

# Tiered Skirt Recipe

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A recipe for a simple knitted tiered skirt. The skirt is knitted in the round and has an elastic waistband. The recipe shows you how to plan and calculate your skirt with your yarn of choice. It's not a step-by-step pattern – it's a recipe – an idea – an inspiration for you.



## Planning

Before you can start knitting you have to plan and calculate a bit.

### Needed measurements:

- **Hip circumference** (widest part of the hip, so the skirt can be pulled over there later)
- **Width of the waistband** (hip circumference with a little extra for a good fit)
- **Length of the skirt**
- **Number of tiers** and length of the tiers (length/number of tiers = length of the tiers)

For my skirt with a length of 40cm (16") and width of 90cm (36"):

Waistband:	90cm	x	5cm	(36"	x	2")
1st tier:	180cm	x	10cm	(72"	x	4")
2 <sup>nd</sup> tier:	360cm	x	10cm	(144"	x	4")
3 <sup>rd</sup> tier:	720cm	x	15cm	(288"	x	6")

## Yarn

You can use every yarn you like. I recommend thinner yarns (about 150m/50g).

I also advise against yarn that tends to felt easily – so maybe try cotton or a cotton blend.

It's a little tricky to find out how much yarn you will need.

I made a skirt with 45cm length from 150m/50g yarn with 4,0mm/US 6 needles and 3 tiers and needed about 700g yarn.

Now you have to think what yarn, needles and measurements you will use. You can calculate the right amount of yarn by knitting a 10cmx10cm square, rib it off again and measure how much meters you used for that. Now you can use that to calculate the amount for the whole skirt.

Or you just guess it ;)

## Gauge

This is very important to calculate how much stitches and rows you will have to make for your desired width and length.

For my skirt with a length of 40cm and a width of 90cm for the waistband:

Waistband:	90cm (36")	/180 stitches	x 5cm(2")	/15 rows
(doubled! So it's actually 30 rows!)				
1st tier:	180cm (72")	/360 stitches	x 10cm (4")	/30 rows
2nd tier:	360cm (144")	/720 stitches	x 10cm (4")	/30 rows
3rd tier:	720cm (288")	/1440 stitches	x 15cm (6")	/45 rows

That way you can calculate the number of stitches for your skirt with your measurements made from your yarn of choice. The rest fairly is easy now.

## Supplies

- Yarn (see more under "Yarn")
- Matching circular needles
- Elastic band for the waistband

## Waistband

For the waistband you are making a cuff in rounds in the double of the desired length of the waistband and fold it to create a tunnel.

Start with a provisional cast. Cast on the needed count of stitches, connect to round and knit until you reached the desired length of your waistband. Now purl for one row – that's where you going to fold the waistband. Knit again until you reached the double of the desired length.

Now pick up the stitches from the cast on.

For every of the "normal" stitches take one of the stitches from the picked up cast on and knit the two together to close the tunnel.

Leave the last few stitches separated. Knit the "normal" stitches and bind off the cast on stitches to leave a hole. Through that hole on the inside of your skirt you later pull the elastic band and simply close it with a few sewn stitches.

## The tiers

After finishing the waistband you knit for another round.

Then make two out of every stitch to double your number of stitches.

Knit until you reach your desired length of the tier.

Then again make two out of every stitch to double your count of stitches and knit until you reach your desired length of the tier.

Do this for every following tier.

When you reach the end of the last tier you need to prevent the hem from roll itself up.

You can do this with alternately knit a round and purl a round for the last few rounds or use any other pattern that prevents the rolling.

Leave the skirt hanging for a few days before binding it off.

Then bind it off loosely.

## Variations

You can use that simple receipt and vary it in every way you like.

You could:

- Use some kind of pattern
- Use yarn with special effects like gradient
- Vary the length
- Vary the tiers
- Only double every second stitch to make the ruffles less intense

