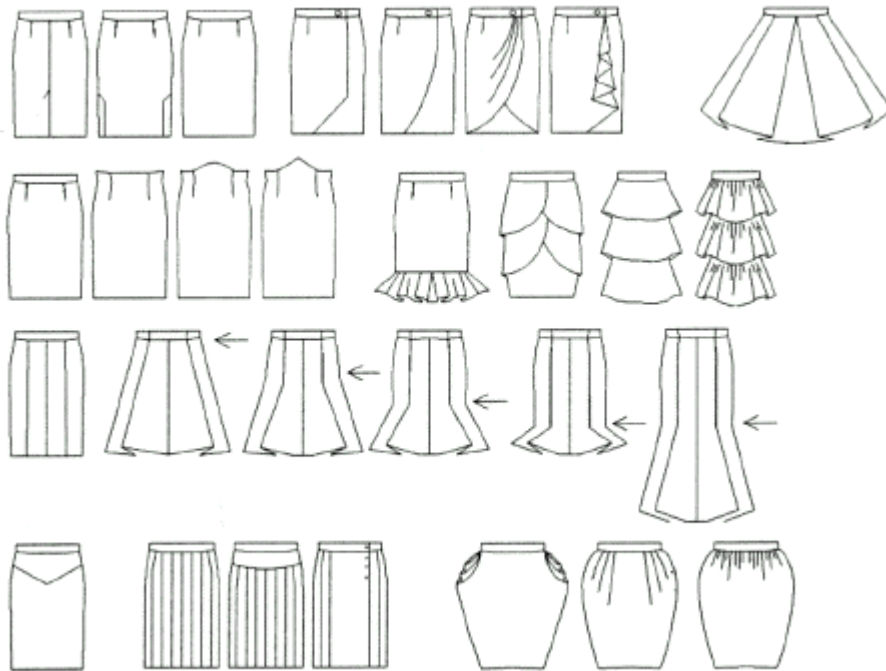


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## Women's SuperSkirt Collection

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### INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the PatternMaker SuperSkirt Collection! From eight basic styles you can create over 280 combinations of skirt designs, lengths, pocket styles, and waist treatments. By mixing and matching from all the available options, you can easily create flattering skirts to suit any occasion.

### TAKING YOUR MEASUREMENTS

For the SuperSkirt collection you will need several of the same measurements as for other PatternMaker macros. Use the measuring chart and instructions that are included with this macro package. The illustration at the right shows the measurements dialog box.

Skirt SuperMacro			
Waist circ.	31	Waist-Hip	7.75
Abdomen circ.	38	Skirt Length	24
Hip circ.	40	Zipper length	7
Waist-Abdm	3.5	Vent height	6
-OK-		-Cancel-	

### RUNNING A MACRO

When you first start the PatternMaker program, you will see a blank drawing area. To run the SuperSkirt macro, select the MACRO command from the File menu, or click on the icon which has the word MAC. (Users of PatternMaker Basic should select OPEN from the File menu, or click the OPEN icon.)

A dialog box will ask you to select a file. Each macro is a separate file in your PatternMaker directory. The SuperSkirt macro is called SUPERSKT.MAC. Click on the name of the file, and then click OK. It may take a few seconds for PatternMaker to load the macro.

You will now see a series of dialog boxes which ask questions and offer choices. To continue through the macro, you must use your mouse to click on one of the options. If you click "Cancel," or if you click "OK" without making a selection, the macro will abort and you will be returned to the drawing screen. Also, be aware that you cannot move backwards through the options. You may wish to write down which options you choose.

### **THE DIALOG BOXES**

First you will select one of eight basic starting garments: basic (straight), wraparound, tiered, circular, 8-gore, yoked, pleated, or tulip.

The next dialog box asks for your seam allowance preference. You can choose from 3/8", 3/4", or none.

Next, depending on which garment you are using, you may see any or all of the following choices:

- choice of waist style
- choice of pocket style
- vent placement
- wrap, tier, or pleat styles

Regardless of which garment you have selected, the macro will ask you if you want to use inches or centimeters for your measurements. Use your mouse or arrow keys to select your choices.

After you have made your choices, a dialog box will ask you for the measurements. Fill these in from your measurement chart. Remember to use decimal numbers, so 8-3/4 inches is 8.75 inches and so forth. Be careful to enter the right numbers in the right spaces. When you are ready, click "OK" or press the Enter key.

You may have to wait for the macro to run, especially if you do not have a fast computer. You will know the macro is done when the hourglass cursor changes back to an arrow and the word `Command :` appears on the prompt line.

***If you cannot see the pattern, or if you only see part of it, press the <END>key on your keyboard.***

**Note:** Refer to the PatternMaker User's Manual for instructions on running the program and printing the pattern pieces.

### **SEWING THE SKIRTS**

Sewing instructions for this collection are not available at this time. If you are unfamiliar with the necessary techniques for sewing these skirts, you may wish to refer to additional sewing reference material.

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## Measuring instructions for SuperSkirt Collection

### TAKING YOUR MEASUREMENTS

Following are the instructions on how to measure for the PatternMaker SuperSkirt collection. Take your time and measure carefully. Accurate measurements are critical to getting a good custom-fit pattern.

Don't try to take the measurements yourself. Ask someone else to take them, because bending over to read the tape will distort the measurements. Stand straight but relaxed while your measurements are being taken. You will receive the best results if the measurements are taken over underwear.

**You will need:** Three (3) pieces of 1" wide elastic or heavy twill tape to mark the waist, abdomen, and hip points; measuring tape; another person to read the measuring tape.

It is IMPORTANT to use the elastic bands throughout all measuring. ALL VERTICAL MEASUREMENTS ARE TAKEN FROM THE LOWER EDGE OF ONE BAND TO THE LOWER EDGE OF THE NEXT.

DO NOT TIGHTEN MEASURING TAPE. Please refer to the picture related to this measuring form.

**Begin measuring:** Place 1-inch wide elastic bands as instructed around the following three points and DON'T REMOVE THEM BEFORE ALL NECESSARY MEASUREMENTS HAVE BEEN TAKEN.

- WAIST:** Waist elastic should be at your natural waistline. Be sure the elastic is level from front to back.
- ABDOMEN:** Elastic should be placed around the point where your abdomen circumference is maximum (this may not be the point that looks largest in profile). Measure several spots and use the largest measurement (using the bottom of the band). Be sure the elastic is level from front to back.
- HIP:** Elastic should be placed around the fullest point of your hip circumference. (Make sure the elastic is level from front to back.) Again, search carefully for the correct spot where the measurement is greatest. Determine whether this point is on your buttocks (7-8 inches/18-20 cm below the waist) or on top of your thighs (10-12 inches/25-30 cm below the waist). Using the bottom of the elastic band, record this measurement.

Continue taking your measurements and fill in the rest of the chart on the following page.

You can use either centimeters or inches. Measure to the closest  $\frac{1}{2}$  centimeter or  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Give inches in decimals.

Except for skirt length, zipper length, and vent height, all measurements are body measurements. DO NOT ADD ANY EASE to the measurements. The program does it for you.

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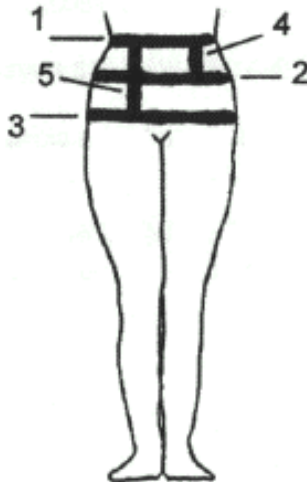
## Measuring chart for SuperSkirt Collection

Make a copy of this chart for each person for whom you want to make patterns.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

1	Waist Circumference: Measure at the elastic tape	
2	Abdomen Circumference: Measure at the elastic tape.	
3	Hip Circumference: Measure over the largest part of your bottom/thighs (at elastic)	
4	Waist-Abdomen: Measure vertically from lower edge of waist elastic to lower edge of abdomen elastic. Measure at front center.	
5	Waist-Hip: Measure vertically from lower edge of waist elastic to lower edge of hip elastic. Measure at the side.	
6	Skirt Length: Desired length from waist elastic to hem	
7	Zipper Length: Length of zipper you will use	
8	Vent Height: Size of vent/slit in some skirt styles	



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