

LYDIA WRAP SKIRT INSTRUCTIONS



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SKIRT PANEL ASSEMBLY (Approx. 20mins)

1. Zigzag/overlock the 2 centre back straight seam edges.
2. Placing the larger piece with the left extension on top and curved edge to left, put skirt panels on top of each other lining straight centre back edges and notches up on the right. Pin and sew a 1.5cm seam to form centre back seam. Press open.

SMALL DARTS (Approx. 30mins)

3. Place the panels on a table wrong side up. There are a total of 12 drill holes, 2 lower than the rest. These form a point 2cm above the point of the darts. The 2 lower holes will form the larger darts at each side of the skirt.
4. Using your magic marker/trick pen, mark a point 2cm below each drill hole. These marks will form the dart points. Using the notches along the top waist as guide points, draw each dart as a wedge shape from the notches left and right of each drill hole at the waist, disappearing to the points 2cm below the drill holes. Remember the 2 large darts finish at the lower points. You will have 12 darts in total.
5. Pinch up to the wrong side all **the small darts only**. Large darts that fall at the sides of the skirt will be created later. Pin into place and stitch along your pen lines. NB. For the best appearance of the darts after pressing, finish each dart a stitch before running off the edge of the fabric at its point and back stitch to reinforce the point.

SIDE TIE AND LARGE SIDE DARTS (Approx. 1hr)

6. Take the long side tie piece and press in 5mm **twice** along both long edges to the point. Tuck in and press the end point if needed to avoid any raw fabric edges. Stitch down close to the inner fold of each hem.
7. Place your skirt on the table **RIGHT** sides up. Draw a vertical line with your magic marker in the centre of the large dart on the right, (the one nearest the skirt extension) from the top of the skirt to the lower horizontal line. Place the short unfinished edge of the waist tie against this line, 2.5cm down from the top waist edge, with the tie rights sides up and pointing left, away from the skirt extension. Stitch down 5mm from the edge of the tie.
8. On the wrong side pinch up, pin and sew this dart trapping the tie in the dart. When sewn the tie will be at a slight angle pointing upwards to the skirt waist edge.
9. On the wrong side press the dart to the left. On the right side, Top stitch the dart and tie 5mm from the dart sewing line to hold the tie flat.

10. On the wrong side pinch up the remaining large dart. Pin and sew, disappearing to a point on the lower horizontal line.
11. On the wrong side press the 2 sets of small darts left and right of the centre back seam towards this seam. The 2 large darts and the next 2 small darts should be pressed away from the centre back seam. The remaining 2 small darts on the right should be pressed towards the centre seam.

FACINGS (Approx. 2hrs)

12. Zigzag/overlock the outer curved edge and the shorter edges of both facings.
13. Identify the front facing. It has a single notch. Place the front facing on top of the back facing. Pin and sew a 1.5cm seam on the short right edge. Press open. On the wrong side press in 5mm and stitch down the remaining short edges of the back facing to neaten the edge.
14. On the right side, stitch your designer label onto the centre of the back facing, 1cm up from the neaten edge.
15. Pin flat the 3 darts between the extension and tie and zig/zag or overlock over them and along the top curved edge from the tie to the point of the extension.
16. Press to the wrong side 5mm on the entire skirt sides and hem.
17. With the wrong side facing up, pin and sew down 10cm of the turned in edge on the right of the skirt.
18. Turn over so the right side is facing up
19. Place the facing onto the skirt right sides together, matching the double notch to the centre back seam. The facing seam should line up with the left large side dart. Pin into place putting a pin through each dart to ensure they are sewn down in the direction they are pressed. Take care not to trap the waist tie. (pin it out of the way)
20. Cut the tape supplied in half. Take one piece and tuck it in between the skirt and the facing at the left side, 2cm down from the corner with the tape facing inwards towards the centre back seam.
21. Sew a 1cm seam up the facing side, and from the corner a 1.5cm seam along the top waist edge. Do not sew down the right neaten edge of the facing where the waist tie is inserted into the side dart. Reinforce at the left corner. Clip away the corner and clip the waist edge of the facing at intervals, taking care not to clip through the stitches.
22. Press in 5mm on the top extension edge from the tip to the facing and turn in and press 2cm at the extension tip.
23. Turn facing to right sides out and press. Attach care label to facing below designer label.
24. Turn in another 5mm around the entire sides and hem and sew in place. Stitch towards the point.
25. To hold the facing in place, pin facing to skirt across each dart and on the right side 'stitch in the ditch' down the back seamline (if you have not attached the designer label) and all dart lines left of the waist tie, from the top to the bottom of the facing.
26. On the first dart inside the facing, at the waist edge, fold in the end and pin the remaining tape onto the facing at the dart then on the right side, topstitch down by 'stitching in the ditch'.

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