

Penelope Tailored Pencil Skirt

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Garment Type: Pencil Skirt | Difficulty: Confident Beginner | Provenance: FreeSewing | License: MIT / CC BY 4.0

PRINTER CALIBRATION & SCALE VERIFICATION

Measure both test squares with a rigid ruler before cutting fabric. Print at 100% scale without shrinking.



- Scale Rules:
- 1. Open in Acrobat Reader
 - 2. Select Actual Size 100%
 - 3. Do NOT Fit to Page
 - 4. Verify dimensions above

SIZE SELECTION & EASE RECOMMENDATIONS

Select size based on natural waist and fullest hip measurement.

+3 cm ease at waist, +6 cm ease at hip for pencil mobility.

STANDARD BODY MEASUREMENTS CHART

Size Range	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Natural Waist	62 cm	68 cm	74 cm	80 cm	90 cm	100 cm	110 cm
Full Hip / Seat	88 cm	94 cm	100 cm	106 cm	116 cm	126 cm	136 cm

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS & MATERIALS

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Dimension	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Finished Waist	66 cm	72 cm	78 cm	84 cm	94 cm	104 cm	114 cm
Finished Hip	92 cm	98 cm	104 cm	110 cm	120 cm	130 cm	140 cm
Garment Length	62 cm	62.5 cm	63 cm	63.5 cm	64.5 cm	65.5 cm	66.5 cm

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS (45 IN / 115 CM & 60 IN / 150 CM BOLTS)

Bolt Width	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
45" / 115 cm Fabric	1.2 yd	1.2 yd	1.2 yd	1.4 yd	1.4 yd	1.65 yd	1.65 yd
60" / 150 cm Fabric	1 yd	1 yd	1 yd	1.2 yd	1.2 yd	1.4 yd	1.4 yd

RECOMMENDED FABRICS & STRETCH PROPERTIES

Recommended Substrates: Lightweight to medium-weight suitable fabric substrates, Pre-washed natural fibers cotton, linen, or bamboo. Stretch Requirement: None 0% stable woven.

NOTIONS & SEWING TOOLS CHECKLIST

- ☐ Matching all-purpose polyester or cotton sewing thread
- ☐ Universal sewing needle size 80/12
- ☐ 7 inch invisible zipper
- ☐ Hook and eye closure
- ☐ Fusible waistband interfacing
- ☐ Sharp fabric shears
- ☐ Measuring tape
- ☐ Iron and pressing ham

PATTERN INVENTORY & CUTTING LAYOUT

STANDARD SEAM & HEM ALLOWANCES

Use the seam and hem allowances printed on each pattern piece. Verify every allowance label before cutting fabric.

PATTERN PIECE INVENTORY & CUTTING SCHEDULE

Piece Name	Cut Quantity	Material / Interfacing
Front Skirt Panel	Cut 1 on Fold	Main Fabric
Back Skirt Panels	Cut 1 Pair (Left & Right)	Main Fabric
Waistband Facing	Cut 2 in Fabric, Cut 1 in Interfacing	Main Fabric

FABRIC PREPARATION & CUTTING RULES

- Press fabric before cutting to remove packing folds and pre-shrink fibers.
- Align piece grainlines strictly parallel to fabric selvages.
- Transfer notch markings with small 3 mm snips into the seam allowance margin.

MULTI-PAGE TILE ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Check Sheet 1 calibration square before printing the remaining pattern sheets.
2. Trim right and bottom border lines along the dashed perimeter frame.
3. Match corner crosshairs, such as A1 to A2 and B1 to B2, without overlapping.
4. Tape sheets securely on both sides before cutting paper pieces.

STEP-BY-STEP SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1: Stitch Waist Darts

Fold front and back waist darts right sides together. Stitch from waistline tapering to zero at dart points. Press darts towards center.

Step 2: Insert Center Back Zipper

Finish center back raw edges. Install invisible zipper from waist down to back vent notch.

Step 3: Construct Back Kick Pleat / Vent

Fold back vent extension right sides together, stitch across top of vent, press vent under, and topstitch diagonally at 45 degrees across vent stress point.

Step 4: Stitch Side Seams

Pin front to back skirt right sides together along side seams. Stitch, finish edges, and press seams open.

Step 5: Attach Waist Facing & Hem

Interface waist facing, stitch to upper skirt edge, understitch facing, turn inside. Press up 30 mm hem allowance and blind-stitch neatly.

TROUBLESHOOTING & PRO SEWING TIPS

Issue: Seams puckering along stitch line

Fix: Insert fresh needle and test balance on fabric scrap.

Issue: Wavy edge along curved perimeter

Fix: Staystitch immediately after cutting and use walking foot.