No-hem pencil skirt

Free pattern · scuba fabric · EU sizes 36–46 · elasticated waist, no zip · level: beginner

What you need

Scuba crepe or scuba suede jersey, 150 cm wide	1 m (all sizes, skirt length up to 90 cm)
Elastic band 40 mm	1 m
Stretch needle 75/11 (crepe) or 90/14 (suede), polyester sewing thread	
Sewing clips, tailor's chalk, ruler, safety pin, sharp scissors or rotary cutter	

Size chart (all measurements in cm)

EU size	Waist	Hip	A: panel waist	B: panel hip	C: panel hem	Elastic
36	72	94	43	47	45	70
38	76	98	45	49	47	74
40	80	102	47	51	49	78
42	84	106	49	53	51	82
44	90	112	52	56	54	88
46	96	118	55	59	57	94

Panels include a 1 cm seam allowance on each side. At the hip the skirt is 4 cm smaller than your hip measurement. Between two sizes? Choose your hip size. Cutting length = desired skirt length (waist to hem) + 5 cm for the casing.

How to sew the skirt

1. Cut two rectangles: width B, length = skirt length + 5 cm. The greatest stretch runs across the width. Place them right sides together.

2. Mark the waistline 5 cm below the top edge and the hipline 20 cm lower.

3. Place the side template (page 2) along the side edge: 2 cm in at the waistline. Above the waistline, straight up. Below the hipline, a straight line that ends 1 cm in at the bottom. Other side: flip the template. Cut through both layers.

4. Sew the side seams at 1 cm with a stretch stitch or narrow zigzag. Leave the bottom 15 cm of one side seam open (walking slit) and add a bar tack.

5. Fold the top 5 cm to the inside and stitch all round 4.5 cm from the fold. Leave a 5 cm gap.

6. Thread the elastic (length from the chart) through the casing with a safety pin. Overlap the ends by 2 cm, zigzag, stitch the gap closed.

7. Leave the hem raw: scuba doesn't fray. Done in about an hour.

Tips

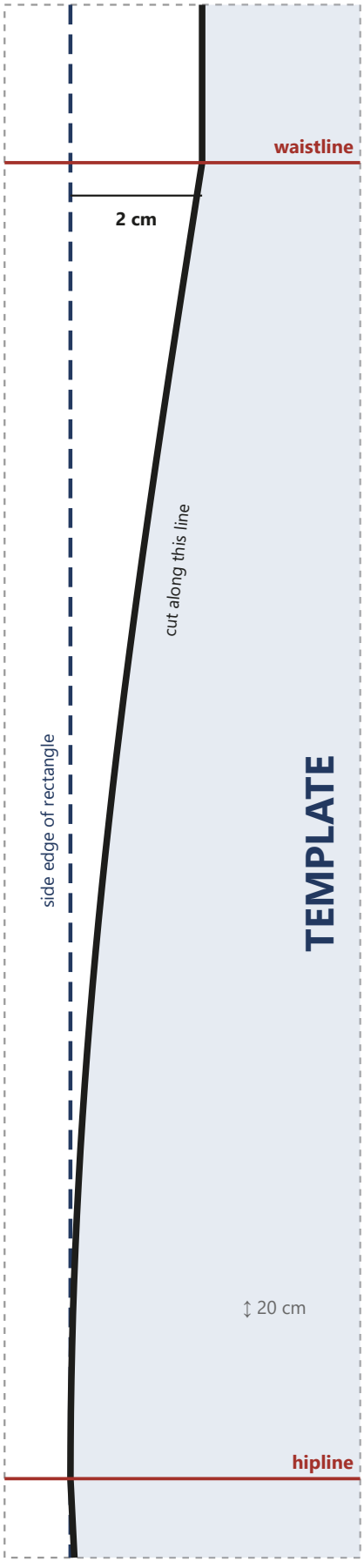
Test seam on a scrap. Clips instead of pins. Don't iron or tumble dry scuba suede; scuba crepe can take a medium iron. Wash at 30 °C.

Printing

Print page 2 at 100% (actual size, not "fit to page"). Measure the test square: it must be exactly 3 × 3 cm.

Side template, actual size + sketch

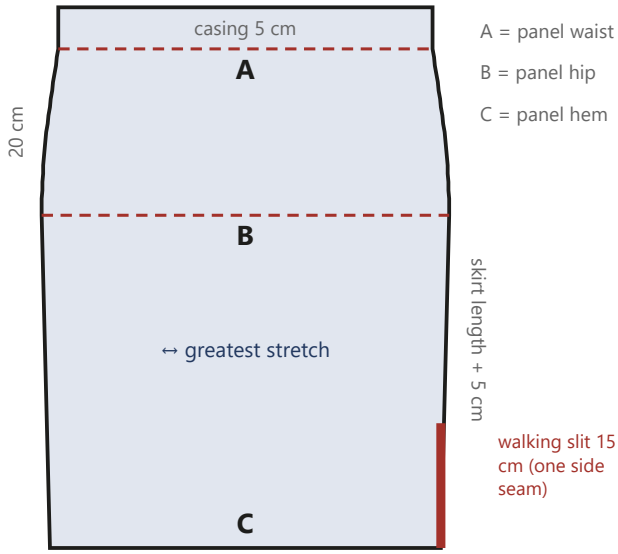
Cut out the template along the thick line. Place the dashed line on the side edge of your rectangle, waistline on waistline.



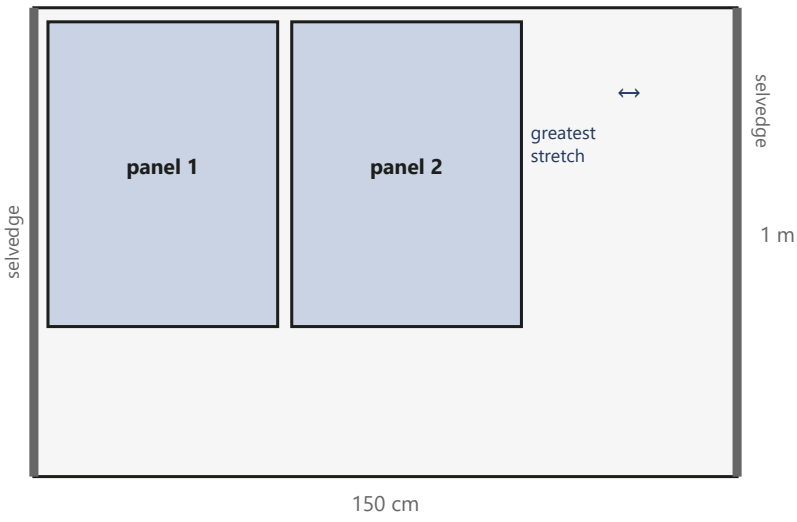
above the waistline: straight up to the top edge

3 × 3 cm
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Panel sketch (cut 2: front = back)



Cutting layout, 150 cm wide



below the hipline: straight line, 1 cm in at the bottom

for the other side: flip the template