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## BAKESHOP

### Original Recipe



Little Girls Patchwork Skirt  
by Melissa Mortenson



Hi!!

I'm so excited to be a designer at [Moda](#) Bake shop, this is my first post! My name is Melissa & I love to think of new creative ways to use fabric. Check out my blog, the [Polkadot Chair](#)...[www.polkadotchair.blogspot.com](http://www.polkadotchair.blogspot.com).



#### Ingredients:

- 1-2 Wonderland Charm Packs (depending on size, I used 1, that did not include the t-shirt applique)
- 1/2 yd matching fabric for waistband and ties
- 1/2 yd matching fabric for skirt band
- 1/2" wide elastic

#### Garnishes (optional):

- for optional t-shirt
- 2 black buttons for owl eyes
- heat & bond lite
- owl applique download at amazing [mae](#)
- <http://amazingmae.blogspot.com/2009/03/pattern-for-owl.html>

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## Instructions:

This will yield a skirt size 6-8, instructions below for changing sizes:

### Cut from waistband fabric:

4 waist band pieces at 4"x 13"

(1 waist band front, 1 back, 1 waistband lining front, 1 waistband lining back)

2 tie pieces 5" x 23" (or width of your fabric 22-23")

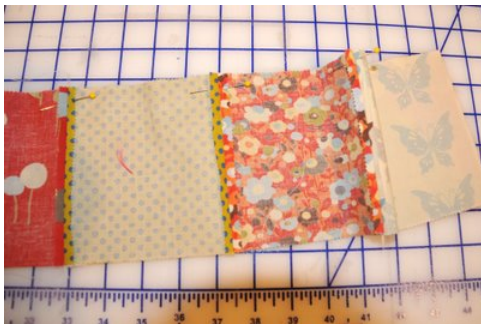
### Cut from bottom of skirt band fabric:

2 pieces: 5" x 32.5"



From your charm pack, lay out a pattern of squares that you would like for the skirt front.

You will have 2 rows of 7 squares.



Pin pieces together



Sew the 1st row of 7 squares together using a 1/4" stitch- it is very important to keep all your seams the same. My machine has a setting for a 1/4" stitch. Press seams open on row 1. Repeat for row 2



Pin and sew row 1 to row 2.  
Repeat for Skirt back  
You will end up with 2 panels, 2 squares by 7.



Mark, with a fabric marker, the 2 edge squares with an "X". This is so you will know where your side seams are (this will be important when attaching the skirt to the waist band) Do NOT sew side seams yet.



With right sides together, attach skirt band to bottom of skirt. (skirt band will overlap skirt at this point) Sew with 1/4" seam.



Press seams towards skirt band.  
Sew side seams together.  
Turn under bottom edge of skirt band 1/2" and press.



Fold skirt band in half so that the pressed edge covers the seam of the skirt/skirt band. PIN in place from the RIGHT side of the skirt.



Top stitch skirt band. Sew on skirt band about 1/8" away from skirt bottom seam



Fold tie pieces in half length wise. Sew with 1/4" seam. At the end sew and angle, so that the tie comes to a point.

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Trim. Turn right side out and press.  
Repeat for tie #2



Take waist band FRONT piece. Pin ties to it, 3/4" down from the top. Baste in place.



Attach waist band BACK to front, sew at side seams. Press open seams.  
Sew waist band lining pieces together at side seams. Press open seams.



Sew waistband to waistband lining at TOP seam. Press open.



Fold waist band at top seam. Press well. Come down 5/8" from the top and sew a casing. Leaving a 1" opening for the elastic.

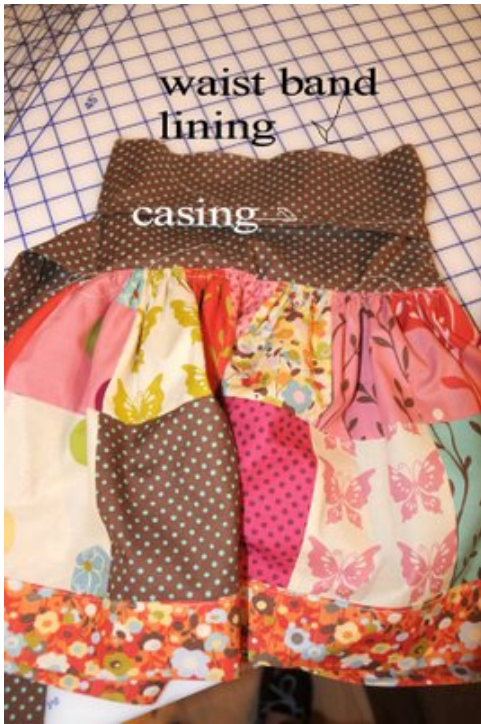
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On skirt, run two rows of gathering stitches, starting and stopping at side seams. (it's easier to gather a skirt in 2 pieces than one really long gathering stitch)



Pin RIGHT side of skirt to RIGHT side of skirt band, matching side seams. Sew, being careful not to catch ties in the seams.



Turn skirt inside out. Measure elastic to size and thread through casing. sew elastic together and close casing. Press under unfinished edge of waistband lining 1/2". Pin to skirt (covering gathers). Whip stitch closed.



VOILA! You're finished!!

**Sizing:** This is how I figured the sizing:

My daughters waist is 20", normally for gathers you double the waist, but I did not want this skirt as full so I took  $20" \times 1.75 = 35"$ , which is 7 charm squares. Since she is small I thought 2 rows of squares would look best. If you are making a larger size, add a 3rd row of squares.

If making it smaller, just use less squares across (say 5 or 6 instead of 7)

For the waistband measurement I took her hip measurement.

For the ties I wanted to conserve fabric, so I cut the 1/2 the width of my fabric. They **BARELY** fit, I would make them longer if you have enough fabric.

Feel free to email me if you have any questions!

Thanks!!

**Yield:** 1 skirt per charm pack.

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