

# Skirt with lace border

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*I bought a bunch of fingering yarn for a different project and found out there was a mistake in the pattern: wrong yarn! So out came a very wearable skirt. I used my not-very-denim-like yarn, but it's actually a very basic pattern, very adjustable to yarn, gauge and method of knitting, because you work with a elastic waistband and desired length for final measurements. Just recalculate your CO and the stitches between the increases with your gauge.*

**Size: waist 32 - 34 inch (mine)**

## Materials:

- 100 gr fingering yarn (200 m / 50 gr)
- 50 gr dk yarn (130 m / 50 gr)
- circular needles: 4mm & 5 mm ( opt. smaller size for seamless waistband)
- 1 marker for your rows & 6 stitchmarkers  
(I use a piece of yarn with 10 knots to make my rowcounting easier)
- elastic band 1.5 cm wide, the length you need for your waistband

Other yarn and even other gauge is possible, just recalculate your CO (dividable by 6 and st. between the increases: your CO/6)

## Used stitches

- knit
- PM / sM: Place Marker / slip Marker
- M1 (increase 1: insert left needle from back to front under the yarn between the stitches of the previous row, knit in front of stitch - this twists the stitch to close the gap you would create, other methods possible)
- sl: slip as to knit
- pssso: pass slipped stitch(es) over the one you just worked.
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- yo (bring yarn to front of work as to purl)
- k2tog (knit 2 stitches as 1)
- ssk (slip slip knit: slip 1st. as to knit, slip the next stitch as to knit, insert left needle from left to right into the stitches, knit together)
- m2 (or sk2togpssso or k3tog, whatever you fancy) (2st.decrease:3st. in 1, my favourite: slip 2 st. as you were to knit them together, knit thenext st., pass both slipped sts. over. Use whatever you feel most comfortable with)
- CO and BO: use the method you use for knitting in-the-round. CO wil decide your max waistmeasurements, but will not be visible (waistband)

## Gauge:

24 st / 32 R stockinette with fingering on 4 mm needles (when using another gauge, recalculate!)

## Modus operandi (only text sorry)

- CO 162
- Rows 1-10 (or 3.5 cm): knit
- R11: \*k2tog, yo\* till end (this will be the fold of your waistband, if you like to do a purl row or just knit around, will work just fine)
- R12 - 21 (or 3.5 cm from fold): knit
- R22: decision time! if you like sewing in your waistband, just go on knitting, if you like it to be 'seamless': fold your waistband and pick up the stitches along your waistband RS facing with a smaller needle



now knit the stitches of your working needle together with the ones you picked up (if your st. are twisted, like mine, knit in the back loop - BE SURE TO LEAVE AN OPENING TO INSERT YOUR ELASTIC LATER!!! et voila: instant and invisible seaming!)

- R23 - 26: knit (till 5cm from fold)
- R27: \*k26, PM, k1\* x 6, k end (for other sizes/gauges: mark every CO/6 th stitch)
- R28: \*k26, M1, s1M, k1, M1\*repeat till end (repeat this increase row every rows another 3x)
- R29-43: knit
- R44: \*k till marker, M1, s1M, k1, M1\* repeat till end
- R45-59: knit
- R60: as R44
- R61-75: knit
- R76: as R44 (=210 st.)
- R77-123 (or 17,5 cm from last increase or to desired length - border will take about 4.5 cm)
- R124: change to other yarn with 5 mm needles -  
\*(sl1, k2tog, pss0), yo, k2tog, yo\*repeat till end = 144 st.  
This must be a multiple of 12 for those with a different CO count! The lace border has a 12st/4R repeat.
- R125: knit
- R126: \*k2, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, k1, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo, k1\* repeat till end
- R127: knit
- R128: \*k1, yo, ssk, yo, ssk, yo, m2, yo, k2tog, yo, k2tog, yo\* repeat till end
- R129: knit
- R130: as R126
- R131: knit

- R132: as R128
- BO (or repeat pattern if desired).

### Finish:

Fold waistband and sew in, leaving an opening for the elastic. Lightly block or just rinse and lay flat to dry if wanted for the border (it will curl up slightly if not)

Insert elastic, sew or knot at desired length. Close opening if fussy :D

Wear with an attitude!!!

Note: for my own version, I had to add about an inch in another color, both for a length that would be comfortable for me to wear and to make the colorchange to the laceborder less radical and more eye-pleasing.

