

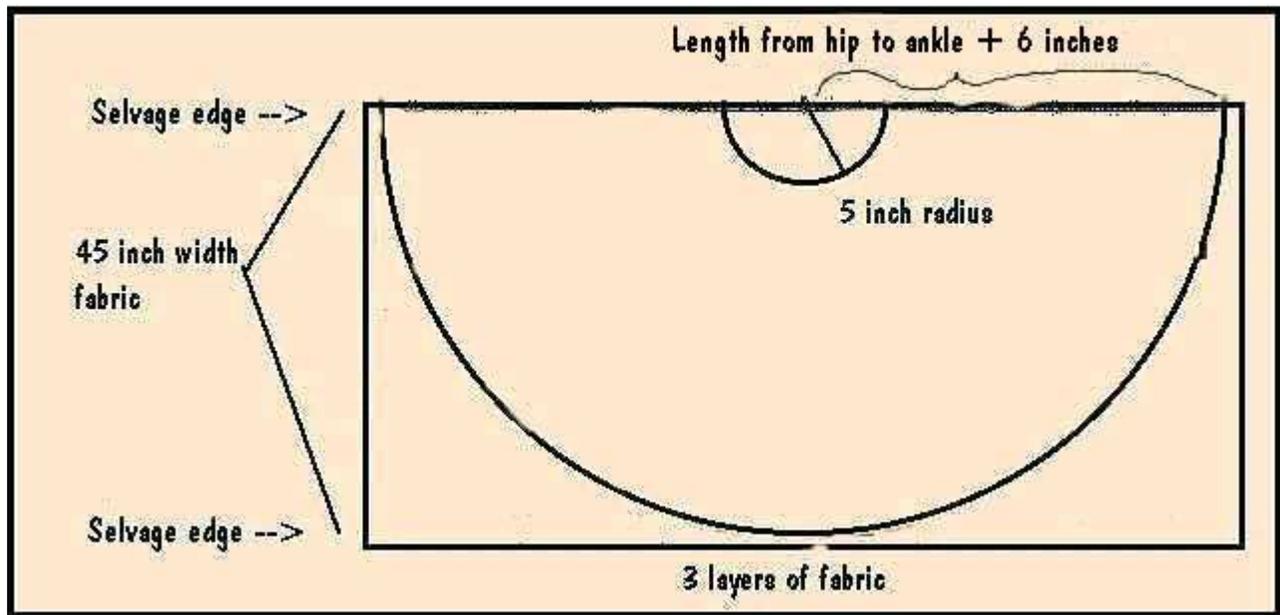
Cabaret Circle Skirt (3 or more Half Circles)

Materials:

- Measure from your hip to your ankle and add 6 inches (this is the radius spoken of later on). **Please note that this number (6 inches) depends on the number of panels you are going to make and the width of your hips.** Double this number and you have the amount needed for 1 panel. Multiply this number by how many panels you want and then divide by 36. This will give you the yardage you need for the skirt (45 inch width fabric). Always give a little leeway. (see math at the bottom)
- Purchase a nice width ribbon (5 – 6 inches), cut a strip from the material you are using, or purchase some contrasting material. Make sure that it is wide enough to fold over and hold an elastic strip. Since you will be spacing on this material make sure you have at least your hip size +10 inches for overlap (better to trim then not have enough). I will refer to this as the hip band from now on.

Cutting:

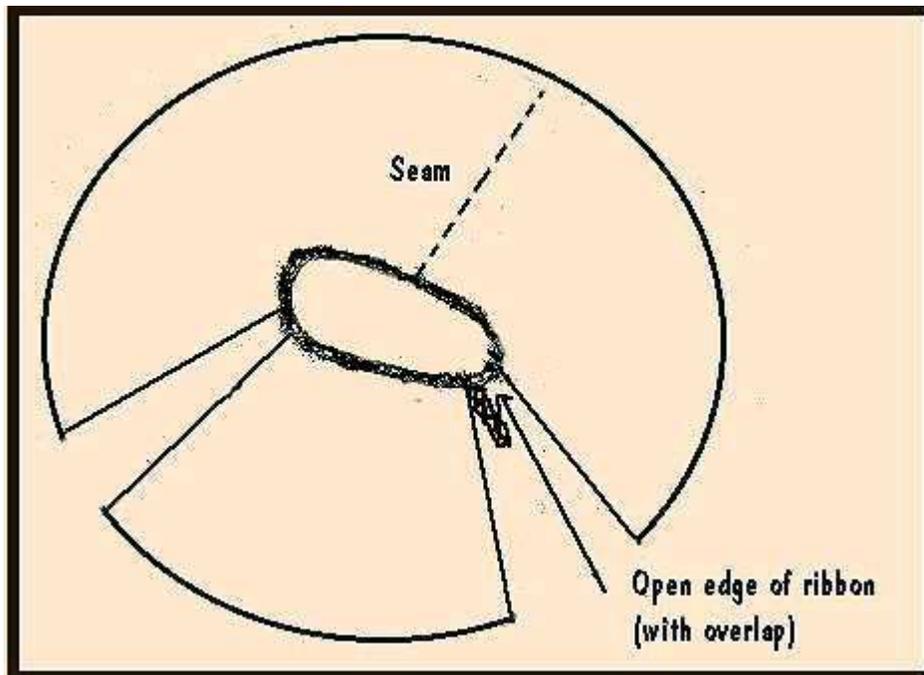
- Fold the fabric lengthwise into thirds (or more depending on number of panels). Cut the skirt bottom edge and the hip radius as shown in the drawing. It is easiest if you pin all the layers together and then pin a fabric tape measure to the center point and use the tape to swing an arc, cutting as the arc is swung. This is also where having a paper pattern is very handy.
- Note that the 5 inch hip radius will span a ~40 inch hip measurement. For larger hips, cut the hip radius SLIGHTLY larger (unless you are using more panels) - a little goes a long way!



Sewing:

- Keeping right sides together, sew two (or more) of the circles together along one set of selvages (this forms the back of the skirt).
- Zig-zag stitch the top edges if the fabric frays.
- Measure in about 3 – 4 inches from the edge of your hip band, sew the panel that will be the front panel – stretching out the top, small circle along the material – to this

- Leave a 1 – 2 inch gap and then sew the connected panels, again stretching out the top, small circle – to this band. This is the back of the skirt. Make sure all the sides are the same – the seams should be to the inside of the skirt and hip band.
- Place this on your hips and see how it sits.
- Fold over the hip band, with the panel edges on the inside, and sew it from one end to the other.
- Take the elastic and slide it through this top opening. Pin it to the one end and then to the other. Do not sew it to the end pieces till you feel comfortable with the gaps at the legs, the way it sits and the overlap on the end.
- Make sure it is snug but comfortable, wide enough to sit properly on the hips and that the coverage is what you want.
- Let the skirt hang for at least a few weeks before recutting the hem to the correct length (the skirt will stretch considerably, since it is cut on the bias). Stitch a narrow hem or finish with trim.



If you want to know the math:

1. 10 in diameter, 5 in radius
 - a. 3 panels – will cover 40 – 45 inch hips
 - b. 4 panels – will cover 55 – 60 inch hips
 - c. 5 panels – will cover 70 – 75 inch hips
2. 8 in diameter, 4 in radius
 - a. 3 panels – will cover 30 – 35 inch hips
 - b. 4 panels – will cover 45 – 50 inch hips
 - c. 5 panels – will cover 55 – 60 inch hips
3. 6 in diameter, 3 in radius
 - a. 3 panels – will cover 20 – 25 inch hips
 - b. 4 panels – will cover 30 – 35 inch hips
 - c. 5 panels – will cover 40 – 45 inch hips

For 38 inches hip to floor

1. 3 panels requires between 6.5 and 7.5 yards
2. 4 panels requires between 9 and 10 yards
3. 5 panels requires between 11 and 12 yards