

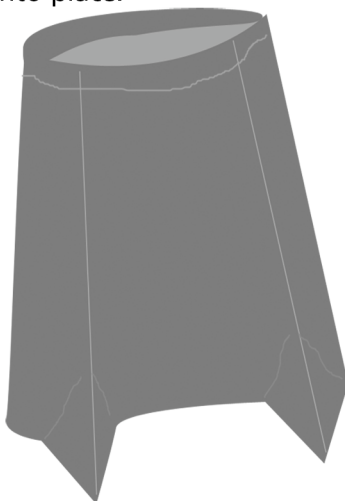
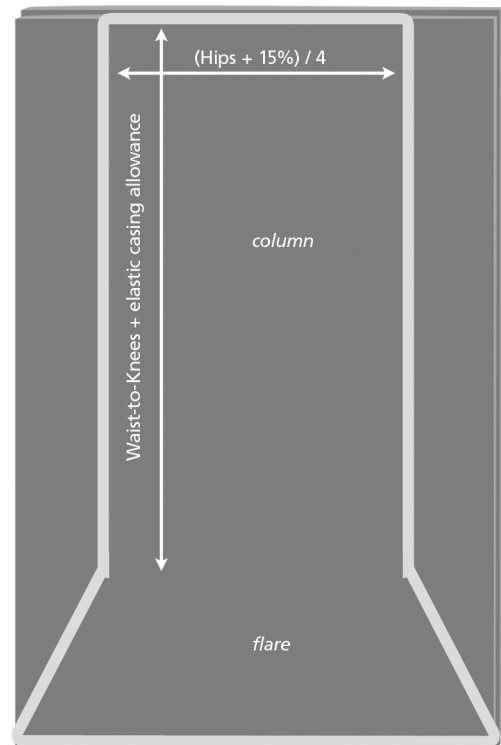
## flared skirt with soft belt

This retro-inspired straight 4-panel skirt features an asymmetrical flared hem and a matching belt. It's the ideal skirt for a last-minute "What can I wear?" crisis. It takes under 45 minutes from start to finish.

### You will need:

2 meters soft fabric with a pattern than is top/bottom reversible  
1 belt buckle  
elastic for waist  
scissors, thread, sewing machine

1. Cut a 10 - 20 cm wide strip from across the bottom of the material. This will form the belt. Set aside.
2. Fold the remaining fabric in half widthwise and lengthwise to form 4 layers.
3. Measure your hips. Multiply by 1.15, then divide by 4. This is the width of your column.
4. Measure your waist to knees. Add enough to account for the casing for your elastic (1.5 or 2x the width of your elastic). This is the length of your column.
5. Mark the column on the fabric. Center it at the top of the material.
6. At the bottom of the column, extend an angle to the bottom corner of the fabric. This will form the flare.
7. Cut the pieces with pinking shears so you don't have to finish the raw edges.
8. Seam the four panels together along their long edges, matching the top corners, inside points where the flare begins and bottom corners. If your fabric is patterned but not vertically symmetrical, arrange the panels so that the pattern alternates right side up and upside down.
9. Fold over the top twice to form the elastic casing. Sew along edge, leaving gap to slip elastic through. Insert elastic; sew gap shut.
10. Iron a narrow hem, folding over twice and paying close attention to the points of the flare. Sew into place.



11. To make the belt, fold strip lengthwise (right sides together) and sew along long edge and one short edge. Turn strip right side out. Iron. Slip unfinished edge through buckle, fold towards back and sew into place.

