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# A PATREON EXCLUSIVE PATTERN

MIX & MATCH with the Lamour Dress, Liz Dress, Loretta Shorts & more!

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Perfection! The Wanda Pencil Skirt is a classic destined to become a tailored staple in your wardrobe. This simple princess-seamed skirt is fully lined with a couture-worthy back vent or optional thigh slit. Perfectly elegant on its own, or bring out your inner bad girl by turning it into a sultry sheath dress by adding any of the Charm Lamour-Series bodices (Lamour and Liz Dresses, Landis Bodice, Mariner Top, Las Vegas Halter Top, and more coming soon!). Don't forget to watch the video to see how it all comes together!



# KEY SKILLS

- Sewing a fully lined skirt vent
- Perfecting skirt princess seams
- Working with an invisible zipper

# DESIGN OPTIONS

- back vent without a thigh slit
- thigh slit with an invisible zipper and no back vent
- thigh slit without a zipper and no back vent.



Landis Bodice and skirt with thigh slit (no zipper)



Circle Skirt

# SIZE CHART

The Wanda Pencil Skirt is sized in women's US 2–20 and 18-34. Please use the chart below to pick your size. Take the waist measurement at the smallest part of your torso and the hip measurement at the widest part of your hips.

If you're in our Artist, Beat Princess, or Bohemian Princess tiers, make sure to check out our Fit Clinic series to learn more about measuring yourself, choosing a size, and making fit adjustments.

Not sure which size range to choose? Learn more about our two size ranges here!

SIZES 2-20	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
	24 in	26 in	28 in	30 in	32 in	34 in	36 in	38 in	40 in	42 in
Waist	61 cm	66 cm	71.1 cm	76.2 cm	81.3 cm	86.4 cm	91.4 cm	96.5 cm	101.6 cm	106.7 cm
	36 in	38 in	40 in	42 in	44 in	46 in	48 in	50 in	52 in	54 in
Hips	91.4 cm	96.5 cm	101.6 cm	106.7 cm	111.8 cm	116.8 cm	121.9 cm	127 cm	132.1 cm	137.2 cm

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18-34	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
	40 in	42 in	44 in	46 in	48 in	50 in	52 in	54 in	56 in
Waist	101.6 cm	106.7 cm	111.8 cm	116.8 cm	121.9 cm	127 cm	132.1 cm	137.2 cm	142.2 cm
	48 in	50 in	52 in	54 in	56 in	58 in	60 in	62 in	64 in
Hips	121.9 cm	127 cm	132.1 cm	137.2 cm	142.2 cm	147.3 cm	152.4 cm	157.5 cm	162.6 cm

# FIT NOTES

The Wanda Pencil Skirt is a fitted and pegged princess-seamed skirt without a waistband. The pattern is designed to fit with between  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch (in) to  $\frac{3}{4}$  in (1.3 to 1.9 cm) of ease at the waist and  $\frac{1}{2}$  in to 2 in (3.8 to 5.1 cm) of ease in the hips. See the charts below for finished garment measurements.

# FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Sizes 2-20	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
Waiat	24.5 in	26.5 in	28.5 in	30.5 in	32.5 in	34.5 in	36.5 in	38.5 in	40.5 in	42.5 in
Waist	62.2 cm	67.3 cm	72.4 cm	77.5 cm	82.6 cm	87.6 cm	92.7 cm	97.8 cm	102.9 cm	108 cm
Lling	37.5 in	39.5 in	41.5 in	43.5 in	45.5 in	47.5 in	49.5 in	51.5 in	53.5 in	55.5 in
Hips	95.3 cm	100.3 cm	105.4 cm	110.5 cm	115.6 cm	120.7 cm	125.7 cm	130.8 cm	135.9 cm	141 cm
Hem/	27.5 in	29.5 in	31.5 in	33.5 in	35.5 in	37.5 in	39.5 in	41.5 in	43.5 in	45.5 in
Sweep	69.9 cm	74.9 cm	80 cm	85.1 cm	90.2 cm	95.3 cm	100.3 cm	105.4 cm	110.5 cm	115.6 cm
1	27.75 in	27.88 in	28 in	28.13 in	28.25 in	28.38 in	28.5 in	28.63 in	28.75 in	28.88 in
Length	70.5 cm	70.8 cm	71.1 cm	71.5 cm	71.8 cm	72.1 cm	72.4 cm	72.7 cm	73 cm	73.4 cm

Sizes 18-34	18	20	22	24	26	28	30	32	34
10-34	10	20	22	27	20	20	- 30	52	57
Waist	40.75 in	42.75 in	44.75 in	46.75 in	48.75 in	50.75 in	52.75 in	54.75 in	56.75 in
Waist	103.5 cm	108.6 cm	113.7 cm	118.7 cm	123.8 cm	128.9 cm	134 cm	139.1 cm	144.1 cm
Lline	50 in	52 in	54 in	56 in	58 in	60 in	62 in	64 in	66 in
Hips	127 cm	132.1 cm	137.2 cm	142.2 cm	147.3 cm	152.4 cm	157.5 cm	162.6 cm	167.6 cm
Hem/	43.75 in	45.75 in	47.75 in	49.75 in	51.75 in	53.75 in	55.75 in	57.75 in	59.75 in
Sweep	111.1 cm	116.2 cm	121.3 cm	126.4 cm	131.4 cm	136.5 cm	141.6 cm	146.7 cm	151.8 cm
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Length	71.1 cm								

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leathers like pleather and bottom-weight wovens: cottons like twill, denim, corduroy, and sateen; linen and linen blends; wool tweed and suitings; brocade; and silk/wool blends. Stretch wovens are possible, but knit fabrics are not recommended for this design.

**FABRIC NOTES** 

We recommend imitation

# MATERIALS & NOTIONS

- Fabric for the skirt
- Lining for the skirt
- Thread to match
- Lightweight fusible interfacing (look for woven or tricot types)
- 11/4-in-wide fusible stay tape to stabilize the zipper (alternatively, cut a strip from a scrap of fusible interfacing yardage)
- 9-in regular nylon zipper
- 22-in invisible zipper (for thigh slit with zipper variation only)
- Hook & eye (optional)
- Bar from a hook & bar set (for thigh slit without zipper variation only)

### RESOURCES

Here are some of the fabrics and supplies I used for the samples and in the video tutorial. There are lots of places to purchase fabric, so this is solely a guide you can use as a reference:

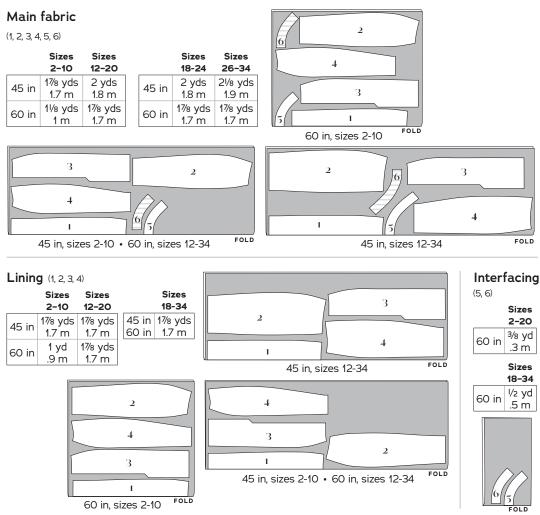
White Polka Dot Dress (Gertie)

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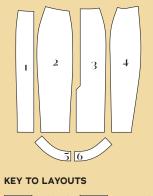
# **REQUIRED YARDAGE & CUTTING LAYOUTS**

**Note:** All pattern pieces are shown in a "without nap" layout. You may need additional yardage for directional prints, stripes, plaids, and other prints that need to be matched across seamlines.



### **PATTERN PIECES**

- 1. Skirt Center Front Cut 1 fabric on fold, 1 lining on fold
- 2. Skirt Side Front Cut 2 fabric, 2 lining
- 3. Skirt Center Back Cut 2 fabric, 2 lining
- 4. Skirt Side Back Cut 2 fabric, 2 lining
- 5. Front Waist Facing Cut 1 fabric on fold, 1 interfacing on fold
- 6. Back Waist Facing Cut 2 fabric, 2 interfacing



Right side of pattern piece Wrong side of pattern piece

Be sure to note whether the pieces are cut on a double or single layer of fabric. For a double layer, there will be a note indicating FOLD on the layout.

# SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

### **BEFORE SEWING**

**Transferring marks:** use dressmaker's tracing paper and a tracing wheel to transfer all pattern markings to the wrong side (WS) of your fabric. Mark pattern notches by snipping into the seam allowance with the tip of your scissors.

**Interfacing:** the waist facings need to be stabilized with fusible interfacing prior to sewing. Follow the interfacing cutting instructions on the pattern pieces. Apply fusible interfacing to the WS of the fabric, using a press cloth and steam. Do not rub your iron back and forth; lift it up and press it down for several seconds at a time until interfacing is fully adhered.

# MIX & MATCH

### THIS PATTERN IS PART OF THE LAMOUR SERIES

The Wanda Pencil Skirt can be sewn as a separate or as the skirt for any of the Lamour-series bodices (Lamour and Liz Dresses, Landis Bodice, Mariner Top, and Las Vegas Halter Top) to create a dress. Sew the bodice following the pattern's instructions. Join the bodice to the skirt at the waistline (without the Wanda waist facing) and press

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finish the garment according to the instructions. If you wish to add a waistband to the Wanda Pencil Skirt, eliminate the Wanda waist facings and use the waistband from the Loretta Shorts or Charm Circle Skirt and follow that pattern's instructions.

waistline seam toward the bodice. Insert zipper and

See the full list of mix and match options for this series at CharmPatterns.com/mix-and-match.

**Seam Finishing:** if finishing seams with a serger, serge the following seam allowances (without trimming the edges) before construction. The skirt is fully lined, so additional seam finishing is optional.

• Skirt hem raw edge

### NOTES

- For the Back Vent version, lay out the Skirt Center Back (3) lining pieces face up and cut the left lining along the left lining cutting line.
- For either Thigh Slit version, cut both the Skirt Center Back (3) fabric and lining pieces along the center back (CB) cutting line.
- 5%-in (1.5 cm) seam allowances are included on all pattern pieces, except where otherwise noted.

### TIPS

- If you don't have a serger, consider using a zigzag or overlock stitch on your sewing machine.
- Press your stitching lines after every step, even when not specified in the instructions. You do not need to press basting or gathering stitches.

### SEW THE SKIRT

Choose one of the three Wanda Pencil Skirt variations: back vent with or without a thigh slit, thigh slit with an invisible zipper and no back vent, or thigh slit without a zipper and no back vent.

Proceed to the next section for all variations.

### **All Skirts**

**1. Staystitch waistline:** using a 1/2-in (1.3 cm) seam allowance, staystitch waistline on Skirt Center Front (1), Skirt Side Fronts (2), Skirt Center Backs (3), and Skirt Side Backs (4). Repeat for the skirt lining

**2. Stabilize back zipper opening:** apply 11/4-in-wide (3 cm) strips of fusible interfacing to the WS of each skirt center back piece at CB above zipper circle.

Proceed to the next section for a back vent, otherwise choose either the Thigh Slit with Invisible Zipper or Thigh Slit without Zipper sections.

### **Skirt with Back Vent**

**1. Sew the front princess seams:** pin skirt side fronts to skirt center front, right sides (RS) together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along princess seams. Press seam allowances open. Repeat for the skirt lining.

**2. Sew the back princess seams:** pin skirt side backs to skirt center backs, RS together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along princess seams. Press seam allowances open. Repeat for the skirt lining.

**3. Sew center back seam:** pin skirt center backs RS together, and stitch CB seam from zipper circle to upper vent circle. Clip to the seam allowance at the CB notch 2 in (5 cm) above the back vent. Press the seam allowances open and press the back vent to the right (as looking at the skirt from the WS) below the notch.

**4. Sew lining center back seam:** pin lining skirt center backs RS together, and stitch CB seam from zipper circle to upper vent circle. Clip to the seam allowance at the CB notch 2 in above the back vent. Press seam allowances open above the notch and to the left (as looking at the skirt from the WS) below the notch.

**5. Sew side seams:** pin skirt front unit to skirt back unit at side seams and stitch. Press seam allowances open. Repeat for the skirt lining.

**6. Hem skirt lining:** cut 1 in (2.5 cm) off of the skirt lining hem's raw edge so that the lining will be shorter than the skirt hem. Fold and press the edge 5/s in (1.5 cm) to WS. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{2}$  in (1.3 cm) from fold. Press hem flat.

Proceed to the Facing for All Skirts section.

### Thigh Slit with Invisible Zipper

**1. Stabilize the thigh slit zipper opening:** fuse 11/4-inwide (3 cm) strips of fusible interfacing to the WS of the zipper opening along the thigh slit from the thigh slit zipper circle to the hem.

**2. Prepare the invisible zipper:** trim away the tape above the top zipper stop.

**3. Insert the invisible zipper:** on skirt front and left side front, press the thigh slit opening seam allowances 5/8 in (1.5 cm) to WS to set creases, then fold the seam allowances out again. With the skirt sections RS up, open the zipper and pin it, RS down, with the top zipper stops 1 in (2.5 cm) from the skirt hem raw edges and with the bottom stop at the thigh slit zipper circle. Align the zipper teeth along the crease. Using an invisible zipper foot, stitch the left half of the zipper tape, making sure the zipper teeth are rolled out and the needle lands in the ditch behind the teeth. Repeat for the right half of the zipper. NOTE: You can shorten the zipper if needed by trimming it at the bottom and then creating a new thread stop by machine zigzagging over the teeth on both halves.

**4. Sew the front princess seams:** pin skirt side fronts to skirt center front, RS together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along right princess seam (as worn), and from zipper stop to waist along left princess seam. At the zipper stop, start your stitching just above the zipper's bottom stop, leaving a narrow gap between the two rows of stitching to prevent puckering. Press seam allowances open.

**5. Sew the front lining:** pin skirt side front linings to skirt center front lining, RS together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along right princess seam (as worn), and from waist to thigh slit zipper circle along left princess seam. Clip into seam allowance at thigh slit zipper circle. Press seam allowances open. Press thigh slit seam allowances <sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub> in (1.5 cm) to WS.

Proceed to the Back Skirt (for Thigh Slit Variations Only) section.

### Thigh Slit without Zipper

**1. Sew the front princess seams:** pin skirt side fronts to skirt center front, RS together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along right princess seam (as worn), and from waist to lower thigh slit circle along left princess seam. Clip into seam allowance at lower thigh slit circle. Press seam allowances open.

2. Sew the front lining: pin skirt side front linings to skirt center front lining, RS together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along right princess seam (as worn), and from waist to lower thigh slit circle along left princess seam. Clip into seam allowance at lower thigh slit circle. Press seam allowances open.

### Back Skirt (for No-Vent Variations Only)

**1. Sew the back princess seams:** pin skirt side backs to skirt center backs, RS together, matching notches. Stitch from waist to hem along princess seams. Press seam allowances open. Repeat for the skirt lining.

**2. Sew center back seam:** pin skirt center backs RS together, and stitch CB seam from zipper circle to hem. Press seam allowances open. Repeat for the skirt lining.

**3. Sew side seams:** pin skirt front unit to skirt back unit at side seams and stitch. Press seam allowances open. Repeat for the skirt lining.

**4. Hem skirt lining:** cut 1 in (2.5 cm) off of the skirt lining hem's raw edge so that the lining will be shorter than the skirt hem. Fold and press the edge 5/8 in (1.5 cm) to WS. Topstitch  $\frac{1}{2}$  in (1.3 cm) from fold. Press hem flat.

**5. Attach lining to thigh slit (for thigh slit without zipper variation only):** pin lining to skirt at thigh slit, RS together. At the hem, wrap the RS of the skirt fabric hem over the lining hem by 1 in (2.5 cm). The lining hem is nested inside the skirt hem. Stitch both sides of the thigh slit, from each folded hem edge to the top of the slit. Clip corners and turn skirt hem to RS. Press.

Continue to the next section. The thigh slit with zipper variation is completed later, in the Finishing section.

### Facing for All Skirts

**1. Assemble facings:** pin Front Waist Facing (5) to Back Waist Facings (6) at side seams, RS together, matching notches. Stitch and press seam allowances open.

**2. Attach facing to lining:** turn bottom edge of facing 1/4 in (6 mm) to WS. Press. Pin facing WS to lining RS at waist, matching notches to seams. Topstitch facing to lining along bottom edge. Press. Baste facing to lining at CB seam and waist. **TIP:** if you are using a heavy-weight fabric, trim the 1/4-in (6 mm) seam allowance off and serge the bottom edge or cover it with nylon bias tape instead of folding under the raw edge and topstitching.

Continue to the next section for the Back Vent version.

Continue to the next section.

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For either Thigh Slit version, skip to the Waist Assembly for All Skirts section.

### **Back Vent**

The back vent is complex to explain but easy to sew, so please watch the companion tutorial video to see these steps in action.

### 1. Attach lining to right (underlap) back vent:

with RS together, pin the skirt vent to the lining vent from the lower vent circle to the hem, with the right (underlap) half of skirt back vent to right lining back vent. At the hem, wrap the RS of the skirt fabric hem over the lining hem by 1 in (2.5 cm). The lining is nested inside the skirt.

**2. Sew lining to right back vent:** stitch from the lower vent circle to the hem edge, backstitching at the beginning and end. Clip the corner and turn skirt hem to RS. Press. Press seam allowances toward skirt fabric.

**3. Attach lining to left (overlap) back vent:** with RS together, pin the skirt vent to the lining vent from the lower vent circle to the hem, with the left (overlap) half of skirt back vent to left lining back vent.

**4. Sew lining to left back vent:** stitch from the lower vent circle to the hem edge. Press seam allowances toward skirt fabric.

**5. Press back vent:** clip corners. Turn the lining of the underlap half of the vent just to the WS and press. Turn the lining of the overlap half of the vent to the WS, turning in the skirt by 1 in (2.5 cm) to create the vent extension. The overlap half of the vent will overlap by 1 in (2.5 cm). From the RS, press all the layers completely flat.

**6. Close the back vent:** reach between the fabric and lining layers and find the small unsewn diagonal section of the back vent. Clip to the upper and lower back vent circles. Pin the diagonal section through all layers; the layers will be lining-lining-fabric-fabric. Stitch between upper and lower vent circles. Turn RS out and press. Continue to the next section.

# Waist Assembly for All Skirts

1. Prepare to attach lining with clean finish method: pin facing/lining unit to skirt around waistline, RS together, matching notches and seams. At zipper opening's top edge, working with skirt back RS up, fold seam allowances as follows: on right half of opening (the underlap), fold both seam allowances to facing WS 1/2 in (1.3 cm). The facing seam allowance is nested inside the outer fabric seam allowance. On opening's left half (the overlap), fold facing seam allowance to WS 7/8 in (2.2 cm). Fold outer fabric seam allowance to WS 5/8 in (1.5 cm). The seam allowances nest inside each other with a 1/4-in (6 mm) gap between the two. Folding seam allowances this way ensures facing is finished neatly around lapped zipper at waistline. VERY **IMPORTANT TIP:** for the Back Vent and Thigh Slit without Zipper versions, you must go between the skirt and lining in order to pin correctly. Please see the video tutorial for more details!

**2. Sew facing to skirt at waist:** stitch around waistline, starting at one folded edge and ending at the other folded edge. Grade seam allowances so those on the skirt are widest and those on the facing are narrower. Clip into curves every 1/2 in (1.3 cm).

**3. Understitch facing:** with facing opened out and seam allowances underneath, stitch along facing 1/8 in (3 mm) from the seamline on facing RS, starting and stopping stitches as necessary and catching seam allowances in stitching. Press facing to inside of skirt, rolling seamline slightly to WS so it is hidden inside.

### Zipper

**1. Prepare the zipper:** trim away the tape above the zipper stops.

**2. Sew underlap half of zipper:** with skirt RS out and facing flipped out of the way, press zipper opening seam allowance 1/2 in (1.3 cm) to WS. Pin closed zipper (face up) under right back folded edge, placing top zipper stop near the upper seam allowance, with zipper teeth just to the left of the fabric fold. Baste. Open zipper. Using a zipper foot, stitch from top to bottom next to zipper teeth, just on the fold. As the needle approaches the zipper pull, stop stitching and close zipper; resume stitching to bottom of zipper opening. Backstitch.

**3. Sew overlap half of zipper:** on left half of zipper opening (the overlap), press seam allowance under 5/8 in (1.5 cm). With zipper closed, position left back fabric overlap over zipper teeth so fabric fold just covers stitching on underlap. Pin overlap to zipper tape. Baste. Open zipper completely and topstitch overlap 3/8 in (1 cm) from fold, closing zipper when you reach the pull; finish stitching to base, stitching as close to bottom retainer box as possible. Pivot the work and stitch across base of zipper.

### Finishing

**1. Hem the skirt:** fold and press the hem raw edge 1 in (2.5 cm) to WS. Topstitch by machine or sew the hem by hand with a slipstitch or catchstitch for a neater

finish. For the Back Vent version, slipstitch from the back vent overlap corner up the back vent to enclose the hem folded edge.

**2.** Attach facing and lining to back waist zipper: turn seam allowances of facing and lining to WS at zipper opening and pin to zipper tape. Slipstitch in place by hand.

**3. Attach hook and eye:** hand stitch a hook-and-eye closure to the WS above the zipper opening at the waist for added security.

**4. Secure lining to skirt (optional):** sew swing tacks between WS of lining and skirt fabric at the side seams, 1 in (2.5 cm) above the lining hem, to prevent the lining from riding up when worn.

**5.** Attach lining to thigh slit zipper (for thigh slit with invisible zipper variation only): turn seam allowances of lining to WS at zipper opening and pin to zipper tape from bottom top to lining hem. Slipstitch in place by hand. (Alternatively, it is possible to stitch this part by machine. Turn the skirt WS out, match the raw edges of the skirt and skirt lining with RS together, and stitch each side of the vent by machine using a <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>-in (6 mm) seam allowance.)

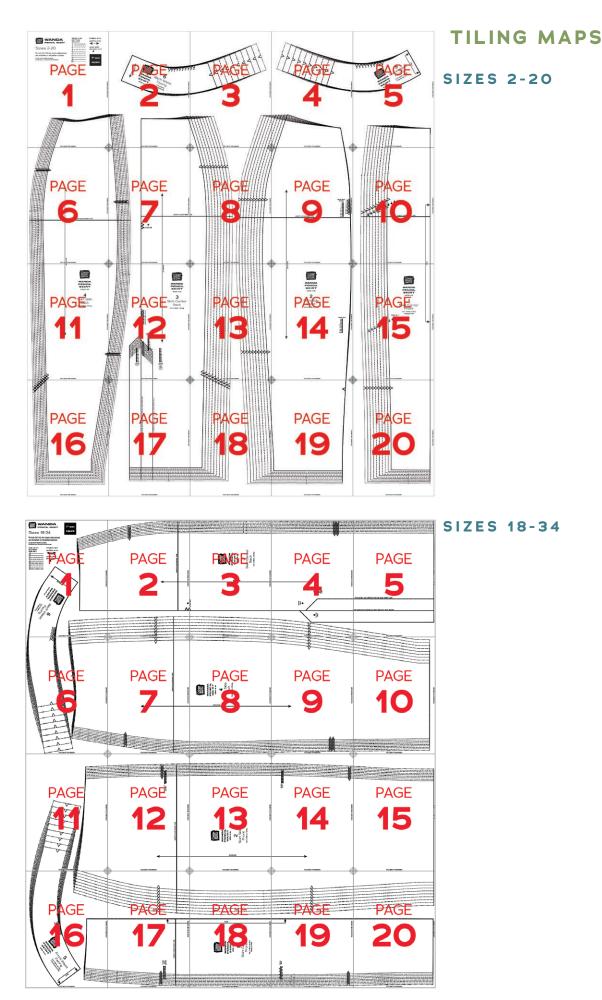
6. Attach bar above thigh slit (for thigh slit without zipper variation only): hand stitch a bar (from a hook & bar closure) horizontally above the thigh slit opening on the WS for added strength and security.

Enjoy your gorgeous new Wanda Pencil Skirt!

# PATTERN PIECE LOCATION GUIDE

Here is a list to help you locate the pattern pieces on the letter-size tiled pages and AO pattern sheets. The tiled pieces and AO sheets are included as separate pdf files as part of this digital pattern.

		SIZES 2-20		SIZES	18-34
PC#	Piece Name	Tiled	AO	Tiled	AO
1	Skirt Center Front	5, 10, 15, 20	1	16-20	1
2	Skirt Side Front	3-4, 8-9, 13-14, 18-19	1	11-20	1
3	Skirt Center Back	2-3, 7-8, 12-13, 17-18	1	1-5	1
4	Skirt Side Back	1-2, 6-7, 11-12, 16-17	1	1-10	1
5	Front Waist Facing	4-5	1	11, 16	1
6	Back Waist Facing	2-3	1	1, 6	1



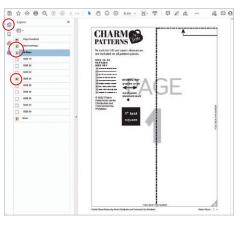
# HOW TO USE THIS PATTERN

The pattern pieces are tiled so you can print them on Letter (8<sup>1</sup>/2" x 11") or A4 size paper. You can also send the AO pattern sheet PDF to a local or online printer (like <u>www.pdfplotting.com</u>) to print on large sheets (36" x 48" for U.S. or AO for international).

This pattern includes size layers. To get the best results, open either the Tiled or AO pattern pieces PDF in <u>Acrobat Reader</u>.

Open the Layers Palette (View>Show/Hide>Navigation Panes>Layers) and hide all of the layer(s) except for the ones you want to print by clicking on the eye icon. The All Sizes and Tiled Markings layers have general pattern information and will always print.

You may choose to turn off the Page Numbers layer. The page numbers will still appear at the bottom of each page in the footer.



# WORKING WITH THE TILED PIECES

Go to File>Print and change the page range to the pages you need for the pieces you've chosen (see Pattern Pieces Printing Index). Make sure the Page Sizing settings to 100% or Actual Size. Test this after printing by measuring the 1" test box on the first page of the pattern pieces.

Cut apart any pattern pieces that share a page, then fold back the page margins on each page as marked.

Tape the pages together, butting up the folded page edges with the gray margin lines, matching up the letters in gray diamonds.

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