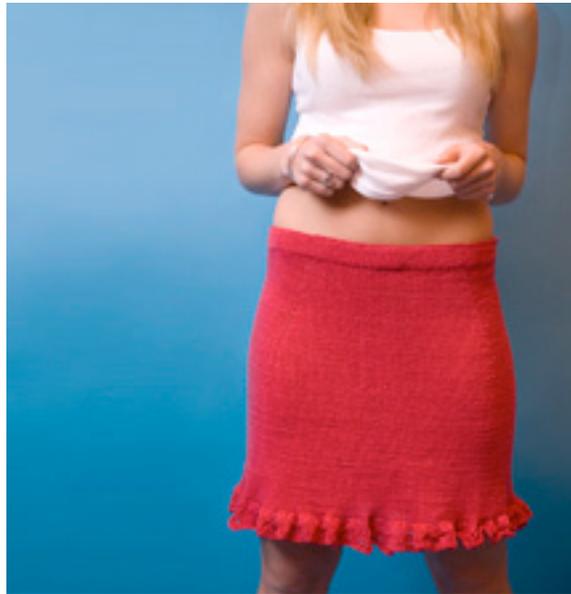


Triple Treat Skirt

A make-it-your-own skirt, worked in the round from the waist down, with three yarn options and a choice of three edging finishes. A Loops Original by Ellen Sonnenschein.



Yarn:	Needles:	Gauge:
816 (952, 1088, 1360) yards of DK weight yarn to fit sizes S (M, L, XL)	#6 - 24" and #8 - 24" circular or size needed to get gauge. Stitch markers in three colors.	21 sts = 4" on smaller needle

Abbreviations:

M1R: using left needle tip, lift bar between needles from back to front. Knit through the front of the picked-up stitch. (Color #1 marker).

M1L: Using left needle tip, lift bar between needles from front to back. Knit through the back of the picked-up stitch. (Color #2 marker).

slm: slip marker

pm: place marker

Sizes:

S (M, L, XL)

Waist Measurement 29" (32", 35", 38")

Hip Measurement 40" (43", 45", 47")

Please allow for 1 1/2" of negative ease (skirt is stretchy).

Instructions:

Cast on 156 (168, 180, 192) sts. Place color #3 marker for center back and join in the round. **There are no increases at this marker.** It is to identify the back of the skirt and the beginning of the round.

Knit 8 rounds. Purl 1 round (waistband ridge).

Next round: k20 (21, 23, 24), pm (color #1), k37 (42, 44, 48), pm (color #2), k38 (42, 45, 48), pm (color #1), k38 (42, 45, 48), pm (color #2), knit to end of round. Work 4 rounds even.

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Begin increases:

Round 1: Knit to 1st marker, M1R, slm, knit to 2nd marker, slm, M1L, knit to 3rd marker, M1R, slm, knit to 4th marker, slm, M1L, knit to end of round.

Repeat this increase row on rounds 5, 9, 13, 17, 21, 25, 29, 33, 37 & 41, knitting all other rounds even. You will then have 200 (212, 224, 236) sts.

Rounds 42-45: Knit.

Rounds 46, 52, 58, 64: Increase as above and knit all other rounds. 216 (228, 240, 252) sts.

Remove increase markers, leaving the beginning of round marker. Work straight until 16-18" from cast-on edge.

Edging Option 1:

Change to larger needle. Using a double strand of yarn, knit 1 round. Drop the second strand and knit into the front and back of each loop. This doubles the number of stitches for the ruffle. Continue knitting until ruffle is 2 inches long. Bind off.

Edging Option 2:

Change to larger needle. Using a double strand of yarn, knit 1 round. Drop the second strand and knit into the front and back of each loop. This doubles the number of stitches for the ruffle. Work lace pattern as follows:

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: Knit

Rnd 3: *[k2tog] 2 times, [yo, k1] 4 times, [ssk] 2 times* repeat from * to end of round.

Rnd 4: Knit

Repeat lace pattern until desired length, then bind off after a Rnd 4.

Edging Option 3:

Change to larger needle and work only the Lace Pattern above for 2" or until desired length. Bind off.

Finishing:

Fold waistband at the purl row toward the wrong side of the skirt. Stitch waistband down, leaving a 1" opening to slip a **1 1/2 yard length of 3/4" non-roll elastic** into waistband. Close elastic opening. Block ruffle/edging.

