

Smoking Needles Machine Knitting

Revised 8 oz. Skirt

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On a standard gauge machine at stitch size 4 or 5 or somewhere in between, use a hard finish dress yarn like Tamm Diamante or wool rayon to knit a 100 stitch and 100 row swatch. Steam and press flat. An ideal gauge is between 8 and 9 stitches and 12 to 13 rows to the inch.

Next you need a tape measure and possible a yard stick. The yardstick comes in handy if you are taking your measurements by yourself. Stand in front of a mirror in undergarments and heels. As you take your measurement, fill in the table below. Record your actual hip measurement (A). Take and record your full hip measurement (FHM) by placing the beginning of the tape measure at your belly button, then drape it around your hips in back and then come around to the front and back up to the belly button (B). It sound crazy but it works because it allows for tummy bulge that many women have. Using the yardstick, measure from your natural waistline to desired hemline. Looking in the mirror, turn the yardstick upside down. Now hold it at your side, place the bottom at the desire hem length. Then place your thumbnail on the yardstick at your waistline. (D). Next, measure from your natural waistline down to your high hip usually about 5" (F).

After you have taken your measurements and filled in the table, use the skirt schematic below. You can either draw the skirt onto your knit leader/knit contour or chart your own with a calculator using the "Magic Formula" for increases and decreases. I use the Brother/Knitking Knitting calculator called the Calcuknit.

A	½ actual hip measurement minus 1	
B	½ full hip measurement (FHM)	
C	½ actual hip measurement	
D	Total skirt length minus 2	
E	Waist to high hip	
F	D minus E	

Knit according to your calculations starting and ending the skirt with ravel cord. *Note: I've found it extremely helpful for seaming to hang a marker every 25 rows.*

Waistband: Hang stitches back onto to the machine doubling up every 6th stitch. Knit 1 row. COL. Pull EON to hold position, push in right part button knit 1 row. Cancel part button. At MT-1 knit 3". Hang loops from slip stitches then bind off around gate pegs.
Hem: Hang stitch back onto the machine doubling up every 5th stitch. Knit 1 row over all stitches. COL. Pull EON to hold position, push in right part button knit 1 row. Cancel part button. At MT -1 knit 2". Hang loops from slip stitches then bind off around gate pegs.

Finishing: Block pieces to size. Seam. Insert 1 ½" non-roll elastic.

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