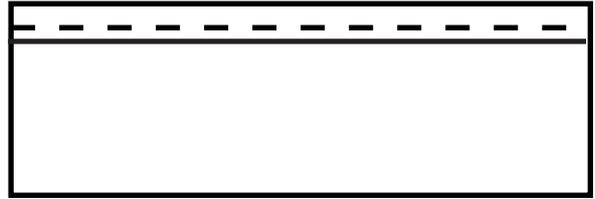


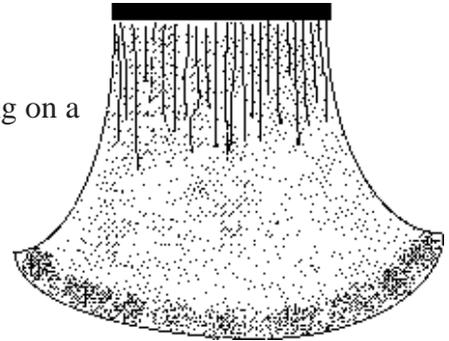
Princess Shahara's skirt making Workshop

SIMPLE SKIRT

Gather one side of a length of fabric by -
(i) turning over the edge, stitching it down creating a hem, and then threading the elastic through.



(ii) tacking the edge, and pulling the thread to gather, and sewing on a waist/hip band.



CIRCULAR SKIRTS

Add an elasticized waist/hip band made of durable skin friendly fabric.

To draw hip measurement on to the pattern (folded enough to draw a quarter circle)

use:

1/4 of the hip measurement for 1 full circle

1/6th of the hip measurement for 1-1/2 circles

1/8th of the hip measurement for 2 full circles

Whatever your measurement is, hold it between your thumbs on a measuring tape and fit it into the folded corner of the pattern.

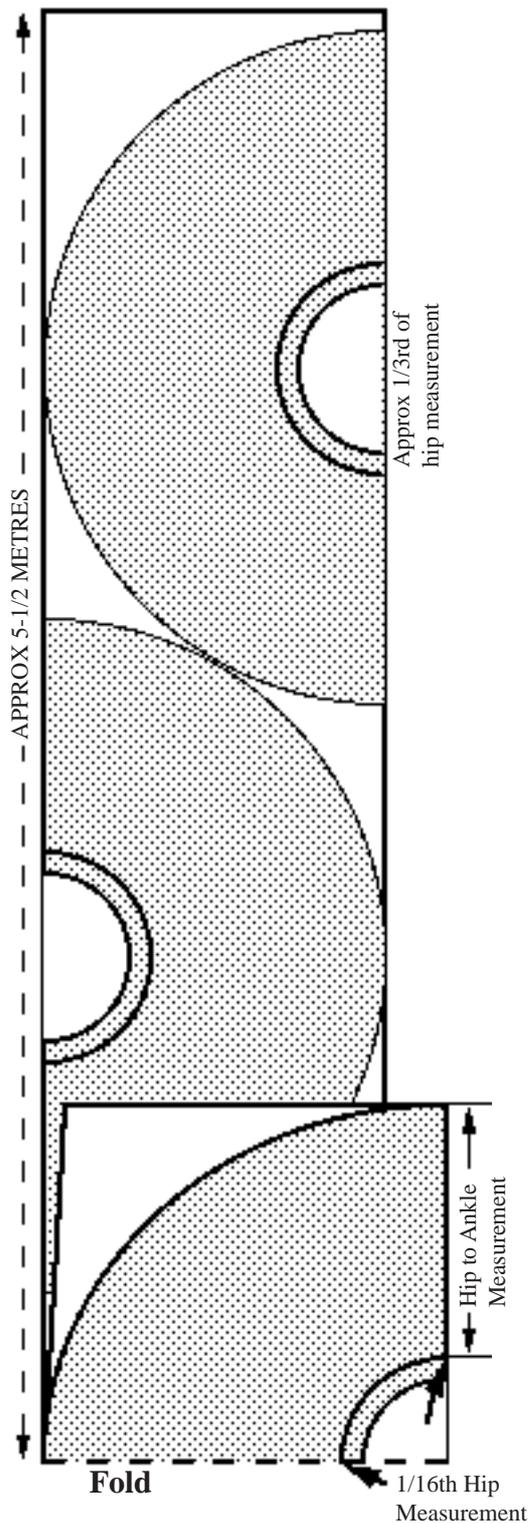
Make sure it is curved then trace it.



Now add a seam for the waist band.

After cutting the hip out on the cross it should stretch out far enough to slip over your bottom. However do be generous with your hip measurements.





TO DRAW THE HEMLINE

Secure a long ruler or measuring tape to the point of the fold.

Work out the length from the point to the hem (point to hip + hip to hem + hem allowance = equals the length.)

Circle the ruler around marking that distance at regular intervals. Simply join up the markings.

HEMS -

can be overlocked, rolled or zigzagged. Try to let skirts hang for two weeks before hemming, in case the fabric drops.

Now that your pattern is ready you can figure out how much fabric you will need. Usually don't spend more than \$8-\$10 per metre on fabric for a full (or more) circle skirt, as it gets expensive when having to buy so many metres.

HANDY HINT

Using a wire coathanger, fold skirt waistline in half or quarters, and peg to lower straight rail of hanger evenly using clothes pegs. This will help to drop skirt evenly if this should occur.

