

20-Minute Skirt: Cutting Guide

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Suggested fabrics:

quilt-weight cotton, babywale corduroy, lawn, voile, peached poplin, chambray, lightweight linen, lightweight denim



Cutting and panels:

A panel is a single width-of-fabric cut. These measurements assume that you're working with a 45" fabric. For a wider cut, like a 60" lawn or linen, reduce the 1.5 panel sizes to 1 panel; reduce the two panel sizes to 1.5 panels; or leave all measurements as-is for an extra-full skirt!

size	cutting length	elastic length	approx finished length	
12m	11.5"	19"	9"	one panel
18m	12.5"	19.5"	10"	
24m	13"	20"	10.5"	
3T	13.75"	20"	11.25"	
4T	15"	20.5"	12.5"	1.5 panels
5	17"	21"	14.5"	two panels
6	18"	22"	15.5"	
7	20"	23"	17.5"	
8	22"	23.5"	19.5"	
10	23"	24.5"	21.5"	
12	25"	25"	22.5"	

A note on elastic:

For this pattern, I generally use a 3/4" elastic. When I originally put together the tutorial, I used 1" elastic and some folks swear by that width when making elastic-waist skirts for girls, especially in the larger sizes. Either works great, but if you choose to use a 1" elastic, add another 1/2" to your cutting length to accommodate it. Alternately, you could add the same extra length and divide the casing into two separate casings, each with a 1/2" elastic in it, which can be more flexible than a single elastic.

The **20-minute skirt** is a quick and simple dirndl-style skirt for girls. It uses a rectangular cut of fabric to make a simple shape that can be sized up or down easily. Our girls wear these constantly throughout the year: on their own, over leggings, over tights, over jeans, even under dresses for a little extra "poof." They're so fast to sew up that you'll be happy to use any fabric she chooses to make her a near-instant treat!

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