



Sew a High-low skirt.

Description



One of my favorite trends right now is the high-low skirt. I love how the longer tail of this skirt creates a carefree vibe and stylish touch. The design is really easy to sew, making it the perfect DIY for this week.

The color is this brilliant new orange shade from our new lightweight linen, called **Apricot**. I can't get over this color and I am completely obsessed with this style.

I am really excited to share this latest linen project with you all and hope you enjoy it as well. You may use the pattern I've provided to make this skirt your own! Adding your own creative flair will create a unique new article of clothing to your wardrobe for the Spring season!



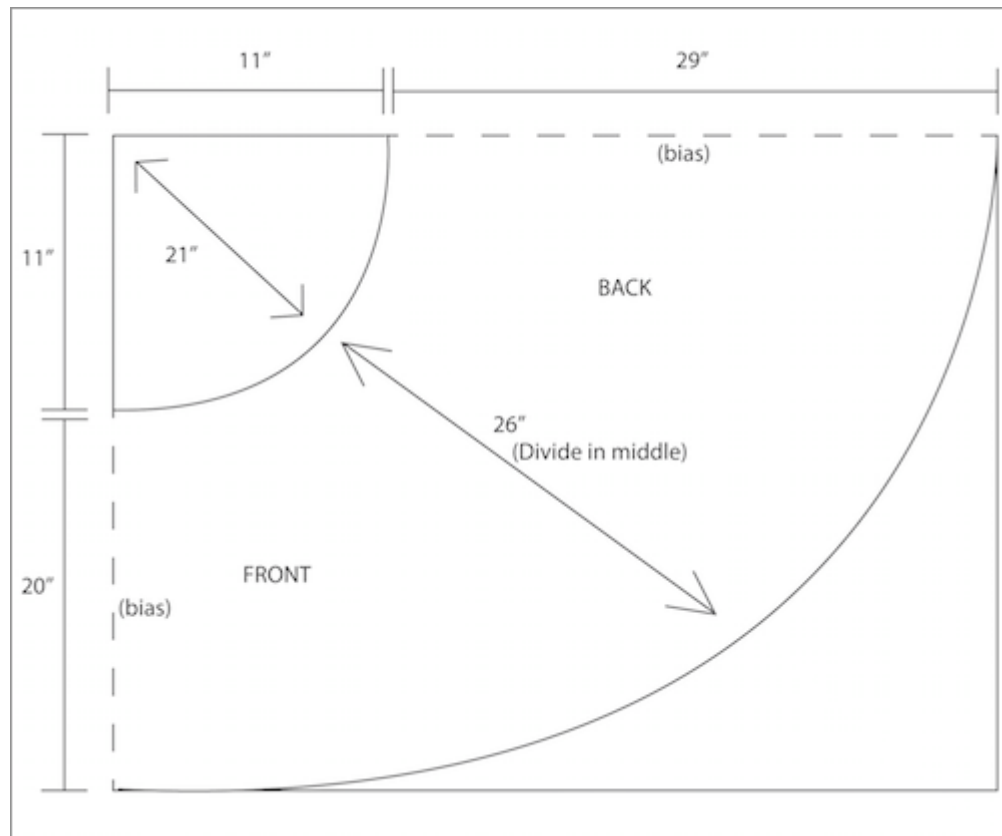
Materials:

- Linen. I ordered and used two yards of IL020 in [Apricot](#).
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Pattern paper
- 1" wide elastic
- Safety pin
- Measuring tape

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Cut your linen by tracing the patterns (shown below) onto the fabric. Trace the pattern onto paper first and use this to outline the front and back pieces onto your linen.



This is the pattern I used and it will create two separate pieces; one for the front and for the back. Cut this from a big piece of pattern paper.

Place each piece (the front and back patterns) along the fold of your fabric where the dotted line indicates to do so. The fold should be made at a bias, meaning you just need to fold and cut your fabric diagonally (rather than straight up or down). This will make the skirt fall and flow better.

To find the measurement for the waist on your pattern, measure your waist with the measuring tape. Divide the number you get by two and then add this result number to your original waist measurement. For example, if you measure your waist at 30" then add 15 to this in order to get your final waist measurement of 45"

The measurement is larger than your actual waist size because of the elastic waistband. It will all fit when everything is done!

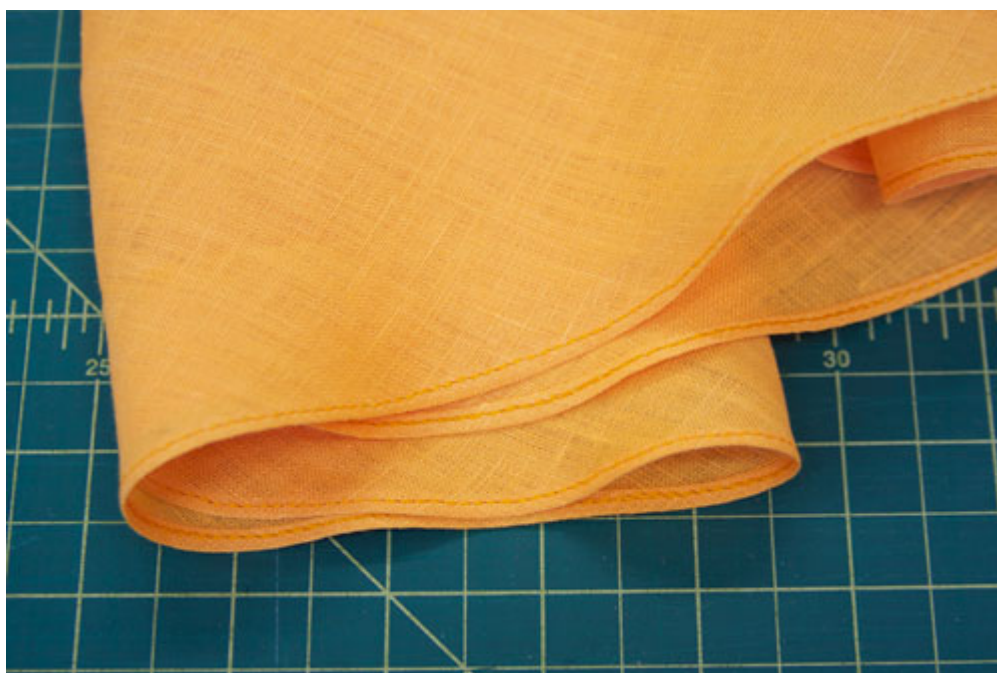


Sew the sides together with a 1/2 inch seam. If you have an outerlock machine, you can finish the two edges with it. The image above shows my seam and the outerlock.

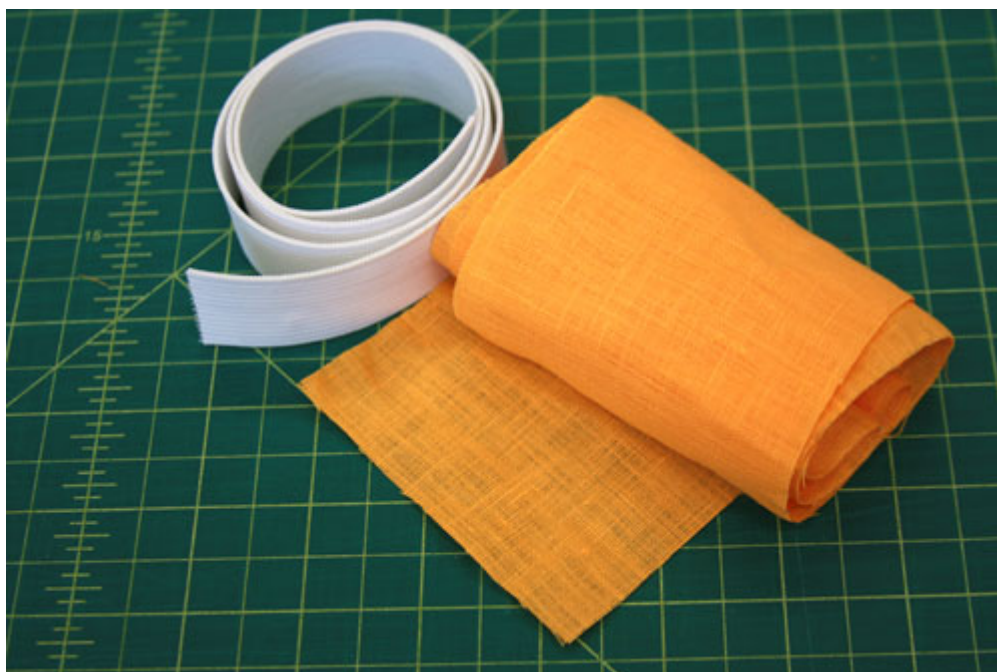


Create a small hem along the bottom by folding the linen in less than a 1/4 inch and making a seam all the way around the skirt. Make the seam as

close to the bottom edge as you can and then trim off the remainder fabric.



Fold the seam you made over once more and create another seam. This is an easy way to make a tiny hem along the bottom of your skirt.



The waist of the skirt is really easy to do! Just cut a 3.5 inch wide piece of linen in the same color. The length should correspond to the waist

measurement you made earlier.

Cut a length of 1 inch wide elastic to fit your waist. It should feel rather tight and be slightly stretched.



Fold the strip of fabric in half and sew the open edges to the top of the skirt.



Leave a small opening where the two ends of the strip meet. This is where the elastic will slip through. (I used the outerlock machine for this seam as well)



Secure a safety pin onto one end of the elastic and work its way around the entire waist. Don't lose hold of the other end! It'll be hard trying to reach for it

if it slips in.

When the safety pinned side comes out the other side, sew the ends of the elastic together and stitch the opening shut. Play with the waist fabric and elastic so everything is scrunched up evenly.

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I made an additional seam along the center of the waistband for a subtle detail.



I love how the linen falls on this skirt!



Gorgeous! There are so many colors I want to make this in. I might try longer or shorter styles in the future, which will be super easy now that I have a basic pattern all ready.

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****Note* I accidentally labeled the color of the linen as "Melon" when it is actually "Apricot." Sorry for the mix-up!***

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