



Mave Skirt

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Location: Treelotta

Class Description:

The Mave Skirt is a Beginner-friendly pattern that features an elastic waist skirt with a drawstring, inseam side pockets and an optional lining. The skirt can be made in three lengths (Mini, Midi, Maxi), and with or without ruffles. In fact, there are 8 different options that you can choose from!

Skills and techniques that will be covered in this class include:

- Sewing with wovens
- Topstitch, Understitch, Staystitch, Edge Finishes and Hemming
- In-the-seam side pockets
- Gathering fabrics for the ruffled tiers of Mave
- Elastic waistband with topstitching and a fabric-made drawstring
- Buttonholes for the waistband drawstring

Skill level: Beginner

Students should be comfortable with selecting their pattern size, laying out and cutting their project pieces, and have some previous experience sewing garments. Students should also be familiar with operating their sewing machine, sewing straight seams and finishing seam allowances (e.g., zigzag, overlock).

NOTE: If you are new to garment sewing, we recommend that you take the [“Intro to Garment Sewing” class](#) that is offered periodically by Treelotta. The Intro class will give you a good foundation or refresher as you build your knowledge and skills for successful garment sewing.

Fabric Suggestions

- The pattern recommends these fabrics:
 - **Main Fabric:** Light to medium weight fabrics with drape that are 54” or wider. Examples include rayon challis, crepe, linen, cotton lawn, voile.
 - **Lining Fabric** (if you decide to line your skirt): Light weight fabric including the same examples listed for the Main Fabric.

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A more structured fabric like linen or cotton is going to hold its shape and have more poof, standing away from the body a bit more. A thinner, more drapery fabric will have the opposite effect. It will fall closer to the body and have more of the swish factor. Both are great choices, it just depends on what you are going for.

Another thing to consider when choosing a fabric is whether or not you are sewing a lining. A lining always feels a bit more upscale in my opinion, and is great for sheer fabrics, but it will also add a bit more structure to the gathers and fullness of the skirt. So keep that in mind when you are deciding whether or not to add a lining.

Pattern Sizing and Format

This pattern is available in two size ranges: 0-18, and 14-30, and it is available in print and PDF formats.

- Find the print version at Treelotta (coming soon!)
- If you purchase a PDF version: **Treelotta now offers you the convenience of an AO-sized pattern printing service. Find more information here:**
<https://www.treelotta.com/shop/c/p/A0-Copyshop-Printing-x89075081.htm>

When choosing your pattern size, generally you will choose the size from the “Size Chart” based on your waist size. However, you will need to confirm that the “Finished Measurement” for that size will also fit over your hips so that you can pull the elasticized waist over your hips.

Please complete before first class:

- ☐ Students should plan for 3-4 hours for pre-work to be completed at home before the class begins. This pre-work includes tracing your pattern for your size, cutting out your fabric pattern pieces, gathering your supplies and tools, and testing your sewing machine.
- ☐ Purchase your pattern and determine your pattern size.
- ☐ Read the pattern instructions to get acquainted with the project.
- ☐ Launder and press your fabric
- ☐ Gather all project supplies as specified in the pattern:
 - ☐ Fabric(s)
 - ☐ Scrap of light-to-midweight fusible interfacing for the buttonholes (~1-½” x 2”)
 - ☐ 1-¼ yard of 2”-wide Elastic
 - ☐ Polyester thread that matches your Main Fabric
 - ☐ A fun garment label to put on your garment!
- ☐ Cut out all pattern pieces and transfer all pattern markings to fabrics.
 - ☐ We recommend tracing your original pattern for your pattern size onto a Pattern Tracing type of material (e.g., Pattern Ease) rather than cutting directly into your

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- pattern – especially if you purchased a Paper version of the pattern. Creating this traced copy will allow you to reuse the original pattern for other sizes, or if you find it necessary to grade your pattern between sizes for proper fitting.
- ☐ If you are using a fabric that looks the same on both sides, be sure to mark a “W” on what you will consider to be the wrong side.

Enrolled students will receive more details about 4 days prior to class which will specify any other prep work to complete before class. Come ready to sew!

Sewing Tools & Supplies:

- Sewing machine & Presser Feet (e.g., Zigzag Foot, Buttonholer, Overlock Foot)
 - Bring your own machine or contact Treelotta in advance if you would like to rent one of their machines for the class.
 - Please test your sewing machine before coming to class to make sure it is working order.
- Size 70 or 80 sewing machine needle
 - Size 70 for lighter fabrics
 - Size 80 for mid-weight fabrics
- Optional: [Clover Hot Ruler](#), $\frac{3}{4}$ " Bias Tape Maker (instructor will have these items available for you to use during class),
<https://www.treelotta.com/shop/c/p/Wonder-Clips-10ct-Asst-Colors-x31242331.htm>
- Scissors & thread snips
- Pins
- Small ruler (~1" x 6")
- Tailor's chalk or other fabric marker
- Seam ripper
- Optional: [A fun garment label!](#)

Treelotta Class Policies

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Class cancellation: Classes fill up quickly and we often have a waiting list. **If you cannot make it to class, please let us know at least three days in advance to receive store credit.** Out of consideration for our instructors, cancellations less than three days before class (or no-shows) will be charged full price. If you are experiencing any fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other flu/Covid-like symptoms please do not come to class. Please contact us to let us know by phone at 303-997-4372.

Classes with registration of fewer than three participants three days prior to class date may be canceled by the instructor. In the event of inclement weather, the instructor will have the discretion to cancel class.

Classes start on time. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to get set up.

Parking: Parking is available on the street in front of the shop as well as in our parking lot behind the shop. For after-hours or weekend parking, you may also park in the Malley Recreation Center lot (which is across the alley from the parking lot behind our building). Please do not park in this lot on weekdays from 9-5 as you will likely be ticketed.