Youth Midi Skirt



MATERIALS AND INFO
Size: 3, 4 (5, 6) 7, 8 (9, 10) 11, 12 (13, 14) yrs
Materials: Materials: Approximately 2, 3 (3, 3), 4, 4 (4, 4), 4, 4 (5, 5) balls of KnitPicks Provincial Tweed (250 yards/100 g); knitting needles; stitch markers; a yarn needle; and 1½ in (approximately 4 cm) wide elastic.
Needle Size: 7(US) 4.5mm circular needles and DPN, 6(US) 4mm circular, 4 (US) 3.5mm circular needles
Gauge (tension): 24 sts × 28 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) square in stockinette stitch worked in the round on US 7 (4.5 mm) needles, after blocking.
To fit waist circumference: 20, 20¾ (21¼, 21¾), 22, 22¾ (23¼, 23½), 24, 24½ (25¼, 25½) in / 51, 52.5 (54, 55), 56, 57.5 (59, 60), 61, 62.5 (64, 65) cm.

METHOD
Youth Midi Skirt is top-down seamless skirt in a warm and soft yarn. Created for our 7th child, I wanted a classic and warm knit for her for our Montana winters.

Abbreviations can be found on the last page.

Note: choose size based on waist measurement for best fit

1×1 RIB PATTERN
Every round: *K1, p1; repeat from * around.

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WAIST
Using the smallest circular needle, cast on 124, 126 (130, 132), 136, 138 (142, 144), 148, 150 (154, 156) sts.
Join in the round, taking care not to twist the stitches. Place a beginning-of-round marker; this marks one side of the skirt.
Knit every round until the waistband measures 2½ in (6.5 cm) from the cast-on edge.
Eyelet round – k27, 27 (28, 29) 30, 30 (31, 32) 33, 33 (34, 35), k2tog, yo, k4, 5 (5, 4) 4, 5 (5, 4) 4, 5 (5, 4), yo, ssk, knit around
Continue knitting every round until the waistband measures 3½ in (9 cm) from the cast-on edge.

ELASTIC WAISTBAND
The finished elastic loop should measure approximately 1 in (2.5 cm) less than the wearer's waist circumference, or a comfortable length determined by fitting.
Add your chosen joining overlap to that finished loop measurement before cutting the elastic. Overlap the ends by the allowance added and sew them together securely, making sure the loop is not twisted.
Check the fit and stretch before enclosing the elastic.

WAISTBAND JOIN
Fold the waistband inward at its midpoint, with the wrong sides together and the eyelets on the outside of the skirt. Place the sewn elastic loop inside the folded waistband, making sure it is not twisted.

Switch to the largest circular needle. Align each live stitch with its corresponding cast-on stitch or loop. Knit each live stitch together with the corresponding cast-on stitch or loop, enclosing the elastic without catching it in the stitches.

The stitch count remains 124, 126 (130, 132), 136, 138 (142, 144), 148, 150 (154, 156) sts.

For a left-handed tutorial of this click here.

SKIRT SHAPING
Knit every round for 1¼, 1¼ (1½, 1½), 1½, 1½ (1½, 1½), 2, 2 (2, 2) in / 3, 3 (4, 4), 4, 4 (4, 4), 5, 5 (5, 5) cm below the waistband joining round.
Place a second side marker halfway around, after 62, 63 (65, 66), 68, 69 (71, 72), 74, 75 (77, 78) sts. Keep the beginning-of-round marker at the first side.

INCREASE ROUNDS
Round 1: K1, M1L, knit to 1 st before the side marker, M1R, k1, slip marker, k1, M1L, knit to the last st of the round, M1R, k1. 4 sts increased.
Rounds 2–4: Knit, slipping markers.

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Work Rounds 1–4 a total of 3, 3 (3, 3), 3, 3 (3, 3), 4, 4 (5, 5) times.
There are 136, 138 (142, 144), 148, 150 (154, 156), 164, 166 (174, 176) sts.

SKIRT BODY
Continue in stockinette stitch until the skirt measures 11¼, 15¾ (17¼, 18½), 19¾, 20½ (21¾, 22), 22½, 23 (23½, 24) in / 28.5, 40 (43.5, 47), 50, 52 (55, 56), 57, 58.5 (60, 61) cm from the folded top edge of the waistband, or your desired length before the ribbed hem.

Switch to US 6 (4 mm) circular needles. Work in 1×1 ribbing for 1½ in (4 cm). Bind off in pattern.
Bind off.

I-CORD TIE
Using US 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needles, cast on 3 sts.
Knit 3 sts. Without turning, slide the stitches to the other end of the needle. Bring the yarn across the back and knit the 3 sts again.

Continue until the cord measures approximately 11¾ in (30 cm) longer than the wearer’s waist circumference.

Cut the yarn, thread the tail through the remaining stitches, and secure.
Thread the cord through one waistband eyelet, around the waistband casing, and out through the second eyelet. Adjust the ends to equal lengths.

FINISHING
Weave in all ends and block.

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ABBREVIATIONS

K - knit
K2tog -knit 2 stitches together
SSK – slip, slip, knit the slipped sts together
M1L – With left needle pick up strand between 2 stitches front to back. Knit through back loop
M1R – With left needle pick up strand between 2 stitches back to front. Knit through front loop
P – purl
PM – place marker
SM – slip marker
SSK – Slip the next 2 stitches individually knitwise, then knit them together through their back loops.
st – stitch
sts – stitches
YO – yarn over

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