

It's Sew Easy – Series 800
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Circle Skirt Pattern

Here's how to draft a circle skirt to your specific measurements. You'll need pattern paper, a clear gridded ruler, and a sharp pencil.

1. Divide your waist measurement by 2. Divide this number by pi (3.14) to get your radius. This is figure A.
2. Decide how long you want your skirt to be. Include a hem allowance. This is figure B.
3. On a large sheet of pattern paper, use a clear gridded ruler to draw a vertical line to the left side of the paper. It should be as long as A+B, plus a couple extra inches.
4. In the upper left corner, draw a horizontal line that forms a right angle with the vertical line. It should be the same length as the horizontal line.
5. From the upper corner of the right angle, make marks using figure A, fanning out in a circular shape from the right angle. Connect these marks into a curve. This is the waistline curve.
6. Use figure B to make marks extending from the waistline curve. Connect these marks into a curve. This is the hem.
7. Draw a "cut on fold" bracket on the vertical line.
8. Add seam allowances to the waistline and the side seam.
9. To make the skirt, cut out the pattern twice. Insert a side zipper and your choice of waistline finish. Let the skirt hang for at least 24 hours. Even up the hem so that it is level with the floor. Finish with the hemming method of your choice.