

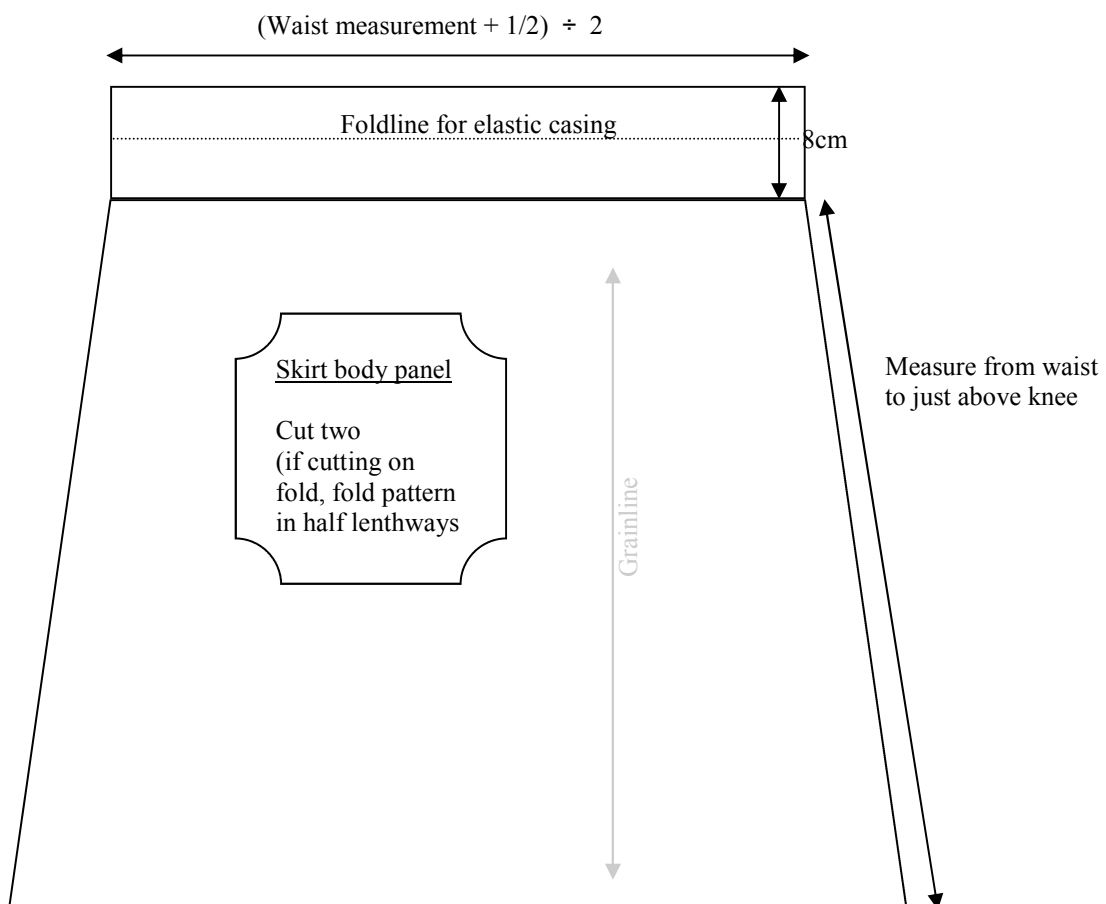
## Making a peasant skirt—with elastic waist

First measure your waist ..... yes I know for us larger ladies, this can be scary.

Then add approx 1/2 of that measurement to the original measurement.

For example: if your waist is 100cm ... you add 50cm .... So the waist on the fabric will be 150cm (remember it will be elastic). The top edge of your top panel will then be 1/2 that measurement ....eg 75cm ( you will cut two of these, one for front and back)

Be sure to create a pattern, do not attempt to mark your pattern directly onto your fabric, you will end up making a mistake. Greaseproof paper taped into a sheet makes a nice pattern. Notice how the skirt panel tapers out. This is essential if you don't want the skirt to balloon and not sit nicely. The taper doesn't need to be exact. Make sure you have the waistband section more upright as this helps the band stitch flat. Sew your side seams on the body first, then turn down the waistband and press. Stitch all the way around, leaving an opening to thread your elastic in.



**First and Second Ruffle** - measure bottom of body panel and then add 1/2. The ruffle can be as deep as you wish.

Cut two for first ruffle  
Cut three for second ruffle

Grainline

### First Ruffle

Sew side seams. Gather upper edge, then sew onto skirt body, matching the ruffle side seams to the skirt body side seams.

### Second Ruffle

Sew seams. Gather upper edge, then sew onto lower edge of first ruffle.

Hem the bottom edge of the ruffle.