

# Free Pattern!

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## Jelly "Roll with It" Dress

This simple dress has become a staple in our house. Anytime a shirt gets too small we turn it into a "Roll with It" dress and it instantly becomes a favorite in the closet. Enjoy!

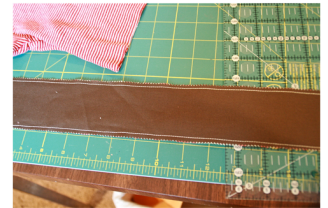
Supplies: \* Old (or new) t-shirt

- \* two jelly rolls (one will be visible, one will not)
- \* piece of fabric 45" X desired finished length plus 2 inches
- \* 1 1/2" non roll elastic length of desired waist measurement plus 1"

\* sewing machine, neutral thread, scissors, iron



1. Start by sewing your two jelly rolls together - WRONG sides facing - on the 2 long edges. I sew pretty close to the edge here so I have more than enough room for the elastic to thread through - so I would say 1/4 " seam allowance. Set aside.



2. Grab your 45" fabric piece (that is the desired length of your skirt from waist to finished edge plus 2"). Iron the bottom hem 1/2" then another 1" and edge stitch.

3. Take your jelly roll "tube" and lay the side that you want visible facing the right side of the UNHEMMED edge of your skirt fabric and stitch together using a 1/4" inch seam. (Sew directly over the existing seam.



4. Thread your elastic through the jelly roll using a large safety pin or an elastic threader.

5. Join your two elastic ends and making sure the elastic is not twisted, stitch your ends together leaving a 1/2" tail. This will naturally gather your skirt

6. With right sides together sew the back seam of your skirt, including the gathered waistband. Use 1/2" seam allowance.



7. Now cut your shirt so it will hit your recipients waist plus a 1/2".



8. With the right side of your shirt facing the right side of your skirt, tuck the shirt inside the skirt base so the bottom edge of your shirt meets the top edge of your jelly roll.



9. Pin the skirt evenly around the shirt base. There is not an exact science to this, but I make sure the back of my shirt matches up with the back seam of my skirt base and pin the four spots that divide the skirt into quadrants. Then I continue to pin inside the four quadrants I now have. There will be naturally occurring puckers and gathers - just a part of the cuteness of the dress.

10. Using a 1/2" seam allowance, stitch the t-shirt to the jelly roll waist band stretching the shirt as you go. A tip - make sure the elastic is NOT caught by your stitching here.



11. Then flip your garment right side out and fall in love with your new favorite dress - The Jelly "Roll with It" Dress

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