

Tedra Skirt

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The Tedra Skirt by Lotta Jansdotter is a bias cut skirt that is easy to make and even more fun to wear. 100% wool fabric was used for the project sample which makes a lovely garment for fall and winter. The Skyline S7 offers many helpful, pre-programmed stitches to save time when sewing this skirt. Supplementary notes and tips are included to be used in parallel with the pattern directions.

Time: Three classes each at 3 hour sessions

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner

Janome Supplies Required:

- Sewing machine needles (matching selected fabric)
- Hand sewing needle
- Standard sewing machine (sample was made with the Skyline S7)
- Size Z Invisible Zipper Foot (or coordinating invisible zipper foot with sewing machine)
- AcuFeed Flex foot or Even Feed foot

Fabric and Notions Required:

- Book, Lotta Jansdotter Everyday Style (Tedra skirt, pg. 128)
- 1 ¾ yard, 44" wide fabric (for all sizes) / Wool, Denim or Mid-weight cotton
- Matching or contrasting thread
- Marking pen/chalk/French curve ruler
- Iron/Tailor's Wood clapper or hardwood sample
- Rotary cutter/ruler/mat/paper scissors/pinking shears
- Pen/Pattern tracing paper (Swedish tracing paper, medical exam paper, etc.)
- 1 yard, 2" wide, 100% rayon Petersham Ribbon
- 9" invisible zipper
- Sewing pins/Seam Ripper

Sample Notes:

- Fabric: 100% wool, medium weight, grey (the wrong side of the fabric was used as the right side for this project)
- 90/14 Universal needle
- Petersham Ribbon – 050 Lt Grey
<https://thesewingplace.com/petersham-ribbon/>
- Inside seams, Amann Mettler Poly Thread, Grey - 0725
- Hem seam, Amann Mettler Poly Thread, Mustard – 0828
- Invisible zipper: Coats, Casa Collection Invisible Zipper, 20-22" 95052 Gray Violet (cut to length)

Pattern Prep Tips:

1. Variation 2 was referenced for the sample skirt. For the time recommended for the class, the pockets are omitted.
2. Copy the Size Chart on pg 127. Each sewist can circle their body dimensions to note pattern sizing and grading across multiple sizes, if needed.
3. Note pg 152 for the pattern sheet guideline. Three skirt lengths are available within the pattern; short, medium and long. The sample was made in the medium length. For the short and medium lengths, only pattern sheet 3 is referenced to trace the pattern.
4. Preshrink the 100% wool fabric and Petersham ribbon by handwashing prior to sewing is recommended. Preferred wool soaps are the following (non-rinse, hand wash soap options).

Kookaburra Wash https://www.kookaburraco.com/wash_buynow.htm

Soak Wash <https://us.soakwash.com>

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Machine Preparation Tips:

- Prior to sewing, use scraps of the selected garment fabric with contrasting threads to adjust and set the stitch tensions on the sewing machine.

Cutting Instructions:

- When tracing off the pattern pieces, note if the sewist needs to grade across multiple sizes. A French curve ruler is handy to utilize for smoothly grading transitions across sizes.
- The following pattern piece is referenced for this project: A1, skirt front and back

Pattern Mods:

- When applying an invisible zipper, I prefer to baste the seam, iron, and then sew in the invisible zip (remove the basted stitches afterwards with a seam ripper).
- With the sample, I preferred to use Taylor's Thread tacks to mark the zipper stop point.
- With the class timeframe, it is recommended to sew the bottom edge of the Petersham ribbon with the sewing machine. I sewed the sample, final waistband seam by hand (but utilizing the machine saves time).
- In the sample the bottom hem was sewn via the directions referencing Variation 1 & 3. For the sake of time with the class, the Variation 2 hem could be done (leaving the edge raw and sewing a faux seam line).

Sewing Instruction Notes (referencing the directions on page 128 in the book):

The following directions are supplemental references and tips to be used in parallel with the direction on pg 128. Pockets are recommended to be omitted for time with the class. An Even Feed foot is utilized for the sewing with this project. The wool used with the sample has a nap and the Even feed foot offers a nice finish to the seam without compressing the texture of the fabric:

Step 6: When sewing with medium weight wool, denim or an alternate heavier fabric, utilize a Tailor's clapper immediately after ironing for a smooth seam finish. If a Tailor's clapper is not available, I utilized a piece of popular wood via a cut/sanded 2x4. The scrap piece that I used for this project was 2.5" x 12". Any hard wood will work well for this application.

In the photo below, the sample on the left was ironed with a without the clapper applied (at a wool temperature setting). Fig 2

The sample on the right was ironed with the wooden clapper applied. The sample on the right is significantly more flat and polished then the sample on the left.

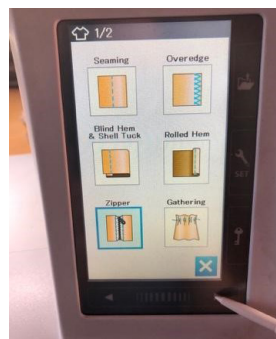
Step 7: I prefer to baste the zipper seam (utilizing the pre-set baste stitch on the machine). After basting, I iron this seam flat and press with a wooden clapper.

Baste Pre-set Stitch

1. Select the Garment Icon:



2. Select the white, right arrow below the screen:



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3. Select the Basting Icon:



3. Select the Concealed zipper icon:



4. Select the Auto Baste Stitch:



4. To sew the right side of the concealed zipper, select the Right of Teeth icon (reference the diagram with the zipper foot on the screen for sewing reference).



Step 8: Attach invisible zipper foot at this step. Utilize the pre-set invisible zipper settings on the machine:

Invisible Zipper Pre-set Stitch

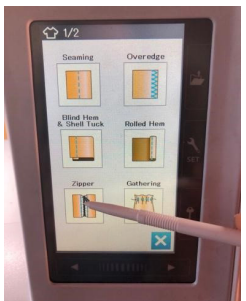
1. Select the Garment Icon:



5. To select the left stitched side of the zipper, select the select the white, right arrow below the screen:



2. Select the Zipper Icon:



6. Select the Left of Teeth icon (reference the diagram with the zipper foot on the screen for sewing reference):



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Step 9: Iron the invisible zipper prior to sewing. If an alternate length invisible zipper is used for this project (preferring to match the color of the zipper over purchasing the recommended length), cut the invisible zipper to the appropriate length and hand tack the new zipper stop point with a needle and thread.

Step 11: Remove the baste stitches and zip up the zipper.

Step 14: Align the ribbon as shown in the diagram (with the bottom edge of the ribbon just past the $\frac{1}{2}$ " staystitch line). Baste the ribbon in place (with the machine's Baste pre-set stitch). Sew the ribbon in place with a straight stitch. Turn the ribbon to the inside of the garment. Fold the edges of the ribbon away from the zipper and whipstitch in place by hand. Machine stitch the bottom edge of the ribbon facing in place.



Step 17: Following the raw, topstitched hem variation at this step will save time for the class (Variation 2).

