

# Reconstruct your wardrobe with Brother and Junky Styling



## Circle skirt

YOU WILL NEED:

- 3 pairs of old trousers

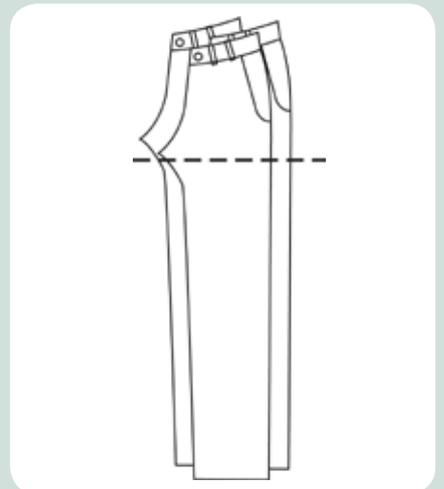
## INSTRUCTIONS

This skirt is not quite a circle of trouser legs but is based on the 50's 'classic skirt'. The basic instructions can be taken further and more trouser legs can be used to add fullness.



**A**

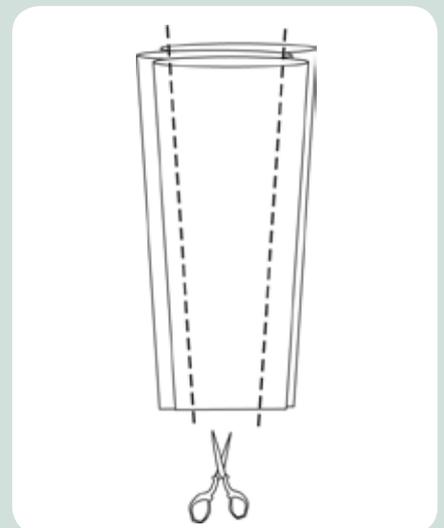
Take at least three pairs of trousers (this will make a 12-section skirt). Fold in half with legs flat and back pockets facing each other. Cut the high section straight across at the widest part.



**B**

Next cut from the outer corners of the bottom of the trouser legs in a diagonal long cut all the way to the edges of the thigh. Remove all outer seams of the trousers which will leave you with wedges of trouser leg fabric with one narrow end and one wide end.

Cut the lengths of these sections all the same.

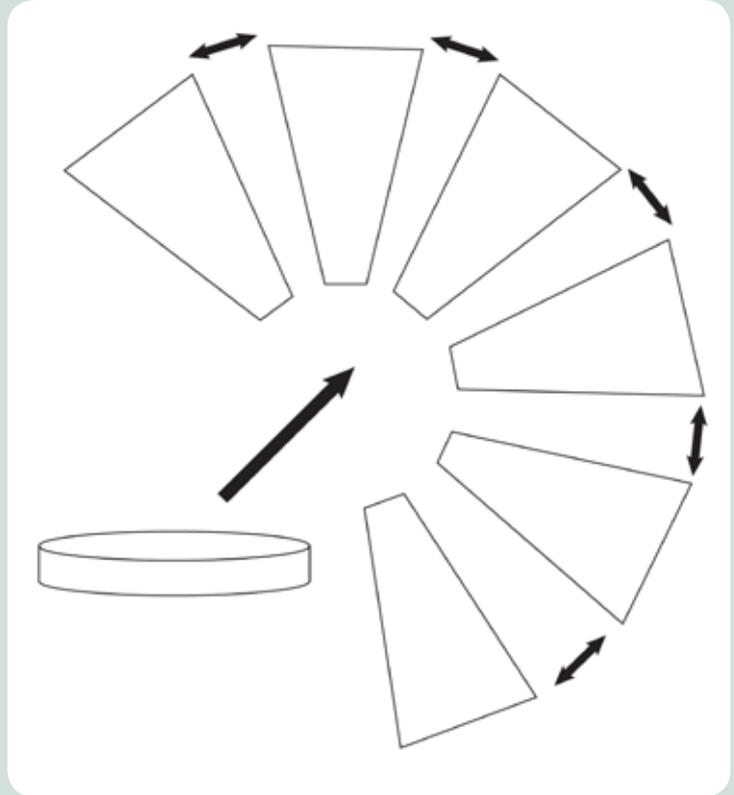


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Sew the long sides together with all the short ends at the same side, creating a curve in the expanse of fabric you are sewing together.

Sew all sides together until you are left with a tent-like circle of fabric.



D

Elasticate the smaller circle to form a waistband (to your measurements), then hem the wider circle to make the hemline of the skirt, and slide on.

You can wear this skirt with netting underskirt to create a Fifties look.



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## Upside down jacket

YOU WILL NEED:

- An old, waist length jacket or suit jacket.



## INSTRUCTIONS

This design reinvents the shape of a jacket by turning it upside down. The result is a jacket with a luxurious draping collar and fitted waist, whilst retaining a tailored feel to the garment. Try using the jacket from an old suit to update the whole outfit.



**A**

Take a small suit jacket (ladies' preferably). Unpick the sleeves and the lining from the armholes.



**B**

Take in the shoulder seams on each side like darts, 5cm (2in.) deep at the shoulder reducing to nothing under the collar. Trim away the excess and press open the new shoulder seam. Do the same to the corresponding lining seam.



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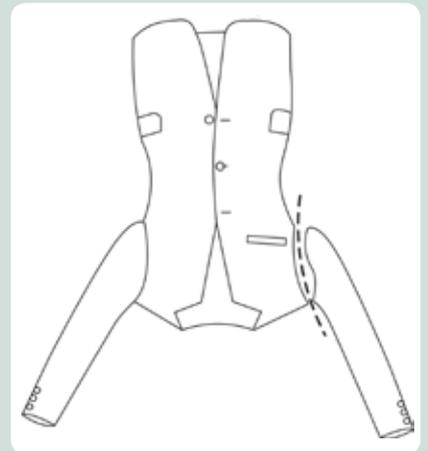
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Iron the collar flat and turn it upside down. Lay flat and use the narrowed armhole to recut the sleeve heads on the arms.



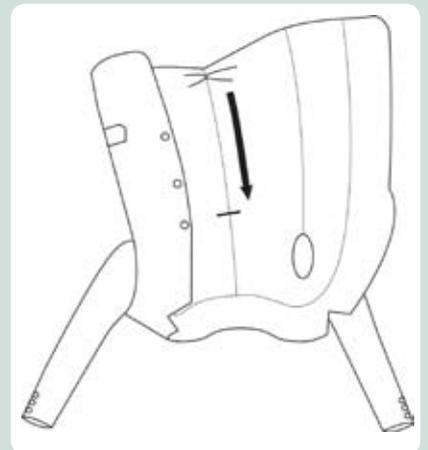
D

Sew the outer layer of the sleeves to the outer layer of the armholes, raw edges on the inside of the garment. Split open the lining to get inside, and sew the sleeve linings to the armhole linings.



E

Ruche or pleat the centre back seam from what was previously the bottom of the jacket to about halfway down (this will be at the back of the neck when worn). Repeat this rouching/pleating up the side seams to the top of shoulder.



## INSTRUCTIONS

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Either try on the jacket or place it on a mannequin and mark the new button placement. You may want to attach loops or ties to create new fastenings on either side of the original buttonholes. Finally add new sparkly buttons.

