

fledge Twirling Swirl skirt Laguna



“Laguna” is the Spanish word for “lagoon”, there, where the sea eddies into the shore and communicates with the land. Laguna Beach is a small beach town where you can spend days communicating with the sea. The skirt “Laguna” is based on a classic circle skirt, however, with a new twist. “Laguna” at knee- or mini-length is a sassy, girly look. The included leggings allow for many tree-climbing and jungle gym adventures.

“Laguna” can be sewn either as a single skirt or a double skirt with a spiraling flounce layer. The spiral layer lends the skirt the appearance of a three-layer skirt. The pattern sheet is graded for a child of average height and stature. The skirt falls at the knee or somewhat shorter. For a longer skirt, please use a size larger. “Laguna” is also suitable for beginners.

Many design examples and a step-by-step tutorial can be found at www.farbenmix.de.

Fabric Selection: For the skirt: Poplin, voile, batiste, lightweight denim, baby wale corduroy. For a more festive skirt, you may choose to use chiffon, organza or tulle for the top flounce layer.

For the leggings: Cotton knits with a bit of Spandex are recommended.

Fabric Requirements Skirt:

Sizes		86/92	18 mon. /2T	98/104	3T/4T	110/116	5/6	122/128	7/8	134/140	9
Rock	Waist (finished)	45 cm	17 3/4 in.	48 cm	19 in.	50 cm	19 3/4 in.	53 cm	21 in.	56 cm	22 in.
	Waist (pattern)	65 cm	25 1/2 in.	67 cm	26 1/2 in.	69 cm	27 in.	72 cm	28-1/2 in.	75 cm	29 1/2 in.
	Length	21 cm	8 1/4 in.	25 cm	10 in.	29 cm	11 1/2 in.	33 cm	13 in.	39 cm	15 1/2 in.
	Fabric (55 in. wide) *	80 cm	7/8 yd.	90 cm	1 yd.	100 cm	1 1/8 yd.	110 cm	1 1/4 yd.	120 cm	1 1/4 yd.
Notions		Approx. 60 cm / 23-1/2 in. elastic									

*** Important:** Fabric requirements **per spiral/per color**. If making a monochrome skirt, multiply by 2. For the size 86/92, both spirals will fit on the same piece of 55-inch wide fabric. Both spirals will fit inside one another for larger sizes, if the fabric is wide enough, as well. If making a double-layer skirt, multiply by 4.

Fabric Requirements Leggings:

Sizes		86/92	18 mon. /2T	98/104	3T/4T	110/116	5/6	122/128	7/8	134/140	9
Rock	Waist (finished)	46 cm	17 3/4 in.	48 cm	19 in.	50 cm	19 3/4 in.	53 cm	21 in.	56 cm	22 in.
	Waist (pattern)	54 cm	21 1/4 in.	56 cm	26 1/2 in.	58 cm	23 in.	61 cm	28-1/2 in.	64 cm	25 1/4 in.
	Length	43 cm	17 in.	52 cm	20 1/2 in.	61 cm	24 in.	70 cm	27 1/2 in.	79 cm	31 in.
	Fabric (55 in. wide) *	55 cm	5/8 yd.	65 cm	3/4 yd.	75 cm	7/8 yd.	85 cm	7/8 yd.	95 cm	1 1/8 yd.
Notions		Approx. 60 cm / 23-1/2 in. elastic									

fledge Twirling Swirl skirt Laguna

Piece List

Skirt

- 1 – Skirt piece cut 2
- 2 – Waistband cut 1

Leggings

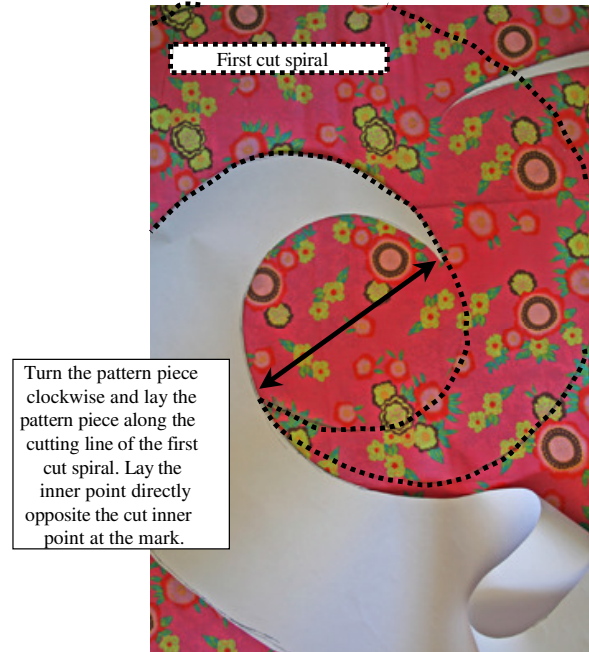
- 3 – Legging cut 2

To start, please take measurements, especially the length and the waist measurements. Select the size based upon the final length of the skirt you would like to have.

Making a Single LAGUNA

Cutting:

1. Trace the spiral-shaped pattern piece onto another piece of paper. Lay the fabric **unfolded** on the cutting surface.
2. Lay the paper with the spiral shape on the fabric. Be sure to place the spiral such that you will have room to cut the second spiral from the material. For example, place the outside point, the “tail of the snail”, more toward the selvedge. Leave also ample room at the lower edge of the fabric.
3. Cut through the paper along the traced line and through the fabric. The spiral is graded to size: **There is no need to add an additional seam allowance.**
4. After cutting the first spiral, carefully remove the scrap paper from around the pattern piece. Turn the pattern piece clockwise, so that the pattern piece lays on and between the cutting lines of the first spiral until the inner point is at the mark directly opposite the first cut inner point. The outer spiral point will also be directly opposite the outer point already cut. In laying the pattern piece so, the second spiral is “halfway” cut. As such, only the tail end and the inner waist edge remain to be cut on the second spiral.
5. Cut the second spiral.
6. Cut the waistband and set aside.



Sewing a single LAGUNA:

1. Align and pin one spiral to the other at the mark.
2. Stitch this seam right sides together (both “pretty” sides of the fabric facing each other). Finish the seam with a four-thread overedge stitch or zig zag stitch. Press upwards and topstitch the seam.
3. Lay the skirt down. Pin the second spiral to the first at the opposite mark at the waist. The outside edge of the inner spiral will be stitched to the inside edge of the outer spiral. It is recommended to pin this seam the first time you sew this skirt, as it is easy for this spiral to become twisted. With practice, this skirt can be sewn without pinning. Note: The LAGUNA

fledge Twirling Swirl skirt Laguna

skirt is based on a circle skirt. Should the spiral pieces prove confusing, lay them down flat again and find the circle.

4. Stitch the second spiral seam. Finish the seam, press and topstitch.
5. Hem the skirt.
6. Attach the waistband (one method; please use your preferred method):

Stitch the short ends of the waistband together to form a ring. Press and topstitch this seam.

Fold the ring in half lengthwise and press the fold. Stitch a line along this folded edge approx. 1/8" (4 mm) from the edge.

Stitch a line below this line to form a casing to fit your elastic (or two lines if using two pieces of thinner elastic). Be sure to leave a small opening for inserting the elastic.

Turn the waistband upside down and place over the waist edge of the skirt. Pin the one inside half of the two fabric layers of the waistband to the waist edge of the skirt, fabric right side to fabric right side. Stitch the one outer half of the waistband all the way around the skirt.

Fold the waistband up and over the waist edge of the skirt. Pin the other edge of the waistband to waist edge inside the skirt. Tuck under the lower edge of the waistband before pinning for a more finished look. Stitch from the right side. Be sure to leave a small opening for inserting the elastic.

Insert the elastic into the casing(s), cinch to the desired fit and secure the ends of the elastic with small zig zag stitches. Tuck in the elastic and close the small openings with straight stitch.

Sewing a double LAGUNA skirt:

Cutting: Lay two pieces of fabric **unfolded** on the cutting surface, one fabric directly on top of the other. To prevent slipping, you choose to use a temporary spray adhesive sparingly between the layers of fabric while cutting.

Follow the cutting directions above. The only exception here is that you are cutting two layers of fabric at once. You will have four spirals altogether, or, in other words, two sets of two spirals.

Once you have cut the pieces, decide if you would like a monochromatic skirt or a two-tone skirt. A monochromatic skirt would have two outer flounce layers the same and the under layer in a different fabric. A two-tone skirt would have two contrasting fabrics for the outer flounce layers. If you would like a two-tone skirt, interchange the stacking order of one set of spirals.

Important: Trim approximately 1-1/2" – 2" (3 - 4-1/2 cm) from the outer tip (hem tip) of each of the **bottom** spirals. Trim this tip into a point. This step is important for hemming the double skirt in a latter step.

Sewing a double LAGUNA skirt

fledge Twirling Swirl skirt Laguna

1. Take one set of two spirals and stitch the two spirals of one spiral set together, right side to wrong side (both "pretty" sides facing up) together along the inner curving edge approximately 1/8" (4 mm) from the fabric edge. Do not finish this edge.
2. Repeat for the opposite set of two spirals. You now have two separate sets of two spirals, each stitched along the inner curving edge. The bottom layer of each set will be a bit shorter because of the trimming at the tip in an earlier step.
3. Stitch one set of spirals to the other set. Begin at the mark on the waist and stitch the outer spiral edge of the **bottom** layer to the inner spiral edge of the opposing spiral set. In other words, unfold the top from the bottom layer from one set of spirals. Stitch the **outer** edge of the **bottom** spiral to **both layers** on the **inner edge** of the opposite spiral set. Stitch right sides together ("pretty" sides facing each other). Finish the edge of the seam with four-thread overedge stitch or zig zag stitch. Press and topstitch the seam.
4. Repeat for the opposite side. Now, the basic form of the skirt has been sewn. Note: The LAGUNA skirt is based on a circle skirt. Should the spiral pieces prove confusing, lay them down flat again and find the circle.
5. The double LAGUNA design requires hemming *before* attaching the waistband. Begin hemming where one set of spirals meets the other at the hem. You will see where you trimmed the tip of the bottom layer in an earlier step. Begin on the **bottom** layer of one set of spirals (see arrow). You will hem along the **bottom** layer of the skirt until the halfway point around the skirt. At this point, you will come to the transition to the top flounce layer. You will continue automatically hemming **up the flounce edge**. If you trimmed the point of the bottom spiral, the bottom layer will not interfere in this transition. Continue stitching upwards along the edge of the flounce until you reach the waist.
6. Repeat this hemming for the opposite side
7. Attach the waistband as instructed above.



LAGUNA Leggings

Cutting the LAGUNA Leggings: Lay the pattern piece on folded fabric observing the grain. Cut and include an additional seam allowance. Please note that the leggings pattern piece requires **an additional seam allowance**.

Sewing the Leggings:

1. Stitch each of the inner seams of the leggings. If using a conventional machine, finish this seam with a zig zag stitch.
2. Turn one leg right side out. Place this leg **inside** the other leg, turned right side in.
3. Stitch the crotch seam. Finish the seam with zig zag if using a conventional machine.

fledge Twirling Swirl Skirt Laguna

4. Fold over the waist edge to form a casing for the elastic and pin. It is recommended to pin a small loop of ribbon in the back in this seam to help distinguish the back from the front. Stitch the waistband casing, leaving a small opening for inserting the elastic.
5. Measure the length and trim if necessary. Hem the legging cuffs with a stretching stitch, such as the three-step zig zag stitch.
6. Insert the elastic, cinch and trim to the desired fit. Stitch the ends of the elastic together with small zig zag stitches. Tuck in the elastic and close the small opening of the casing.

© 2007 Mother of Invention • All Rights Reserved. Terms of Use: Single sewn examples of this design may be sold by private, individual seamstresses to private, individual buyers. No sale of the sewn design to wholesale and/or retail for resale. This design may be sewn for sale a maximum of 20 times by a private individual seamstress to private, individual buyers. The name of the courtier, Nancy Langdon, Mother of Invention and/or studioTANTRUM/Fledge, must be indicated when selling the design. NO MASS PRODUCTION of the finished design. This pattern sheet, the instructions, and/or pattern pieces may not be exported, resold, photocopied, photographed, posted on the Internet, videographed or otherwise reproduced and/or transmitted without express written consent from Mother of Invention Inc.. Purchase and/or sewing of the pattern constitutes agreement to the Terms of Use. Fledge is a registered trademark of Mother of Invention Inc.