



## **059 GENEVIEVE SKIRT**

A knee length simple pull on skirt. Waistband is elastic.

This pattern is created for beginners and can be sewn with a single needle home sewing machine.



Preemie to 12 Years





No Serger Needed

Knit Fabric Only

## GETTING STARTED WITH PDF PATTERNS

### 1. READ THE CRITICAL PDF PATTERN PRINTING INFORMATION PAGES

Your success starts with your pattern-make sure you are printing it correctly.

### 2. PIECE YOUR PATTERN

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https://peanutpatterns.com/how-to-print-and-piece-together-a-pdf-pattern/

### 3. GRAINLINE

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### 4. FIND YOUR SIZE

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#### 5. SEAM ALLOWANCE

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## **CRITICAL PDF PATTERN PRINTING INFORMATION**

#### ALWAYS PRINT FROM A COMPUTER, NEVER A PHONE OR TABLET

Phones and tablets are not set up to have advanced print settings, which are required when printing PDF patterns. It is always best to print from a laptop or computer.

#### ALWAYS DOWNLOAD THE PDF PATTERN TO YOUR DESKTOP

Download the PDF pattern, and save it to your desktop. Then, open the file using a PDF viewer (NOT a browser), and click print. Printing from a browser results in margin errors.

#### NEVER PRINT FROM A BROWSER (CHROME, INTERNET EXPLORER, FIREFOX, ETC.)

Browsers are meant to provide quick printing and do not have robust settings which are needed for PDF patterns. Adobe Acrobat Reader is a great free PDF viewer.

#### MAKE SURE THE SCALE PRINT SETTING IS SET TO 100% SIZE

If you use the default print settings, such as "fit to printable area" your test square will not measure  $2" \times 2"$  and your pattern will be incorrect. You must ALWAYS adjust the scale for PDF patterns to be 100% size when printing.

#### **PRINT SETTINGS VARY BY PROGRAM**

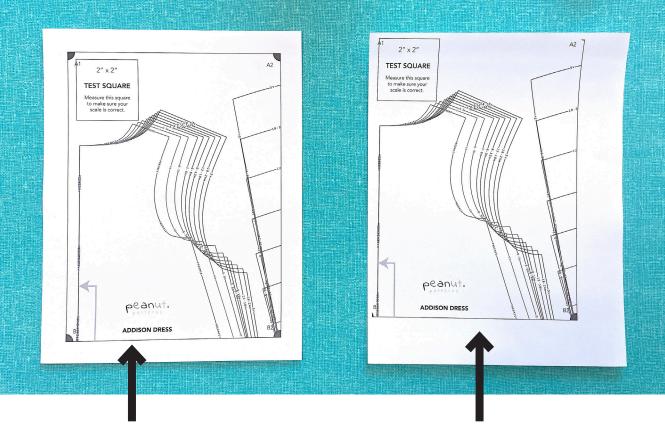
Three different examples are below, but the scale setting should always be set to 100% scale before printing

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## CRITICAL PDF PATTERN PRINTING INFORMATION CONT.

### MAKE SURE THE MARGINS ARE CORRECT

This setting is typically auto-adjusted, and you don't need to worry about it. However, if your pattern looks like the incorrect image below, the print margin setting is incorrect, and the printer is trying to print outside the printable area. This is typically caused by printing from a mobile device or printing from an internet browser (not downloading the PDF file to a desktop first, or not using a PDF viewer). Google is a great resource to learn more about adjusting your margin setting, as this varies by the printer and your PDF viewing program.



#### CORRECT

### INCORRECT

The PDF pattern is centered, and the bounding box is fully visible

The PDF pattern is cut off, and the bounding box is not visible on the top, or left edge. There is too much room on the right and bottom side.

### MEASURE YOUR TEST SQUARE (SERIOUSLY, NEVER SKIP THIS STEP)

Measure the test square on the first page of your pattern. It should measure 2" x 2". Anything else is incorrect, and you should reprint. You can print the first page of a pattern to verify scale/print settings before printing off the full pattern to save paper. Please note each PDF pattern technically starts on page 2, as page 1 is always a layout guide.

## **SUPPLIES**

#### 🗷 Knit fabric

- □ Polyester thread
- 1" wide knit elastic. Cut length on page 7

# TOOLS

- □ Fabric scissors
- □ Pins
- $\Box$  Chalk or marking pen
- □ Tape (for piecing pattern)
- □ Paper scissors (to cut pattern)

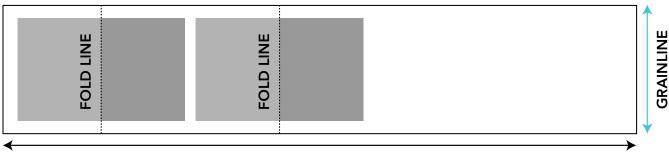
Use knit fabric that is a light to medium weight. It can be interlock, jersey or double knit.

# PATTERN LAYOUT GUIDE + FABRIC USAGE

Layout the pattern pieces using the guide. You will need to re-fold and position the fabric after marking each piece. This will ensure the highest marker yield. Do not cut until you are sure every piece is accounted for. Use either pins or pattern weights to keep your pattern in place. Pay attention to the fabric grainline and if using a plaid or stripe fabric make sure to line up the stripes.

### SIZE PREEMIE TO 0-3 MONTHS- 1/4 YARD OF FABRIC (45" OR 60" WIDE) SIZE 3-6 MONTHS TO 5 YEARS- 3/8 YARD OF FABRIC (45" OR 60" WIDE) SIZE 6 YEARS TO 12 YEARS- 1/2 YARD OF FABRIC (60" WIDE)

Layout is the same for all sizes.



FABRIC WIDTH DEPENDS ON SIZE, SEE ABOVE

## STITCHES

There are only three types of stitches we use in our patterns. These are the straight stitch, zig-zag and knit overcast (see photo to right) which mimics a zig-zag and straight stitch together. You may also use a serger if that is what you're comfortable with.

You will see the below stitch types next to the sewing steps to help you know which stitch we are using:

(SS) for straight stitch (ZZ) for zig-zag (KO) for knit overcast

After sewing with the knit overcast (KO), trim the seam allowance to be near the edge of the stitch. Be careful to not actually cut the stitch. This will reduce bulk. Do not trim if sewing knit binding.

### MEASURING

It is recommended to determine the size by measuring your kiddo, not the clothing size you buy at the store.

When measuring, it is best to use a flexible measuring tape. The tape should be just snug enough so it won't slide down. All measurements should be taken level with the ground.

**Chest-** wrap the tape measure around the fullest part of the chest, under the armpits.

**Waist-** wrap the tape measure around the narrowest part of the waist. Typically near the belly button.

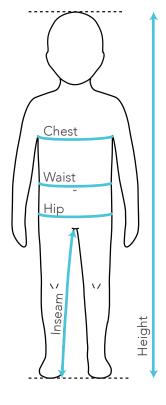
**Hip-** wrap the tape measure around the fullest part of the hip/ buttocks area.

**Inseam-** the crotch point to the floor.

Height- top of the head to the floor.

Compare all measurements against the size chart (next page).





## SIZE CHART

SIZE	WAIST	ELASTIC CUT LENGTH*	HIP	INSEAM	HEIGHT
Preemie	14"	11 7/8″	14"	5 1/8"	17 1/2"
	(35.5cm)	(30cm)	(35.5cm)	(13cm)	(44.5cm)
Newborn	16"	13 1/2"	16"	6 3/4"	20 1/2"
	(40.6cm)	(34.3cm)	(40.6cm)	(17.15cm)	(52cm)
0-3 Months	17 1/2"	14 7/8"	17 1/2"	8 1/2"	24"
	(44.5cm)	(37.6cm)	(44.5cm)	(21.6cm)	(61cm)
3-6 Months	18 1/2"	15 5/8"	18 1/2"	10"	27″
	(47cm)	(39.7cm)	(47cm)	(25.4cm)	(68.6cm)
6-9 Months	19"	16 1/8"	19"	11 1/4"	29"
	(48.3cm)	(40.8cm)	(48.3cm)	(28.6cm)	(73.7cm)
9-12 Months	19 1/2"	16 1/2"	19 1/2"	12"	30 1/2"
	(49.5cm)	(41.9cm)	(49.5cm)	(30.5cm)	(77.5cm)
12-18 Months	20 1/4"	17 1/8"	20 1/4"	13 1/2"	33"
	(51.4cm)	(43.5cm)	(51.4cm)	(34.3cm)	(83.9cm)
18-24 Months	21"	17 3/4"	21"	14"	35"
(Same as 2 Years)	(53.3cm)	(45.1cm)	(53.3cm)	(35.6cm)	(89cm)
3 Years	21 1/2"	18 1/4"	22''	15 1/2"	38"
	(54.6cm)	(46.1cm)	(56cm)	(39.4cm)	(96.5cm)
4 Years	22"	18 5/8"	23"	17"	41"
	(56cm)	(47.2cm)	(58.5cm)	(43.2cm)	(104.1cm)
5 Years	22 1/2"	19"	24"	18 3/4"	44"
	(57.2cm)	(48.3cm)	(61cm)	(47.6cm)	(111.8cm)
6 Years	23"	19 3/8"	25"	20 1/4"	46 1/2"
	(58.6cm)	(49.4cm)	(63.5cm)	(51.4cm)	(118.1cm)
7 Years	23 1/2"	20"	27"	23 1/8"	50"
	(59.7cm)	(50.4cm)	(68.6cm)	(58.7cm)	(127cm)
8 Years	24 3/8"	20 1/2"	28 1/8"	24 3/8"	52 1/4"
	(61.9cm)	(52.2cm)	(71.4cm)	(62cm)	(132.7cm)
10 Years	25 1/4"	21 3/8"	29 1/2"	25 3/4"	55 1/4"
	(64.1cm)	(54.2cm)	(74.9cm)	(65.4cm)	(140.3cm)
12 Years	26 1/4"	22 1/4"	31 1/4"	27 1/2″	58 1/4″
	(66.7cm)	(56.3cm)	(73.4cm)	(69.9cm)	(148cm)

**\*NOTE:** The elastic cut length is for knit elastic only. If using elastic that is woven or braided it may be too tight or loose. Create a mock-up for these types of elastic to ensure you have the correct elastic measurement. If not, adjust accordingly.

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Don't know what grainline or grain is? Let us explain. When fabric is made it is woven with threads that go in two different directions. Lengthwise, which spans the cut edges and crosswise, which spans the selvage edges (the selvage is the band of fabric that runs up either side). The lengthwise direction is the grain of your fabric and what you use to line up your grainline.

### 4. TRACE THE PATTERN

Reference the pattern layout then trace the pattern edges onto your fabric by using chalk, pencil, or carbon paper. Transfer all markings, notches, and center front and back lines. Trust us. It's really no fun to have to come back and mark them later. After you're done, cut out your pieces.

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### 6. READY TO SEW?

Follow the instructions to start sewing.



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1. Align the skirt pieces along the side seams, fabric right sides together. Stitch together (KO) then trim down the seam allowance. Turn the skirt fabric right side out.

 $\Box$  2. Overlap your elastic 1/2" at the ends and stitch down (SS).

3. Divide the elastic into four equal parts, using pins to mark.

4. Divide the waistband edge of the skirt into four equal parts, using the side seams and pins to mark.



 $\Box$  5. Grab the elastic and skirt.

6. Match the pins of the elastic and skirt. This will help distribute the ease evenly. The elastic will be on the inside of the skirt.

 $\hfill\square$  7. Gently stretch the elastic so it lays flat and pin along the rest of your waistband.

 $\square$  8. Stitch the elastic to the top of the waist, gently stretching the elastic as you go (ZZ). Stitch at the edge.



9. Fold down the top of your waist once. The elastic will provide a natural edge.

10. Following the bottom edge of the elastic, stitch down using either a (SS) or a (ZZ), gently stretching the waistband as you sew so it lays flat.

 $\Box$  11. Press the bottom hem up 1/2" for sizes Preemie and Newborn, and 3/4" for all other sizes. If you'd like to adjust the hem length, now is the time to do so.

12. Stitch down the hem (ZZ) and you're done!