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Sailor Skirt

What You Will Need:

Approx. 3/4 yard fabric

Piping

6 to 8 Buttons

your child's waist measurement

Know the desired length you want your child's skirt to be

Let's Get Cutting:

Once you know your child's waist measurement (my 5 year old is 21"), divide that number by 2 (10.5" for me), and cut the following:

- For the back pattern piece - add 1" to your divided number (making mine 11.5") and using that measurement for the waist - cut an A-Line shaped skirt to your desired length. Be sure to add 2.5" to the length for seam allowance.
See Photo:



- For the front pattern piece - add 3" to your divided number (making mine 13.5") and use that measurement for the waist. - cut an A-line shaped skirt just as we did for the back pattern piece.

Now, taking that front pattern piece, measure 3" in from the fold and make a cut on the diagonal, matching the side seam, all the way to the bottom. See Photo:



Let's Get Sewing:

Take your piping, and pin along the front center of the pattern piece sides, on the right side of the fabric, matching raw edges. See Photo:



Using your zipper foot, sew piping. Zig Zag seams to prevent fraying. Fold under raw seams towards wrong side of fabric, and edge stitch along piping to secure seam in place. You should now have this:



Now, take the front side pieces, and pin along the side seams to the back of the skirt - right sides together. See Photo:



Sew and zig zag stitch seams to prevent fraying.

Press open seams.

Now, take each side raw edge and fold under $\frac{1}{4}$ " towards wrong side and Press. Fold under again $\frac{1}{4}$ " and Press, enclosing raw edge. Sew.

Now, marking a point half way up the front of the skirt, pin the front of the skirt piece to the back of the skirt, matching the raw piping edges that are folded in, with the raw edges of the sides of the skirt. See Photo:





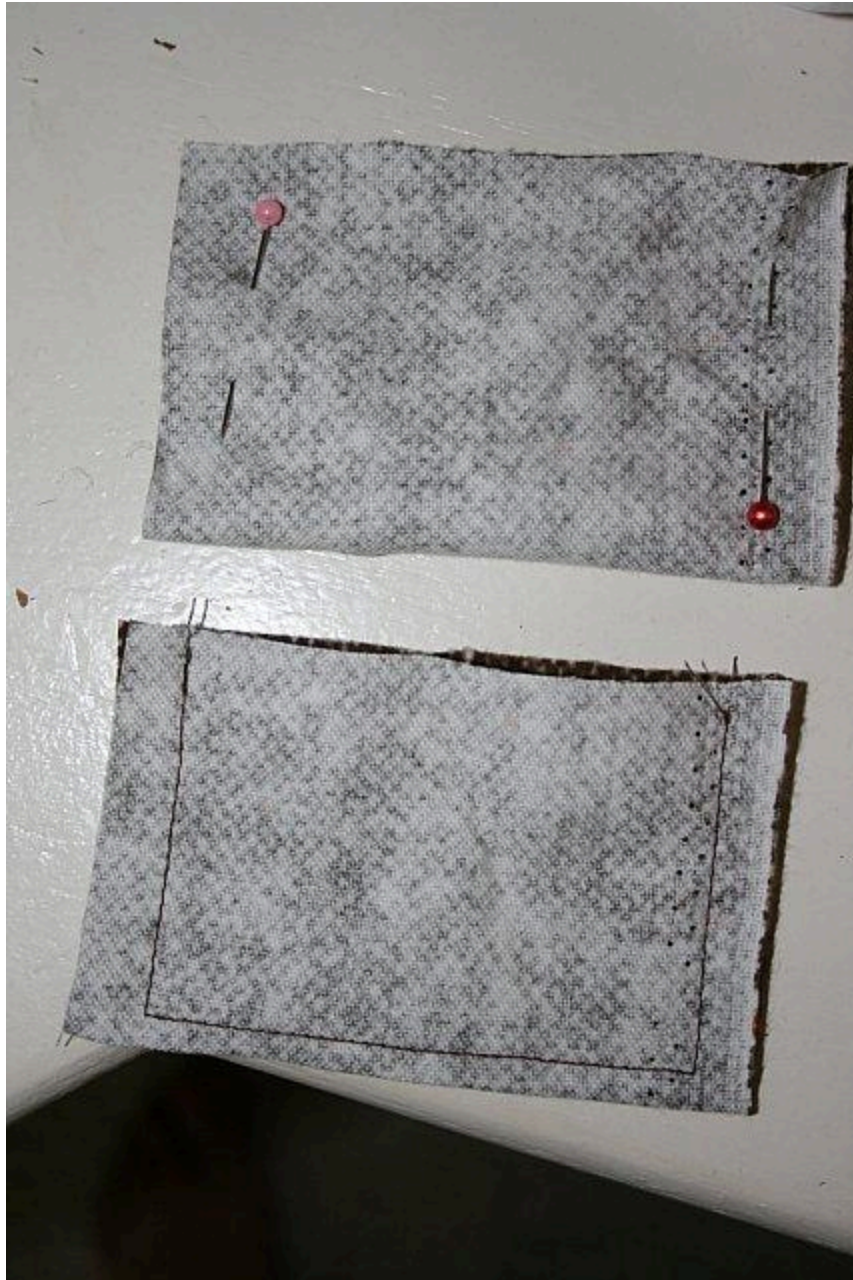
Sew together up to the point marked on each side. You should now have this:



Now, measure 2" down from the top of the skirt, to where the piping stitching begins. See Photo:



Mine is 4" - add 1" for seam allowance. Cut (2) your measurement x 5" pieces of fabric. Fold in half so that the right sides are together, and the 4" raw edges are meeting. Pin along sides and folded edge, and sew. See Photo:



Turn right side out and Press, edge stitch. Match raw edges of piece, to skirt seam - just above the piping. Pin and sew into place. See Photo:



Fold over flap and edge stitch to secure in place. repeat for both sides. You should now have this:



Now lets work on the waistband and the hem.

Fold down the waist band 1" towards the wrong side and Press. Fold down again 1", and pin in place. Be sure the front flap matches the rest of the skirt - so that the sides are even. See Photo:



For a firmer, more professional looking waistband, add a 1" strip of interfacing directly underneath the top edge of fabric. This way when you fold down it will be concealed, and will hold up the waistband nice and strong.

Sew around waistband edge. You should now have this:



Now is a good time to try the skirt on your child - to be sure it fits well. Prior to button and buttonholes being added.

Turn the bottom hem under $\frac{1}{4}$ " towards the wrong side and Press. Turn again another $\frac{1}{4}$ " and Press again. Pin and sew.

Sew buttonholes along the top flap where needed, and buttons underneath. See Photo:



The rest of the buttons desired on the top flap are for decorative purposes.