



# Simply a Skirt



Skill level:  
Beginner

Step-by-Step PDF  
Sewing Pattern  
and Instructions  
for 14" - 14.5" dolls

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## Doll Model Size

The models I used to fit this pattern:  
14.5 inch WellieWishers™  
14 inch Hearts for Hearts Girls

## Fabric Guide

Light weight and medium weight woven fabric  
Quilt cottons work well

## You will need

Fabric Remnant – 5” x 12”  
Thread  
1/4” Narrow elastic – 6” long



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## Printing the Pattern

- A PDF reader is required to view and print the files (Recommended Adobe Reader).
- Pattern pieces are at the end of the instructions. They are designed to fit on an 8.5” x 11” standard US paper.
- Check the pattern scale. There is no resizing necessary. Print files at 100%, “Scale None”, or “Actual Size”.
- If you are using A4 Paper set and your scale is not correct, set your printer to print “Letter” size.
- Simply cut out the pattern pieces or trace them onto pattern paper.

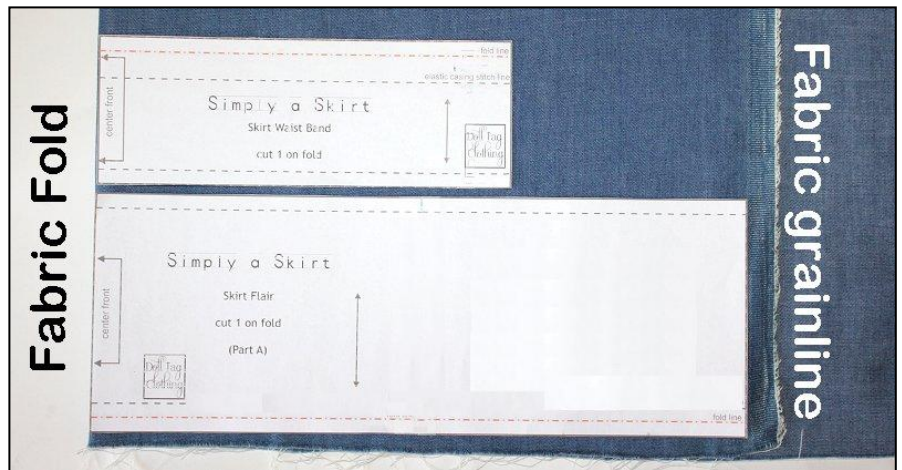
## Before You Begin

- **Seam allowance** – Sew a 1/4” seam unless otherwise stated.
  - **“Finish off the seam”** – This is to prevent fraying. If you do not have a serger, then use an overlock or zigzag stitch on your machine. Fray check can also be used. A nice zigzag to use on your machine: Set stitch length 2 and stitch width 2.
  - **“Finish off the seam” for 2 layers** – *Trim* the seam slightly and zigzag.
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## Cutting Instructions

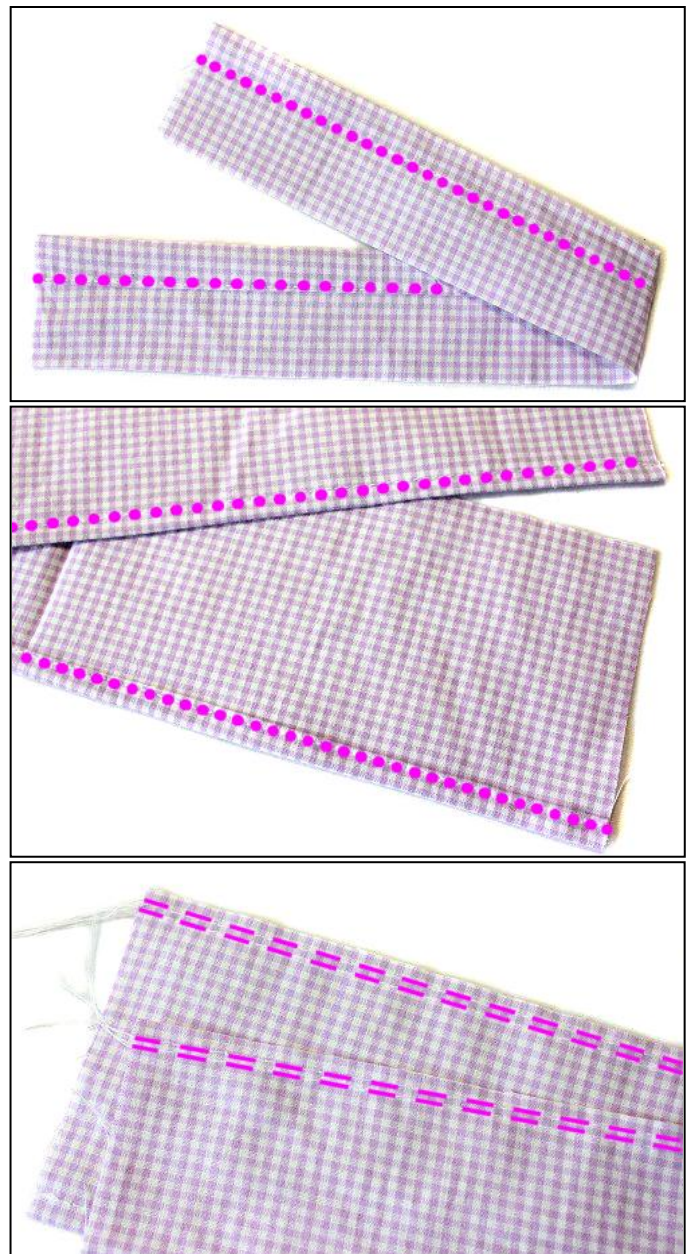
- Skirt Waist Band – Cut 1 on fold
- Skirt Flair – Cut 1 on fold



## Sewing Instructions

1. Elastic casing - Fold over the top long edge of the Waist band 1/4" and press.
2. Fold over again 3/8" and stitch on the folded edge. This is now your elastic casing.
3. Hem the bottom of the skirt. Finish the bottom edge of the skirt with a serger or zigzag stitch. Fold over the edge to the wrong side, 1/4" and sew close to the edge to complete the hem.
4. Sew Gathers. With right side up, sew 2 rows of gather stitches on the top edge of the skirt flair. Row 1 - must be 1/8" from the edge  
Row 2 - must be 1/4" from the first row

TIP: Gather stitch is a straight stitch with the longest stitch length on your machine.



5. Pull the bottom thread of the gather stitches to gather the skirt flair.  
Gather the flair to be the same length as the bottom of the Waist band.  
Tie the end threads with knots when you have the right length. This will prevent the gathers from pulling out. Even out the gathers.



6. With right sides together place the skirt flair and the waist band together. Align the seam and pin.
7. Sew and finish the seam joining the two pieces.



8. Fold the seam up towards the waistband. Top stitch it down by sewing 1/8" from the edge on the waistband side.  
Use a little longer stitch length for this.



9. Insert the elastic - Cut a piece of elastic 6". Use a safety pin or bodkin to thread the elastic through the elastic casing.
10. Let the elastic stick out slightly at the openings.  
Stitch the elastic down with a small zigzag stitch. Do this for both ends.





11. With right sides together, align the two short sides of the skirt. Sew and finish the seam.




Tip: If you are adding a Label to the skirt you will do it when stitching this last seam.

Turn the skirt right side out.

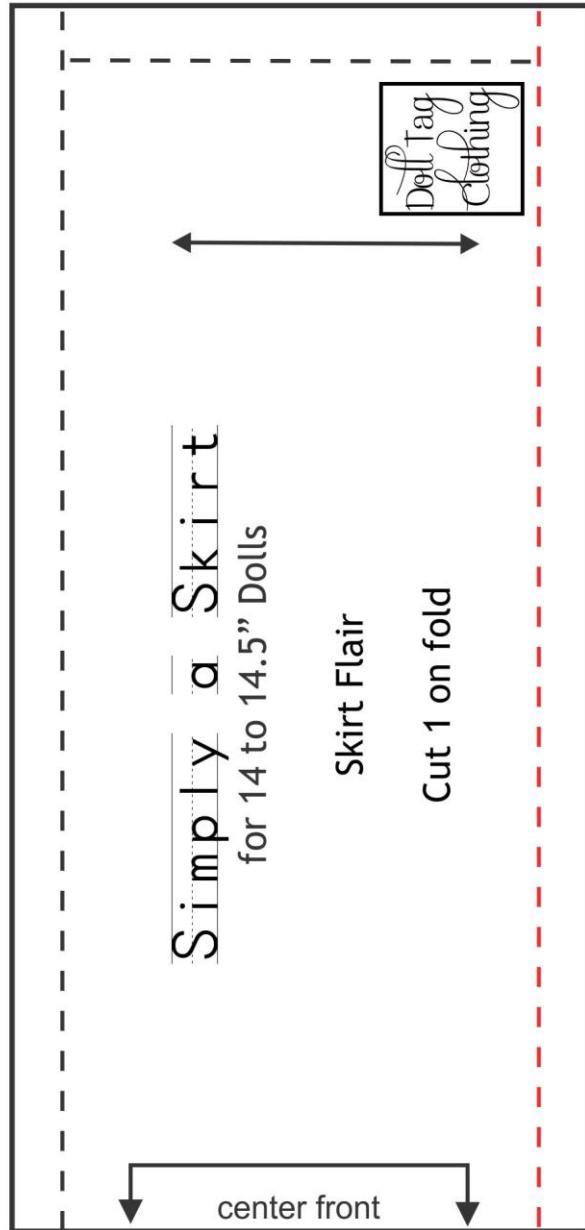
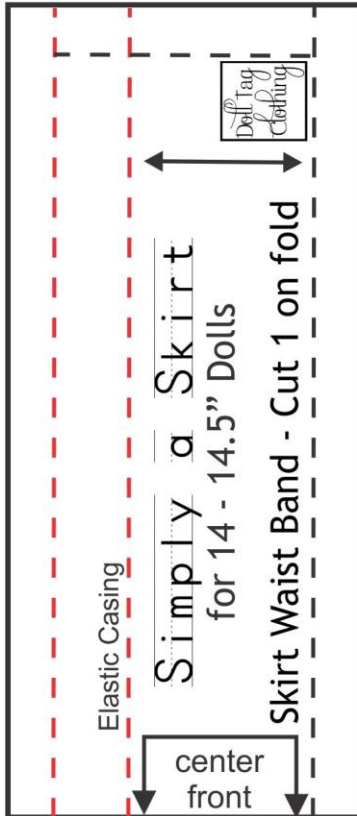
**Your skirt is complete!**



## Pattern Symbols

-  Grainline
-  Place on fold
-  Fold line
-  Stitch line

1 inch



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