



Border-Print Skirt

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Get decked out for a spring soiree.

This pretty one-panel skirt has a clever ribbon waistband and takes only **an hour** to complete.

Supplies

- **Light- to mediumweight border-print woven fabric** (amount indicated in Yardage Chart below)
- **1½"-wide ribbon** (amount indicated in Yardage Chart below)
- **2 size-1 snaps**
- **All-purpose thread**
- **Hand sewing needle**
- **Removable fabric marker**
- **Seam sealant**
- **Lining fabric (optional; same amount as skirt fabric)**

Note: The finished skirt length is 25". Use ⅝" seam allowances.

Cut

Mark the fabric panel 28" from the lower (border) edge. At the mark, draw a line parallel to the long edges. Cut along the line, and then cut off the panel selvages.

Construct

Serge- or zigzag-finish the panel short edges.

Fold the lower edge ¼" to the wrong side; press. Fold again 2" toward the wrong side; press. Pin the hem in place 12" from each short edge (1).

With right sides together, fold the panel in half widthwise. Unfold the hem at each short edge and pin together the panel short edges. Stitch the center-back seam beginning 8" from the panel upper edge. Press open the seam.

Along the skirt upper edge, clip a notch at the center front and ⅝" from each open edge (2).

Refold and pin the hem at the center back. Stitch close to the first hem fold.

Gather

To create the snap placket, fold the back-opening left seam allowance to the wrong side; press. Clip the opening right seam allowance at the seam upper edge; unfold and press.

Yardage Chart	Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large
Fabric (yards)	1½	1⅝	1¾	1⅞
Ribbon (yards)	1¾	1⅞	2	2⅞



Highlight the border print details by attaching beads or sequins.

Using a long straight stitch, stitch the skirt upper edge, leaving long thread tails (3).

Fold the skirt in half, matching the center front and center back. Pin-mark the side folds along the upper edge.

Fold the ribbon in half widthwise; pin-mark the center. Measure your waist and add 1". Divide this amount by two; record. Using the recorded measurement; pin-mark both ribbon ends to denote the center-back points.

Fold the ribbon to match the center-front and center-back pins. Pin-mark the folds.

With the ribbon wrong side facing the skirt right side, match the ribbon and skirt center-front pins. Lap the ribbon finished edge $\frac{1}{8}$ " over the gathering stitches; pin. Match the ribbon and skirt sides and center backs; pin.

Gather the skirt panel upper edge by gently pulling the gathering seam lower thread. Evenly distribute the fullness between the pins until the fabric upper edge matches the ribbon length (4). Baste the fabric upper edge to the ribbon lower edge.

Trim the skirt upper-edge seam allowance to $\frac{1}{4}$ ", being careful not to cut the ribbon. Fold the ribbon in half

Sheer Solution

When using a sheer fabric, add a lining to the skirt for extra coverage.

Cut the lining panel 27" x the amount indicated for your size in the yardage chart.

Follow the skirt construction directions to stitch the lining back seam and hem.

Align the skirt and lining with wrong sides together. Stitch the skirt and lining along upper edges as one, using a long straight stitch (see figure 3 at right). Serge- or zigzag-finish the skirt and lining opening edges.

Follow the instructions to complete the skirt.

lengthwise, sandwiching the skirt upper-edge seam allowance. Edgestitch the ribbon finished edges through all layers, beginning and ending at the skirt center-back opening. Remove the basting stitches. Press the ribbon folded edge.

Finish

On the fabric right side, mark the back-opening left seam allowance $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the ribbon finished edge. Repeat to mark the right seam allowance. Hand stitch the female snaps at the left seam allowance marks and the male snaps at the right seam allowance marks (5).

Trim the ribbon ends at an angle and apply seam sealant to the raw edge to prevent fraying.

