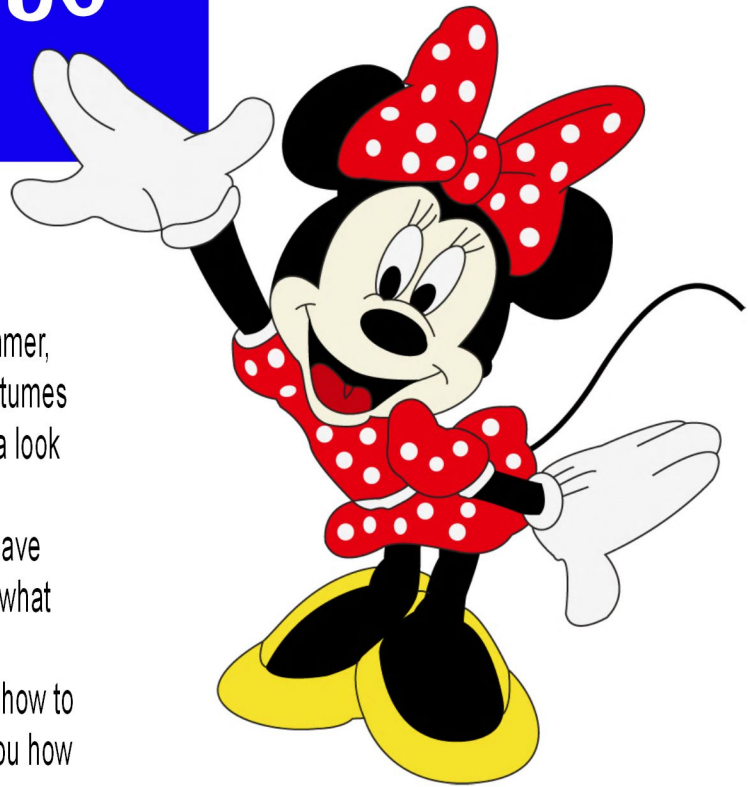


HELLO MINNIE MOUSE



The simple summer skirt, is an excellent choice for this summer, as you can create the most amazing looks for your girl. Costumes can be very expensive but with a few tricks you can create a look which would not look out of place in a Disney store.

And of course there are so many ways to use this pattern I have only just scratched the surface. I would be delighted to see what you can create!

There are two videos for this pattern, one which shows you how to make a Minnie Mouse inspired skirt and another showing you how to assemble the skirt if you haven't got a serger!



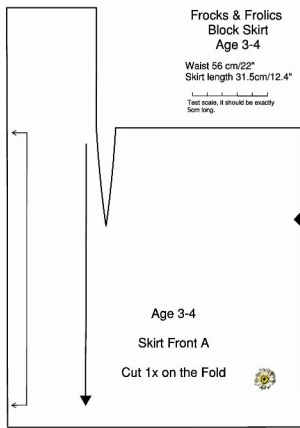
All our **DREAMS** can come true if we have the courage to pursue them.

— WALT DISNEY

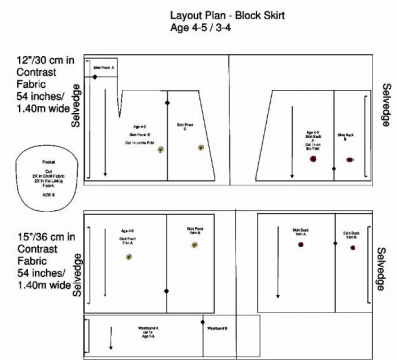
What you Need

- 50 cm / 1/2 yard (all ages) of fabric for the skirt and 30 cm 1/3 yard of fabric for the trim and waistband. I also bought Minnie Mouse themed fabric a fat quarter would be plenty.
I would use lightweight cottons for trim and waistband and skirt, if you want to use denim for the skirt, don't use it for the waistband, as denim does not gather well.
- Matching thread
- Interfacing (iron on) or Bonda Web
- 60 cm of elastic 3.8/4.0 cm wide.
- 2m / 2 yards of rick rack (you'll have some left this is a very generous amount)

The Pattern



- Set the printer to actual size
- In properties select the option borderless
- Print test sheet
- Check the scale
- Print the entire pattern in required age
- Follow the diagram to assemble the pattern
- The seam allowance on all seams is 1cm!
- Each size has a specific layout plan which also tells you exactly how much fabric you need. (Waste not - Want not)



The skirt has a contrast trim but you can just use the same fabric if you like. Either way will work well and add definition to the skirt. The waistband can be cut in contrast fabric or the shell fabric. The measurements will remain the same. You can also try some cute pockets for the front. There certainly is enough fabric left. A pattern for the Megan pocket is included but as its optional its not on this Lay Plan.

What else can I do With this Pattern?

When I make any of my patterns with ladies on my courses I am always surprised what they come up with. We have made literally dozens of skirts between us and some have been on sale at various faire's, which is absolutely fab! The feature of the skirt is its flat front and the contrast waistband. It took a while to come up with this design, ensuring it was easy to assemble but would look stunning. I am sure you didn't buy this pattern because you wanted another simple gathered skirt, for which you wouldn't need a pattern at all in the first place. The front dart creates a pleat which makes this design really stand out. I have created two sets of video instructions for you, which cover ways in which you can attach the trim so that it looks entirely clean and you are also shown how to do a french seam for that couture finish. If yo do have an overlocker/ serger, then its easier to use it, because its fast and looks very professional.





Step 1: Getting Ready

Cut out all the pieces following the video instruction or the diagram on the pattern. Iron interfacing to the wrong side of your Disney fabric. Cut out two badges.

Step 2: The Pocket

Place lining and shell on top of each other with the right sides facing each other. Stitch around leaving a turning gap. Turn and press. Fold down the flap and press. Stitch the rick rack 1cm of the edge onto the pocket from the crease of the flap. Use a small zig-zag stitch. Triple stitch the flap of the pocket.

Place the Minnie Mouse central to the pocket and stitch into place using satin stitch.

Place pocket on to the front and secure into place. Place second pocket on top facing down.

Fold over the front and secure pocket with two further pins. Open fabric out and now secure properly. Triple stitch into place.

Step 3: Sides Seams

Close the side seams of the skirt. Overlock the edges and iron towards the back. Join the side seam of the trims.

Iron seam apart and then lengthways again. Make sure the rough edges line up and seams are on the inside facing each other.

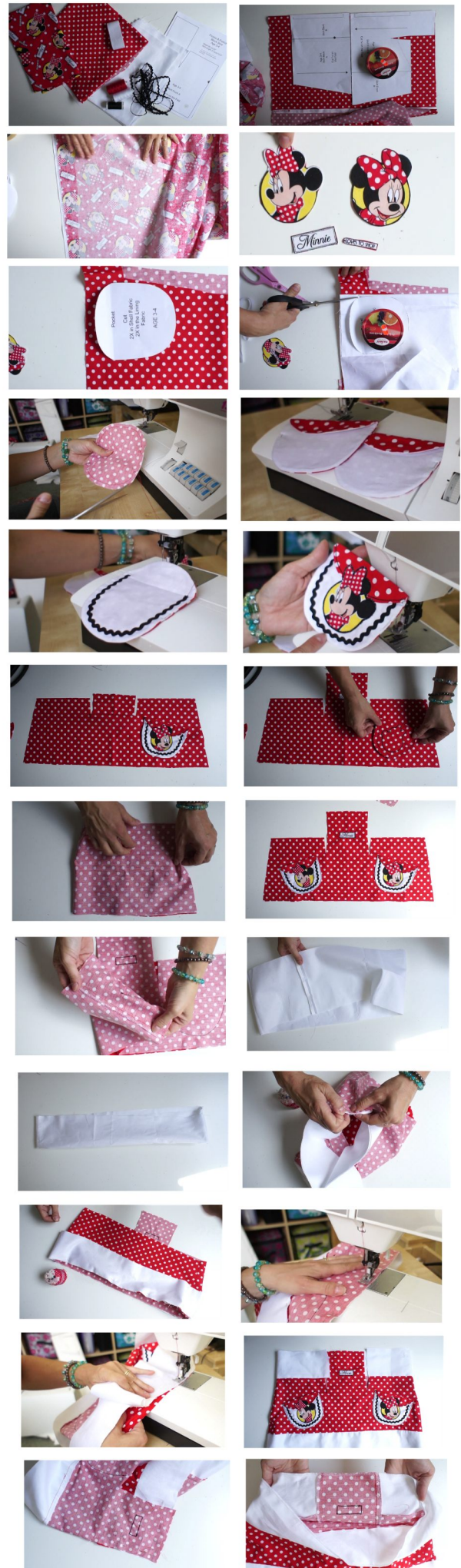
Step 4: The Trim

Slot the trim right sides facing into the skirt. Line up side seams, pin and sew all the way around. Iron seam upwards and overlock / serge.

Step 5: Waistband & Dart

Attach the waistband to the skirt. Its cut a little longer so you don't have to pin this! :)

Trim what's left, iron seam into the waistband. Close the dart with a 1 cm seam allowance. It doesn't have to run out slim like it would on a standard dart, in fact it looks better if you sew straight down, 1 cm longer then the cut and then just sew across. Overlock the darts. Iron darts towards the back and overlock the top edge of the waistband.



Step 6: Sewing the Tunnel for the Elastic

Fold the upper edge down and pin from the inside (!), placing your pins vertical to the seam. The edge should just cover the seam line. If you used too much here the elastic will sit too tightly in the casing. You can use slimmer elastic if this happens. I have allowed 0.7 cm for this, which should be plenty.



If you rather turn in the edge you can do that instead. Topstitch from the outside just 2mm off the seam line.



Insert the elastic, secure both sides, check fit.



Topstitch elastic into place down the center fronts. Cut back elastic or leave it standing, so you can release a bit of the elastic to make this skirt last more than 1 summer!

Step 7: Finally

Sew the rick-rack all around the skirt on to the seam line.



I haven't got a Serger / Overlocker!!!

Luckily there is always a way around it, which doesn't involve the homemade zig-zag look! You can use a french seam on the side seams, please watch my additional instructions video for that. You can easily access this if you go to 'Projects' on my website and scroll down to 'The Easy Summer Skirt'.

The hem can be attached so that the seam faces the outside and just cover with wide rick rack or a pretty ribbon, which I have done in the examples below. At the waistband you can bind the edge with matching, ready made bias or simply turn the edge in. I am loving making these and I hope you will too!

If you like these to be a little less elasticated just reduce the width of the skirt.

