

Basic Overlocked Skirt

for a child aged 2 to 10



REQUIREMENTS

Light to medium weight cotton fabric (see chart below for quantity)

20mm non roll elastic (see chart below for quantity)

Baby Lock overlocker

Gathering Foot

4 x spools overlocking thread to match

General Sewing requirements i.e. scissors, pins etc

size	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Fabric Required	50cm	55cm	55cm	70cm	70cm	75cm	75cm	80cm	80cm
Tier 1 Cut 2	12 1/2" x 4 3/4"	13" x 4 3/4"	13 1/2" x 5"	14" x 5"	14 1/2" x 5 1/4"	15" x 5 1/4"	15 1/2" x 5 1/2"	16" x 5 1/2"	16 1/2" x 6"
Tier 2 Cut 2	18 3/4" x 4"	19 1/2" x 4 1/4"	20 1/4" x 4 1/4"	21" x 4 1/2"	21 3/4" x 4 1/2"	22 1/2" x 4 3/4"	23 1/4" x 5"	24" x 5 1/4"	24 3/4" x 5 1/4"
Tier 3 Cut 2	28 1/4" x 4 1/4"	29 1/4" x 4 1/2"	30 1/2" x 4 3/4"	31 1/2" x 5"	32 3/4" x 5 1/4"	33 3/4" x 5 1/2"	35" x 5 1/2"	36" x 5 1/2"	37 1/4" x 5 3/4"
Elastic	44cm	45cm	46cm	47.5cm	49cm	50cm	51cm	52.5cm	54cm
Finished length	10 1/2"	11"	11 1/2"	12"	12 1/2"	13"	13 1/2"	14"	14 1/2"

Following the table on page 1 cut two of each of the three tiers. See pic 1.



Set the overlocker up for a four thread overlock with the gathering foot on.

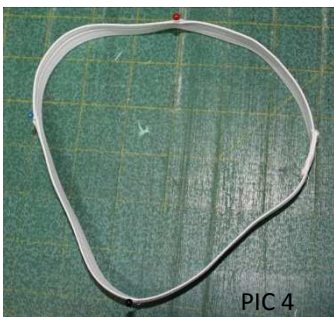
Stitch Selector	A
Stitch Length	4
Stitch Width	7.5
Differential Feed	1.5

Place one of the middle tiers under the gathering foot with the

right side facing up, see pic 2.

Place one of the top tiers right side down into the gap of the gathering foot. Position both layers under the needles and put the presser foot down. Hand wind the needles through both layers of fabric.

Overlock the seam gathering the middle layer to the top layer. Repeat this process by gathering the bottom to the middle layer. The front and back of the skirt are identical, repeat these steps for the back of the skirt.



Lay the front and back of the skirt right sides together.

Remove the gathering foot and replace with the standard foot or flat sole foot. Adjust the differential feed to N and the stitch length to 2.5-3.

Overlock the side seams of the skirt starting at the top. Overlap the ends of elastic, join the piece of elastic using a sewing machine or coverstitch, see pic 4. Divide the elastic into quarters and mark the skirt the same way. Place the elastic to the wrong side of the top of the skirt, aligning the four marks on the elastic and the skirt, stretch the elastic at each point and overlock the elastic to the raw edge of the skirt.

If you have coverstitch on your machine, convert to a wide or narrow coverstitch and topstitch the waistband and hem.

Without coverstitch, top stitch the waistband on a sewing machine, the hem can be finished with a rolled hem, roll hemming on lace or even gathering lace on to the hem.



Another option when creating these skirts is to place a piece of lace in line with the raw edge of the tier being gathered, there is a finished picture of this on the front page.

Also try using the double fold or single fold bias binders on the hem if you have coverstitch, this can look really effective, especially if you place ric rac into the binding.

Have fun making these skirts and playing with different overlocking techniques.