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### SIMPLE STRAIGHT SKIRT TUTORIAL

Its time to start sewing.we are going to start with a simple striaght skirt

Remember our measurement class and our block ,we would be needing it now to make our skirt.

Areas to measure

Waist circumfrence

Hip circumfrence

Length from waist to the kneews

On our block construction. The skirt will have just two basic blocks.front and back block



Back to class\*\*\*\*\*

When making a basic straight skirt u will need the following measurement areas.

Waist

Hip

Length of the skirt

So take those measurement areas and let's get started. smiley

Mine is

Waist-36

Hip - 42

Length 25.

I will use the bigger part which is my hip to do my division that's  $42 \div 4 = 10.5$  inch

For clearer understanding I like to work with the blocks.

So for the front block I will need  $10.5 \times 2 = 21$

Then I add seam allowance to the 21 inch let me add 2 inch seam. so total is 23 for my front block. I shall place it on fold.

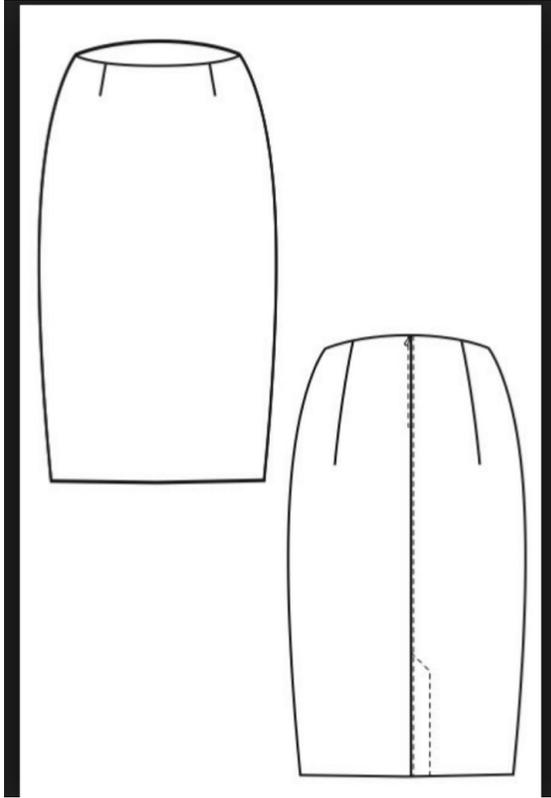
Its out of it I will shape out my waist.

Now the back block.

I will have the same 23 inch as the front but with extra for zip allowance so I will add 2 inch for that.

Total for the back block hence is 25 inch.

Now the 25 inch for the back will be divide into two equal parts for the zip



Hope you've got your fabrics and brown paper ready for this,I would like to work with a time frame so that we always have some thing new to dowink

My Measurement Areas

Waist circumfrence-36

Hip circumfrence 42

Length from waist to the kneews 27

My pattern construction calculation

To get this remember we are having 2 blocks here the front and the back part of the skirt.so it means my waist and hip measurement will be divided into 2 equal parts.

Waist is  $36 \div 2 = 18$

Hip is  $42 \div 2 = 21$

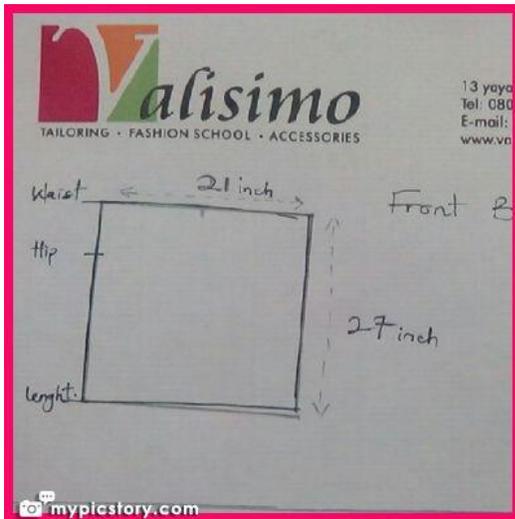
Between the hip and the waist the hip is more so we use that to cut out our material placed on fold.so I would have my material cut out this way 21 by 27.the 21 is the hip measurement I divided into 2,while the 27measurement is for the length of my skirt.

Pictures and diagrams. Coming soon.in the main time do yours using your measurement

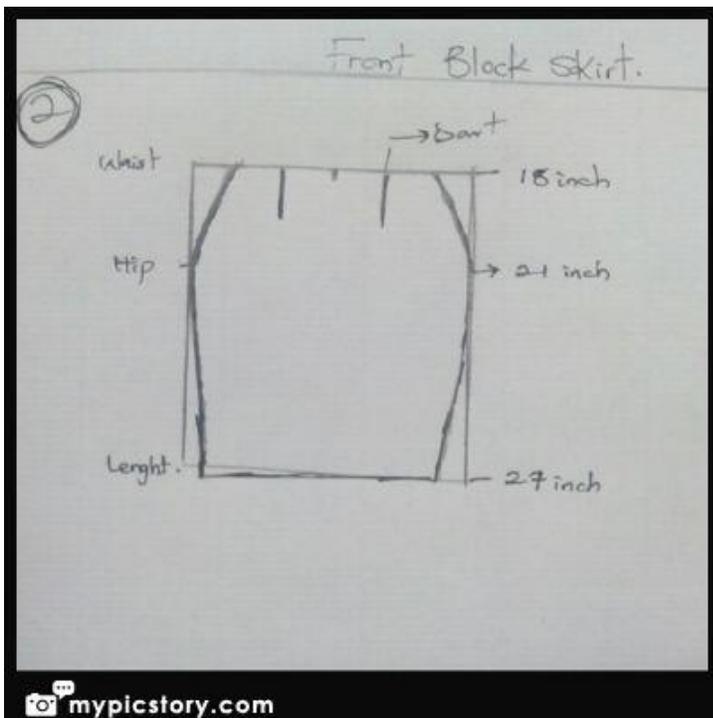
Note that I did not talk about seam allowance now.its deliberate and I will explain why.

Here are the diagrams I promised.

The first one is ur fabric cut out with the biggest part which is the hip plus the length



The second diagram is the waist shaped out of the hip by adding darts.



Back Block construction,

Remember we divided my waist and hip circumference into two, and we only worked with the front side. Now we would calculate for the back using the same measurement.

Waist.  $36 \div 2 = 18$

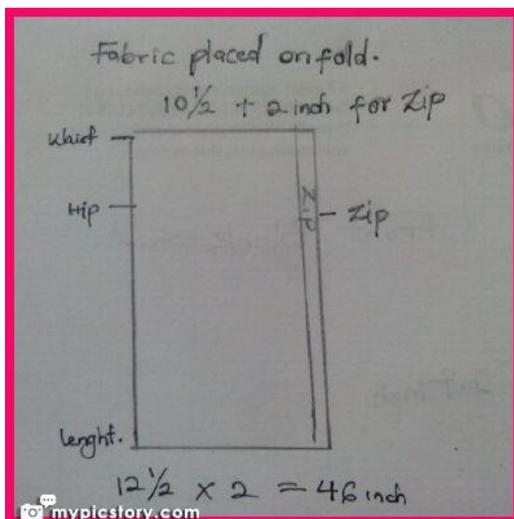
Hip.  $42 \div 2 = 21$

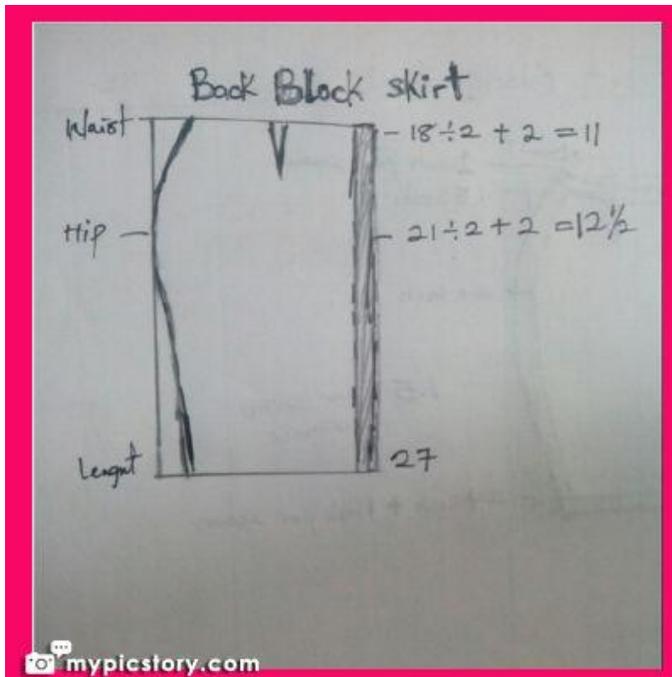
The length remain 27

At this point its time to make space for our zip at the back of the skirt. 21 is the fullest part and will still use it. when you place that on fold you will have 10.5

To that 10.5 you will add zip space .I want to use 2 inches for that

So I will have  $10.5 + 2 = 12.5$  by 27 for my fabric placed on fold.





Question? Please how do I measure the gap between the waist and hip? From the diagram, it looks as if you shape out the back side

That gap is called the Hip Depth

And to get this, Measure from the side of your waist to where the widest part of your hip is.

As for the shape on the waist, yes the measurement gave us the shape. Since we used the hip measurement which is 21, hence at the waist we must reduce it to 18. That's why I introduced the dart in order to make it 18.

Now, to get the length of the dart divide whatever you get from the Hip Depth in two that will be the length of your dart from waist down.

Seam allowance

To get this, place the pattern you've made on paper (that's the front and back block) on the main material you intend to use for skirt project.

On the sides add 1 inch or 1.5 for seam allowance. At the center of the waist go down by 1 inch and cut out for the shape required at the Tommy part. The seam allowance on the waist can be half inch while at the down part where your legs are we can use 1 inch for seam there. Mark all these places out and on the main fabric and cut out.

The last thing we would need to cut on this skirt is the band. To do this use the circumference of the waist to get it and add 2 inch for seam and bottom/band overlap

