

Girl's Ruffled Skirt

Finished Size: Length 14" (35.56cm)



Supplies Needed

- 4 Fabric Palette® Nature Birds Fat Quarters (18" x 21" / 45.72cm x 53.34cm):
White Floral (Overskirt Front)
Aqua Tossed Words (Skirt Back)
Turquoise Floral (Skirt Front)
Red Tonal (Ruffles)
- Coordinating thread
- Elastic, 3/4" (1.905cm): Length = Waistline + 1" (2.54cm)
- Removable marking tool
- Safety pin
- Rotary cutter and mat
- Acrylic ruler (optional)
- Scissors
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron and pressing surface

Before You Begin

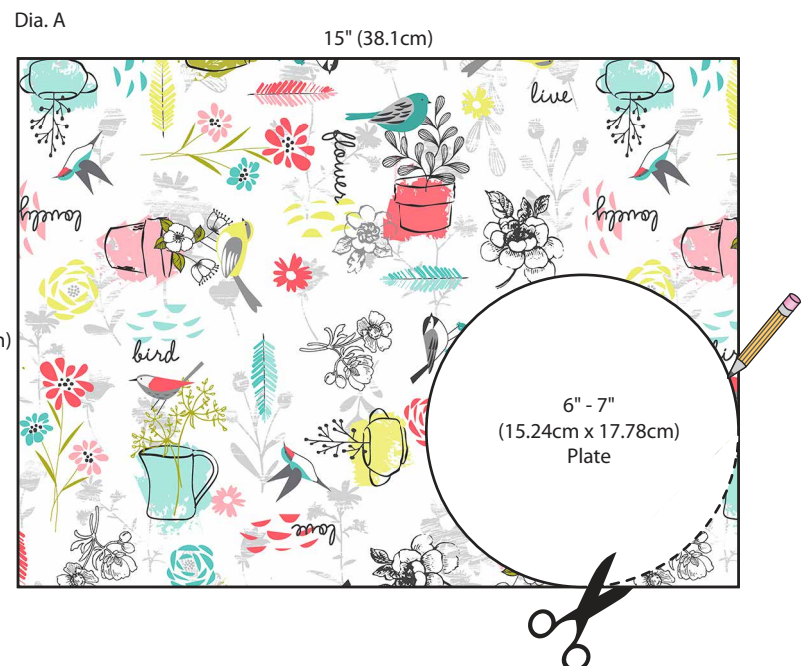
Read all instructions before beginning project. Do not pre-wash fabrics. Use a 1/2" (1.27cm) seam allowance and sew fabrics with right sides together (RST) unless otherwise noted. Before cutting, press fabrics with a dry iron on cotton setting. Trim off selvages. Finish edges with zigzag or serge stitching.

Cutting

1. Pin the Turquoise Floral Skirt Front and Aqua Tossed Words Skirt Back fat quarters together and cut two 14" x 20" (35.56cm x 50.8cm) rectangles.
2. Cut an 11" x 15" (27.94cm x 38.1cm) rectangle from the White Floral fat quarter for the overskirt. Place the Overskirt **right** side up and use a 6" - 7" (15.24cm - 17.78cm) plate to draw a curve at the bottom right corner. Cut along the marked line (*Dia. A*).
3. Cut seven 2 1/2" x 18" (6.35cm x 45.72cm) strips from the Red Tonal fat quarter for the Ruffles.

Sewing

4. **Create the Ruffle for the Overskirt:** Sew the short ends of two Ruffle strips RST; press seam open.



5. **Hem the Ruffle:** Press one long edge ¼" (.635cm) to the **wrong** side. Next, press ¼" (.635cm) again to the **wrong** side and sew close to folded edge.
6. With a long stitch length, sew gathering stitches ⅛" (.317cm) and ¼" (.635cm) from the long cut edge leaving long thread ends.
7. Pull thread ends on the Overskirt Ruffle to gather the top edge. Adjust gathers evenly to fit the curved edge of the Overskirt and pin with RST; sew using a ¼" (.635cm) seam. Press seam toward Overskirt and topstitch close to seam.
8. Sew the short ends of the remaining five Ruffle strips RST. Sew the two ends together to make a circle. Press seams open and repeat above steps to hem.
9. With top edges matching, press at each side of circle, then mark side seam placements on **wrong** side. Starting and stopping at the placement marks, refer to Step 6 to add gathering stitches to the Skirt Ruffle.
10. Place the Overskirt with the **right** side up and pin it to the **right** side of the Skirt Front with top and left edges even; baste. **Tip:** *Pin the center of the Overskirt to the Skirt to prevent it from getting caught in the seam when sewing Skirt front to back.*
11. With RST, pin the Skirt Front to the Skirt Back and sew the side seams; press seams open.
12. Pull thread ends on the Skirt Ruffle to gather the top edge, adjusting gathers evenly to fit the bottom edge of the Skirt. **Note:** *Match Skirt Ruffle side placement marks to the Skirt side seams.* Pin with RST and sew using a ¼" (.635cm) seam.
13. To create the Waist Casing, press the top edge ¼" (.635cm) to the **wrong** side. Next, fold 1" (2.54cm) to the **wrong** side; press and sew close to folded edge leaving a 1" (2.54cm) opening to insert elastic.
14. To determine elastic measurement, measure waistline and add 1" (2.54cm); cut elastic. Attach safety pin to one end of elastic and feed it through the Casing opening. Remove safety pin and overlap elastic ends 1" (2.54cm); sew several times to secure. Sew opening closed.

Finished Care Instructions

Machine wash in cold water and dry on low setting or hang to dry.