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Classic Glamour for the Girl Next Door



Mickey is a simple skirt with side to side construction that uses short rows to incorporate pleats that can be knit in contrasting colors or solid. The skirt can be finished with an elastic waistband, drawstring, or belt loops, and it knits up quickly. The beauty of the pattern is that it can be customized to any size so it can be made to fit anyone from infant to adult

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Hey Mickey

SIZE: This is a formula pattern; all dimensions are calculated to fit.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS: The model fits my four-year-old daughter. It is 9.5 inches long, and the waist circumference is 20 inches.

GAUGE: Your gauge will depend on the yarn and needles you choose. It is absolutely essential to work a gauge swatch and take an accurate gauge measurement, as your stitch gauge per inch is an important variable in the pattern formula.

Hey Mickey

YARN AND NOTIONS:

You can use any weight yarn

NOTES: It is advisable to use needles which are 1 or 2 sizes smaller than the size recommended on the ball band. This will yield a firmer fabric, which will be more durable and less inclined to droop.

For a short child's skirt, a pair of straight needles will suffice, but if you are knitting a longer skirt (such as an adult skirt), you may prefer to use a longer circular needle.

TO WORK I-CORD BELT LOOPS, two double-point needles are required.

Stitch marker

Tapestry needle

Waistband elastic (optional)

Sewing needle and thread (if using waistband elastic)

Ribbon for lacing (optional; see Pattern Notes)

PATTERN NOTES

This is a formula pattern, which means that you are asked to provide several numbers and perform a few basic calculations, which will give you the numbers required for the pattern. Print the pattern out, fill in the spaces with the necessary numbers, and your pattern will be ready to use.

W&T - One option for this skirt is to omit the "wrap" part of the "wrap and turn" when turning the short rows at the top of the pleats. If the short rows are turned without wrapping, small holes will be created, through which ribbon or a drawstring may be laced. The fuchsia skirt shown was knit in this way, and 0.25-inch grosgrain ribbon was laced through the holes.

I-CORD - CO 3 sts. Next Row: Instead of turning work around to work back on the WS, slide all sts to other end of needle, switch needle back to your left hand, bring yarn around back of work, and start knitting the sts again. I-Cord is worked with the RS facing at all times.

Repeat this row to form I-cord. After a few rows, work will begin to form a tube.

PATTERN

Three numbers are required to complete the formula for this pattern:

[A] The width, in inches, of the garter stitch waistband

[B] The length, in inches, of the skirt below the waistband

[C] Your stitch gauge per inch

The waistbands of the skirts shown are 2 inches wide; this number works well for a small child's skirt. If you are making a skirt for an older child or an adult, you may wish to make a wider waistband. If you wish to use a drawstring to keep the skirt up (see Pattern Notes), work a narrower waistband.

When determining the skirt length, keep in mind that the knitted fabric will stretch with wear. Allow for approx. 0.5 inch of lengthwise growth for a skirt similar to the ones show, or several inches for a longer skirt knit in a heavier yarn. (Unfortunately, we can't tell you how much allowance to make for growth; many factors, including the yarn you choose and the tension of your knitted fabric, will determine this.)

When working your calculations, round all numbers to the nearest whole number.

$$\text{____}[A] \times \text{____}[C] = \text{____}[W]$$

[W] is the number of waistband stitches.

$$\text{____}[B] \times \text{____}[C] = \text{____}[S]$$

[S] is the number of skirt stitches.

$$\text{____}[W] + \text{____}[S] = \text{____}[CO]$$

[CO] is the number of stitches to cast on.

The directions for the two-tone and solid-color skirts are the same. If you are working a solid-colored skirt, disregard the instructions to break and join MC and CC.

Using MC, cast on ____ [CO].

Row 1 [WS]: Knit all stitches.

Row 2 [RS]: Purl ____ [S], w&t. Knit to end.

Row 3 [RS]: Purl ____ [S], knit ____ [W].

Row 4 [WS]: Knit ____ [W], break MC, join CC, purl ____ [S].

Row 5 [RS]: Knit ____ [S], w&t. Purl to end. Break CC.

Row 6 [RS]: Join MC, knit all stitches.

Repeat these 6 rows until the waistband is the desired length, ending on Row 5. When wrapped around the waist of the wearer, the edges should meet easily without being stretched. Before binding off, place all stitches on waste yarn and pin the edges together, to be sure the skirt can easily be pulled on and off.

When the skirt is the desired length, bind off all stitches using MC.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends.

Block the skirt as desired, taking care not to flatten out the pleats.

Sew the short edges of the skirt together.

The skirt may be held up in one of three ways:

1. Waistband elastic

2. A belt, held by I-Cord belt loops

3. A drawstring (as described in Pattern Notes)

WAISTBAND ELASTIC

To determine the necessary length of waistband elastic, wrap the elastic around the waist of the wearer so that it is slightly stretched, but not snug. Add 1 inch to this length and cut the elastic.

Overlap the ends of the elastic by 1 inch and sew the ends securely together, ensuring that the elastic is not twisted.

Use pins to divide both the waist of the skirt and the elastic loop into quarters. Matching up these quarter points, pin the elastic to the inside of the waistband.

Sew in place, stretching the elastic slightly as you sew.

BELT LOOPS

Using a double-pointed needle, cast on 4 sts.

P 1 row (this provides a flat end to the piece).

K 1 row.

Work I-Cord until the piece measures 0.5 inch longer than the width of the belt to be worn.

With WS of work facing, p 1 row.

Bind off all sts.

Make desired number of belt loops and sew in place on outside of waistband.

ABBREVIATIONS	
BO - bind off	rep - repeat
CO - cast on	RS - right side
k - knit	sts - stitches
p - purl	WS - wrong side
pm - place marker	W&T - wrap and turn
DPN - double pointed needle	

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