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*The Magic
in the Middle*

Big Bow Skirt

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Use interfacing to give your apparel a lift! This bow skirt made two ways illustrates how using fusible interfacing in aspects of your garments can change the whole look and feel of the piece. The skirt is made with a knit waistband that makes it carefree and fun!

Fabrics Needed

Cotton fabric	2 yards
Ribbed interlock	1/4 yard

Materials Needed

Pellon [®] 911FF Fusible Featherweight	1/2 yard
Thread	

Tools Needed

Sewing machine and related supplies

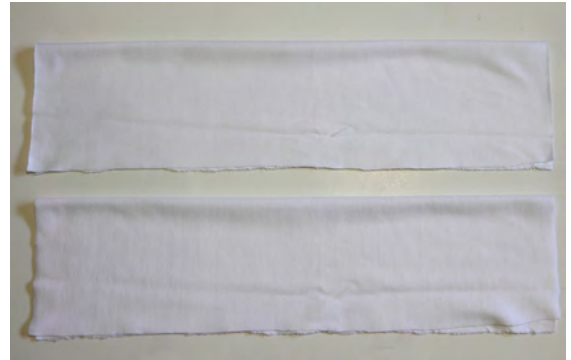
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Measure waist. Divide the waist measurement by 2 and then subtract 1/2". Cut two pieces of interlock ribbing that equal this measurement x 8".

Fold these pieces in half lengthwise to create back and front waistbands. Set aside for later.

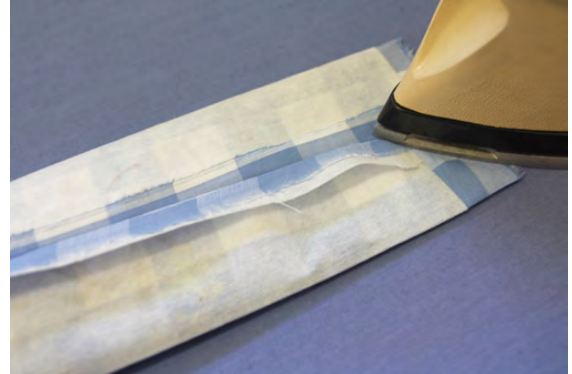
Cut two 8" x 36" pieces of the cotton fabric for the sash.
Cut two 7" x 36" Pellon® 911FF Fusible Featherweight for sash.



Center the interfacing on the wrong side of the cotton sash pieces and fuse. Fold each sash in half lengthwise and sew with a 1/2" seam allowance.



Press seam open and press sash flat.



Sew the ends of the sash pieces and trim excess fabric.



Turn sash and press.



To attach sash pieces to waistband, sandwich the raw edge of one between the front and back waistbands. Sew the side seam. Repeat for the other side.



Bring both sash pieces to the front and tie in a bow. The waistband is ready to be attached to the skirt.



For the skirt, cut one long rectangle 23" long x (waist measurement x 2). Sew the side seam together using a 1/2" seam allowance.

Sew a row of gathering stitches at the top of the skirt.

Pull up the gathers in preparation for attaching the waistband. Gathers should be spread out along the top of the skirt and the skirt should not be gathered so tightly that the skirt cannot be put on without breaking the gathering stitches. Test the opening for fit before attaching the waistband.



To hem the bottom, fold the raw edge in by 1/4" and press. Fold again 1/4" and press. Sew in place.



Attach the waistband to the skirt with right sides together, stretching the interlock to match the width of the gathered cotton. Sew using a 1/2" seam allowance.

HINT: Untying the bow before attaching the waistband will make it easier to stitch without catching the bow.



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with interfacing

without interfacing

