

Twirly Skirt REMIX

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My girls love all things twirly - this piece is inspired by the adorable "twirly skirt" by Christine Schwender and Paula Heist in Barefoot Knits, a book I love. The original skirt is completely adorable, but I needed a narrower silhouette, so I frogged it and tried a new approach.

This remix is done on circular needles, knit top-down and has fewer increases - it definitely still twirls, but has the closer fit I wanted. Also, I've chosen to put elastic in the waist to keep it snug. The possibilities of color combinations are limited only to your imagination - I'm already casting on for another one!



SIZE 2-4 years
measures approximately 22" at the waist, 14" from waist to hem,
and about 32" in circumference at the hem

YARN 2-3 skeins Brown Sheep Cotton Fleece [100g/215 yard]
you will need 2 skeins for one color, or 1 skein of each for 2-3 colors

NEEDLES US 6 [4mm] circulars
you can use 2 circular needles, or one really long one to knit magic loop style

GAUGE 4-4.5 St = 1" (aim for slightly looser than the yarn sleeve says 5 St = 1")

DOO-DADS 1 row marker, tapestry needle, and 1 yard of 3/4" elastic

ABBREVIATIONS

- K = knit
- P = purl
- St = stitch
- Kfb = knit into front and back of this stitch
- K2tog = knit the next 2 stitches together
- YO = yarn over

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ready, steady, go!

:: waistband ::

CO 88 St, join St (place marker) and K in the round for 2".

:: tiers ::

switch to color choice for the top tier

K in the round for 4".

switch to color choice for the middle tier

(K3, Kfb) repeat this sequence for 1 entire round - [110 St]

K in the round for 4".

switch to color choice for the bottom tier

(K3, Kfb, K2, Kfb) repeat this sequence until the last 5 St, then K3, Kfb, K1 - [141 St]

K in the round for 4".

:: picot edge ::

switch to color choice for the picot edge at the hem

K 1 round.

P 1 round.

K 2 rounds.

(K2tog, YO) repeat until the last 3 St, then K3tog, YO - [140 St]

K 2 rounds.

BO and pull tail through last loop, cut tail about 1-2 yards (to sew the hem).



:: finishing ::



Fold over toward the WS and stitch the hem for that lovely ruffled picot edge.

Next, fold the waistline in half toward the WS and stitch in place, leaving a few inches open to slip the elastic through. Cut the elastic to desired size and slip it through the waistband (being careful not to twist) and sew the ends of the elastic together - I suggest machine-sewing the elastic for added strength. Finish stitching the waistband in place, weave in all ends and block as desired.

If you'd like a different size, simply do some quick math with your gauge and cast on.