# The Juniper Skirt- Free Sewing Pattern



## **Pattern Description:**

The Juniper Skirt is an **adorable**, **simple**, **and sleek A-line skirt**. It is a quick and easy pattern, designated as a beginner sewing pattern. The pattern (MDF033) allows sewists to create a cute, wearable garment quickly. It features darts, a waistband, and requires a 9" invisible zipper closure.

#### **Materials Needed & Measurements:**

Item	Measurement/Quantity Details	
Main Fabric	1.5 yards	Navy Cotton Canvas
Lining Fabric	1.5 yards	Pink/White Striped Floral Dense Combed Cotton Poplin
Zipper	9"	Navy Invisible Zipper
Seam Allowance	1/2"	All seam allowances are 1/2" unless otherwise stated.

The lining should be cut 1" shorter than the main skirt fabric.

## **Instructions for Making the Juniper Skirt Sewing Pattern:**



#### **Preparing Panels and Darts**

The first mandatory step in constructing the skirt is to prepare the panels by adding the darts. The pattern should include **guides to mark the bottom of the darts**.

You will need to incorporate darts into both the main fabric and the lining material:

- Add two darts in the front skirt panels.
- Add two darts in the back skirt panels.
- Add one dart on the front overskirt panel.

Be sure to sew these darts into both your main skirt fabric and your lining.

#### **Constructing the Overskirt Flap**

The next set of steps focuses on creating the decorative front overskirt flap:

- Place the overskirt lining and the main fabric with faces together.
- Sew the overskirt lining to the main fabric, focusing on **sewing around the curved side**.

- Once sewn, clip the seam allowance along the curve.
- After clipping, turn the flap right-side-out and press.

#### Assembling the Skirt Shell

Once the overskirt flap is complete, it is integrated into the primary skirt body:

- The overskirt must be sandwiched between the front and back panels of your skirt.
- Sew up the side of your skirt.
- When sewing, the **overskirt lining should be oriented towards the skirt front**.
- The specific side (left or right) that receives this assembly depends on which way you cut out your skirt flap panels.

## **Waistband and Zipper Installation**

With the skirt panels joined, attention turns to the waistline:

- Fold the overskirt flap toward the skirt front. The garment is now ready to have the waistband attached.
- The waistband is made up of **two panels**. Attach these two panels together **along one of the shorter sides**.
- Place the resulting center seam of the waistband along the side seam of your skirt.
- Sew the waistband along the top edge of your skirt, ensuring the fabric faces are together.
- To install the zipper, start halfway down the waistband.
- Pin and insert the 9" invisible zipper along the open side of your skirt.
- After the zipper is sewn to both the front and back skirt panels, **sew down the** remainder of the side.

#### Attaching the Lining and Finishing

The final steps involve integrating the lining and completing the hems:

- Take the two remaining lining panels and place them with the faces together.
- Sew them together. You must sew halfway up the side where the zipper will lie, and also fully up the opposite side.
- Attach the lining to the hem of your skirt, placing the fabric faces together.

- It is important that the lining is previously cut 1" shorter than your main skirt fabric.
- When you **flip the garment right-side-out**, this shorter lining piece will result in a **small hem facing**.
- To finish, **fold the raw edges inward**.
- Pin the remaining open side of the skirt lining to the backside of the zipper.
- Similarly, **fold the hem in half toward the inside of your garment** and tuck the unfinished edges inward.
- Complete the skirt by slip-stitching along the waistband and zipper.