

Sewing Challenge

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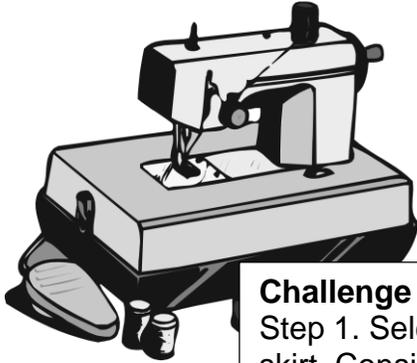
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- cotton (prints, plaids, or solids) wool, light denim,
- you will want to avoid fleece, satin, and knit fabrics for this project.

Step 2. Determine the amount of fabric you will need. Measure from your waist to the length you wish your skirt to be. [for this skirt we recommend it be above the knee, but not too short). You may want to measure the length of a skirt you already have. (finger-tip length is a good length for this skirt) Then add 2 1/2 inches for the elastic casing at the waist and 3 inches for the hem. This total is the number of inches you will need of 45 inch woven fabric. You will probably want to purchase at least one full yard of fabric and possibly more if you want to make accessories to complete your “total look”.

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Step 4. You may want to wash your fabric to pre-shrink it and eliminate any finishes. This also softens the fabric and makes it easier to work with. Save your receipts so you will know the total cost of your skirt when you have completed your project.

Step 5. Bring your fabric and supplies to January Thaw. You are ready to start your sewing project.

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