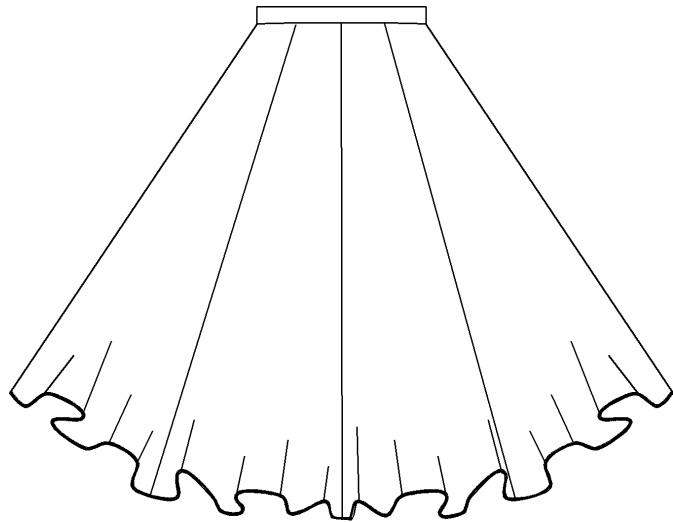


Gored Dance Skirts

These super full dance skirts achieve maximum fullness with minimum yardage. Unfortunately, they take some math.

Supplies:

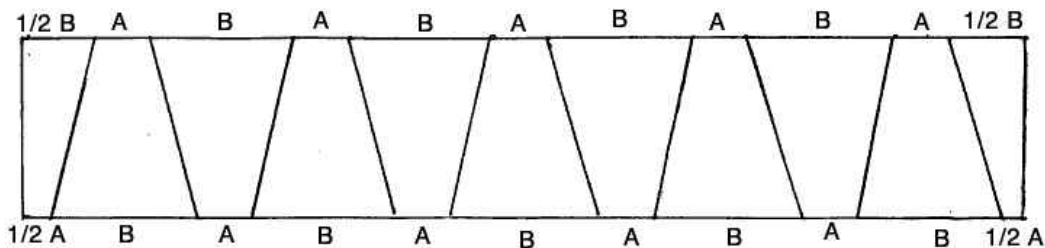
4-6 yds. fabric
 1 yard of 1" wide elastic
 or 2 yards of drawstring material
 1/4 yd. cotton fabric for waistband
 Thread to match



Cutting Instructions:

Gores

Lay skirt fabric out flat



To determine the gore measurements for a 10 gore skirt:

For A: Measure fullest part of the hips $\frac{\quad}{10} + 1" = A$

For B: Measure length of fabric $\frac{\quad}{5} - 5A = B$

Using the layout guide measure and cut skirt gores.

Note: the two end panels with the 1/2 measurement will be seamed together to form a complete gore and referred to as the "side seam"

Waistband

Measure fullest part of hips and add 1"
 Cut a strip of cotton this length by 5" wide

Assembly:

All sewing is done with 1/2" seams

Starting at the top edge, sew two gores right side together (you may serge these seams if desired)

Continue adding gores until the skirt is complete side seam and press skirt seams flat

Sew a double row of gathering stitches along the top edge of skirt beginning and ending at the side seam.

On each short edge of waistband press under 1/2" and stitch

Fold waistband in half lengthwise

Pin folded edge of waistband to skirt matching the two seamed edges of the waistband to the side seam of skirt

Using the gathering stitches on the skirt, ease the skirt onto the waistband and pin

Sew waist seam and press down towards skirt

Using a safety pin, thread elastic or drawstring through waistband opening left at the side seam

Adjust elastic to fit and sew ends together or knot ends of drawstring

Mark and hem skirt as desired