needles.

Join the work to knit in the round. Place a marker M1 at beginning of rnd.

Have a look here for how to make provisional cast-on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhPVrc9j2vc>

K 10 rnds.

Switch to 5,5 mm [US 9] circular needles.

K another 10 rnds.

Transfer sts from the provisional cast-on to 5 mm [US 8] circular needles.

Now, it's time to attach the elastic.

Start by sewing the elastic together by placing one end about 0.5 cm [US 0.25 inches] above the other end and sew them together either by machine or by hand. Make sure it is secured well.

Then, fold the waistband casing around the elastic to form the waistband. The section worked on 5 mm [US 8] circular needles will be the inside/wrong side of the skirt.

Now, work the 1st st from the 5.5 mm [US 9] circular needles together with the 1st st from the 5 mm [US 8] circular needles *k2tog* and continue until all sts are worked and the waistband casing is knitted together.

SKIRT

Continue on 5.5 mm [US 9] circular needles. K 1 rnd and place 2 additional markers, M2 and M3, at the sides of the skirt.

K 24 (25) 27 (29) 31 (33) 35 (37) sts, place a marker M2, k 48 (50) 54 (58) 62 (66) 70 (74) sts, place a marker M3, k 24 (25) 27 (29) 31 (33) 35 (37) sts to M1.

Now, work short rows to add some length to the back.

1st row (RS): K6, turn (the last of the 6 sts is a double st).

2nd row (WS): P to 6 sts after M1, turn.

3rd row (RS): K to M1, k12, turn.

4th row (WS): P to 12 sts after M1, turn.

Continue turning 6 sts after each previous turn, until you have completed a total of 4 (4) 4 (4) 4 (4) 5 (5) 5 (6) turns on each side of the marker.

K 1 rnd.

From here, work in the round while making increases.

1st rnd: K to 2 sts before M2, **M1R**, k4, **M1L**, k to 2 sts before M3, **M1R**, k4, **M1L**, k to M1.

2nd – 4th rnd: K all sts.

Work **rnds 1st – 4th** a total of 3 times.

12 sts have been added to your work and there are now 108 (112) 120 (128) 136 (144) 152 (160) sts on the needles.

From, here make increases on every 8th rnd.

1st rnd: K to 2 sts before M2, **M1R**, k4, **M1L**, k to 2 sts before M3, **M1R**, k4, **M1L**, k to M1.

2nd – 8th rnd: K all sts.

Continue this way until you will have worked **rnds 1st – 8th** a total of 9 (9) 10 (10) 10 (11) 12 (12) times.

There are 144 (152) 160 (168) 176 (190) 200 (208) sts on your needles. The skirt measures approx. 42 (42) 46 (46) 46 (46) 46 (49) 53 (53) cm [16.5 (16.5) 18 (18) 18 (18) 18 (19.25) 20.75 (20.75) inches] mid-front.

NOTE! If you want extra length on the skirt, work rnds 1st - 8th to the desired length.

Now, it is time to bind off the skirt. To prevent the edge from rolling, work 1 rnd as follows:

Slip 1 st knitwise, then then pick up the st from the previous rnd with the left needle from the WS and knit, then pass the slipped st over the knitted st. Continue this way to end of rnd.

Have a look here for how to do that: <https://youtu.be/MzULQjPushA>

Bind off loosely with a regular bind off method.

FINISHING

Now weave in all loose ends. Before using, wash and block the skirt to the specified measurements.

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