



My A-Line Skirt - how to lengthen it -



I want to encourage you to make garments that represent you and your taste. This hack will give your Passionately Sewn patterns your own unique style - all you will need is tracing paper, ruler and a pencil.

For my A-line skirt I want to show you how to alter your skirt to be mid length or maxi length. It really is simple.

DRAFTING INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Start by tracing off a fresh copy of 'my A-line' main skirt pattern piece, make sure you have left blank paper at the hem to extend you skirt. Remember also to add all markings.
- 2) So to determine your new skirt length, measure you're original A-line skirt to find the length. Next, I find it is easier to measure a skirt you already own and like the length of. When looking at the a-line skirt pattern the yoke sits about 1" below your natural waist. Try the skirt on and carefully put a pin to mark the point about 1" below the waistline (the waistline is where you bend to the side). Measure from this pin to the hemline to get the new waist to hem length. This the new length skirt you will be making.
- 3) **For example:** My finished A-line skirt, size M, is 22" long from yoke to finished hem. The new length skirt I want is a mid length skirt that is 29½" long from the top (which I have measured 1" below my natural waist) to finished hem. Take the new skirt length, away from the original A-line skirt length: $29\frac{1}{2}'' - 22'' = 7\frac{1}{2}''$ Remember, you also have to add your hem allowance, which is $\frac{3}{4}''$... so the total length I need to add is $7\frac{1}{2}'' + \frac{3}{4}'' = 8\frac{1}{4}''$.
- 4) This is the easiest way to lengthen you're A-line skirt. On your fresh copy of the traced **main skirt pattern piece**, starting at the fold line add the desired amount following **straight** along the fold line. Continue along the hem line, at the same angle, making sure you've added the same amount all along the hem (the red lines below need to all be the same length). Join the hem line marks to form your new length (the dotted line)

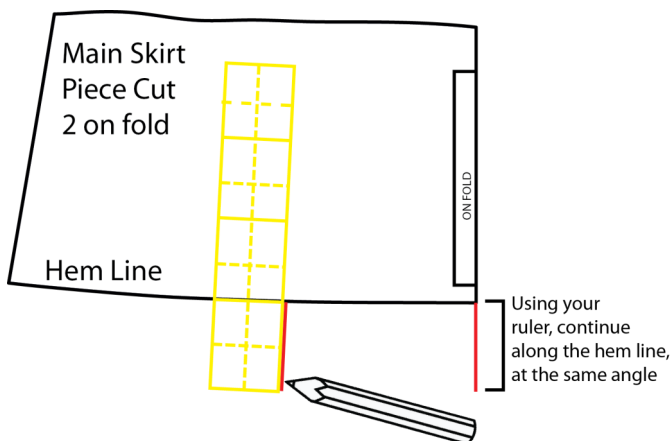
NOTE:

For the best results make sure you have made any necessary fit adjustments before hacking your pattern.

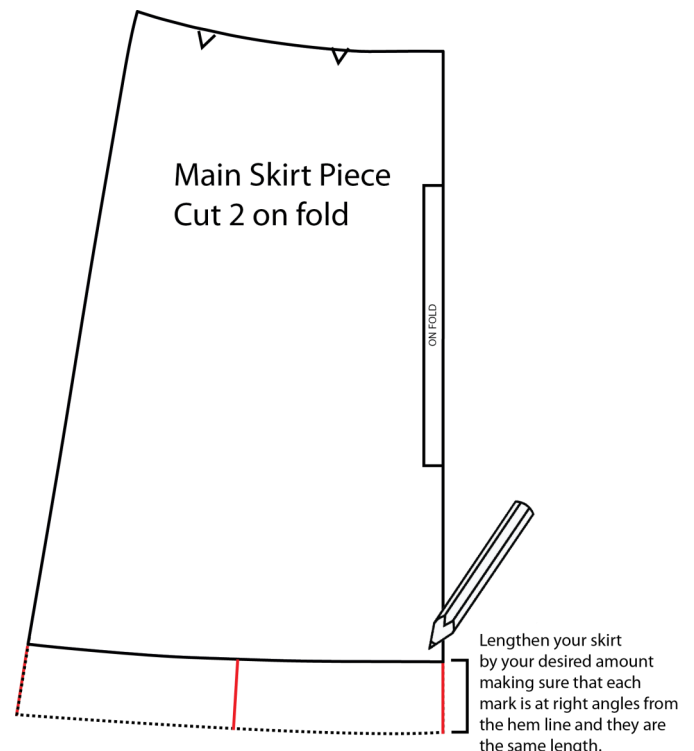
YOU'LL NEED

my A-line skirt pattern

- Tracing Paper
- Clear Ruler
- Pencil



- 5) That's your new main skirt pattern piece extended to its new length. Now you can use this new pattern piece to sew up the you're lengthened A-line skirt, following the instructions in the pattern.



Happy Creating

