

“Tiered Peasant Skirt”

Get ready for the summer with this flirty tiered peasant skirt! All you'll need is a gathering foot to attach the ruffles in one easy step!

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Supplies:

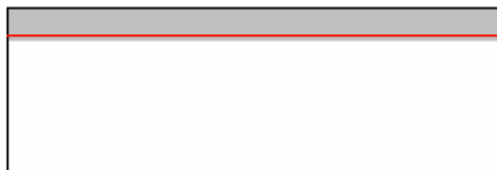
Baby Lock Sewing Machine
Baby Lock Gathering foot (ESG-DS)
3-5 yards of 45" wide gauze or lightweight cotton fabric
1" wide elastic (waist measurement +1")
All-purpose thread
Rotary cutter, mat and ruler
Tape measure
Scissors



Instructions:

1. Fold the fabric crosswise, aligning the selvage edges.
2. Using the rotary cutter mat and ruler, cut the fabric into 6" strips.
3. Measure your waist and add to 10 inches to allow for gathers.
(For example: waist is 26" + 10" = 36")
4. From the 6" strips cut one piece according to the length in step 3.
5. Fold over 1 1/4" along one of the long edges, press.

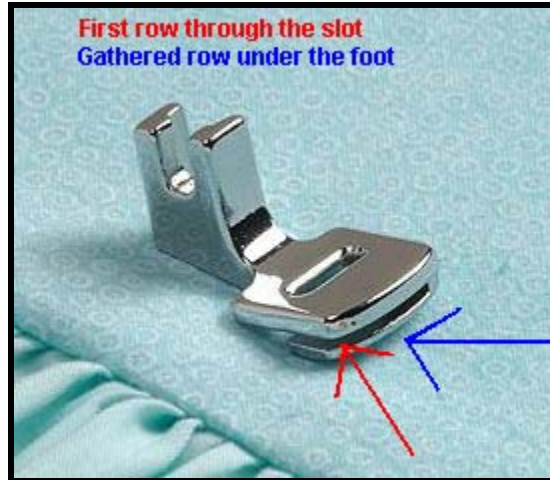
Fold over 1 1/4" along edge for casing



6. Using a straight stitch sew the fold closed leaving the ends open to form the waistline casing. This will be the first row of your skirt.
7. Thread the machine and set it for a straight stitch.
8. Attach the gathering foot to the machine. The Baby Lock gathering foot allows you to simultaneously gather and attach ruffles to garments, pillows, and other projects in no time.



9. With the wrong side facing up place the raw edge of the first row in the slot of the foot. Place a second strip under the foot. Guide the strips through the foot as you sew a straight stitch. The lower piece will gather and attach to the top piece with one seam.



Note: The raw edge of the ruffle will be on the outside of the garment. (See Project Photo)

10. Once the second row is attached cut off the excess.
11. Repeat this process for the remaining rows trimming off the excess fabric strips.

Note: On some rows you will have to piece the six inch strips together to complete the row.

12. To piece the strips, stop gathering when you come close to the end of a strip and reinforce the stopping point by backstitching.
13. Align the short ends of the 6" strip and place them both through the slot of the foot so you can do a straight stitch without gathering. Once the short ends are sewn together return to the row you were stitching and continue the gathering process.
14. Once you have added the desired amount of rows you will need to add the elastic to the casing. Cut one piece of elastic to fit your waist + 1".
15. Using a bodkin or a large safety pin feed the elastic through the casing and secure it at both ends with a few stitches to keep the elastic from pulling out.
16. Attach the all-purpose sewing foot the machine.
17. Fold the skirt right side together aligning the raw edges and stitch the center back seam closed.

18. To finish the skirt, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the edge on the last row to keep it from raveling far, or press the edge under $\frac{1}{4}$ " and under again $\frac{1}{4}$ " and topstitch to form a small hem.

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