

Confetti Skirt

By Kelly Crawford

“This year, I am so incredibly excited for New Year’s as I will be celebrating it by watching the fireworks over the Sydney Opera House! I wanted my girls to have something fun and festive to wear. I also wanted something fancy, but comfortable since we will probably be standing somewhere for several hours waiting. I love the dresses Cotton On kids produced this year for Christmas that had loose pom poms on the bottom. While I was able to snatch one up in my daughter Chloe’s size, they were sold out in my other daughter Evie’s. She was so jealous of Chloe’s I knew I had to make her something similar. I then sewed up the Confetti Skirt using the Skyline S7.” - Kelly Crawford of Sewing in No Mans Land



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Supplies:

- 1 rectangle of cotton fabric cut with the dimensions given below
- 1 rectangle of small (must be small or fine) gauge tulle in a light color with 1" added to the length given below
- 3 yards of pom pom trim in coordinating colors with pom poms cut off at the base
- 1 yard of waistband elastic
- Safety pin

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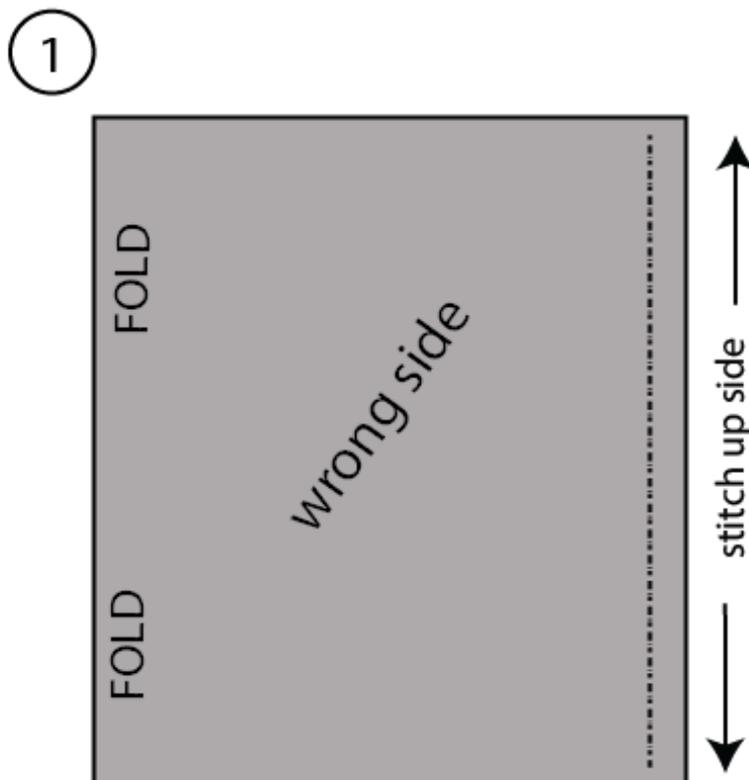
Instructions:

*These dimensions are a suggestion. It is always better to measure your child when possible as children vary so much. If you want your skirt to be fuller, increase the width.

Size	Width	Length
2T	41	14
3T	42	15
4T	43	16
5	43.5	16.5
6	45	17
7	46	18

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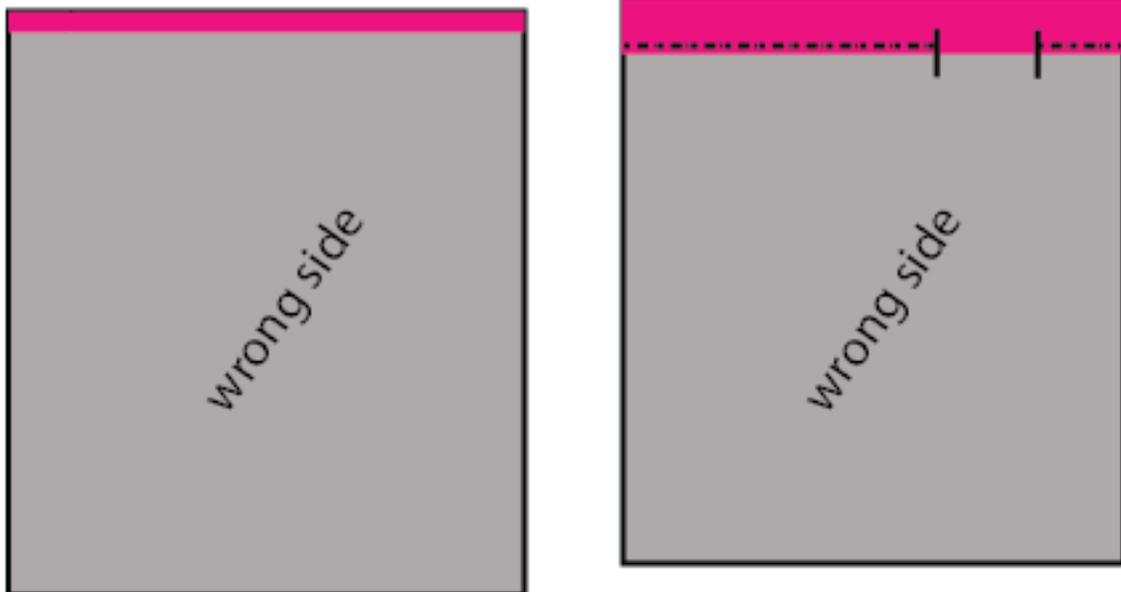
Step One: First we need to create our tulle “envelope” that holds our loose pom poms. The majority of small gauge tulle comes folded in half. This makes it super easy for us! We are going to keep this original fold and that is where the pom poms will rest. Make it into a circle so that it is easy to open up that fold and then fold it so that it creates a long piece of tulle as opposed to a wide piece. Tulle doesn’t really have a right side, but if yours does, make sure that the right sides are touching. Line up the long raw edge and pin from top to bottom. Stitch in place, being sure to secure the stitch at start to finish. With a cool iron, press open the seam. Once it is done, return the fold to where it was originally. To do this, you will need to fold the tulle in on itself, making it so that the “wrong sides” are on the insides and you now have a circle of tulle with a fold at the bottom and raw edges at the top. Take your pom poms and slide them in between the two raw edges at the top so that they fall down into the “envelope”. Don’t worry that they will move all around. Set aside and fold your cotton skirt fabric piece in half. Stitch up the raw edge, press open your seam, hem the bottom of the cotton skirt piece and then press well.



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Step Two: Create a hem at the top of your cotton skirt piece by folding over the top edge a 1/4" and then again a 1/2". (These numbers may be larger or smaller depending on the size of elastic you use. You essentially want it to be just larger than your elastic.) Press well with a hot iron and open your hem back up. Slide your tulle overlap up inside your cotton skirt, matching up the raw edges all the way around. Refold the top "hem" that you had pressed, enfolding your tulle with it. Pin well all the way around. The tulle likes to slide and pinning well will save frustrations. Stitch around the top stopping 1" from where you started. To find out how much elastic you will need, measure your child's waist. Now multiply that number by 2/3. Add 1/2" to this number for the seam allowance. Using a safety pin on one end, feed your elastic through the opening you left.

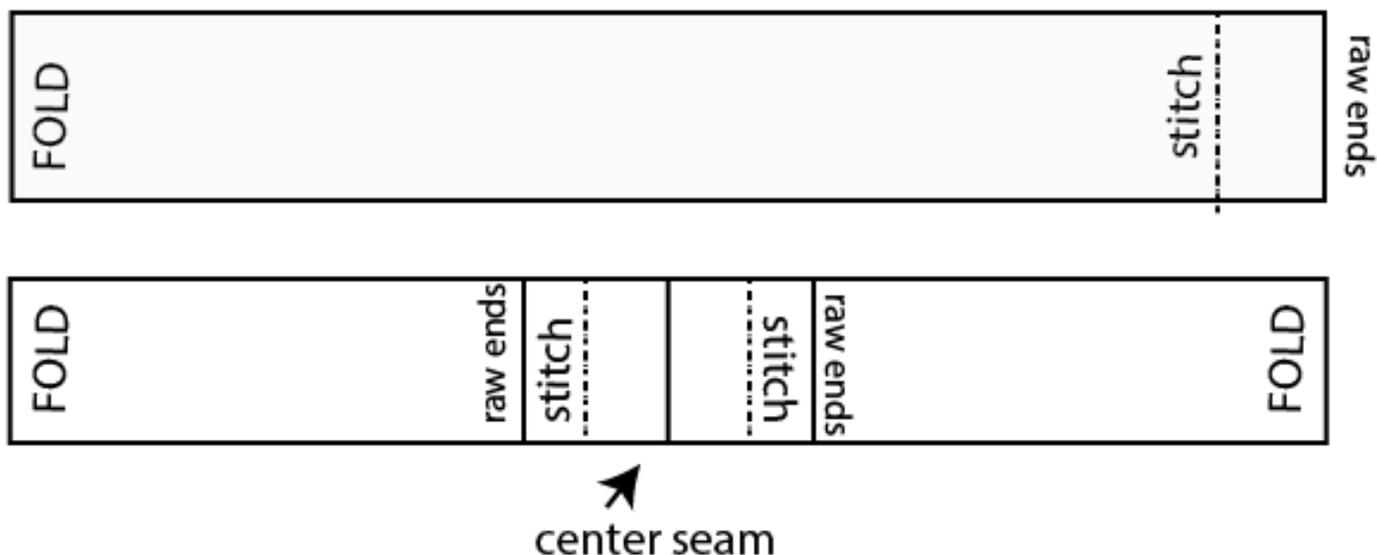
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Step Three: This next step is easier if you think of the elastic being outside of the hem (but it must be inside). Match up the raw ends of your elastic. Be sure that none of the elastic is twisting anywhere along the waistline. Make sure that it is 1 1/2" from the end stitch from the top to the bottom. Do this several times, back and forth. Once it is done, press open your seam. Now stitch both the seam allowances in place, so that the seam allowance is kept open. All of this is done while the elastic is fed through the waistline. It can be a bit tricky keeping the waistline fabric out of the way, but it is important none of it gets caught in and sewn.

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Step Four: Once it is done, let the elastic slide back into the waistline. This will make the fabric bunch. Topstitch your opening closed and spread the elastic out evenly along your waistband. Shift the pom poms so that they are distributed evenly. They will bunch up every now and then, but it is easy to shift them so that they are evenly distributed.

All done!

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