FREE A-LINE KNIT SKIRT PATTERN

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SKILL LEVEL: EASY | NEEDLES: 4.5 MM & 5.5 MM | TIME: WEEKEND PROJECT

MATERIALS & YARN SPECIFICATIONS

- Yarn: Mohair Yarn (Aran Weight held double) - e.g., Faux Mo by Moda Vera — Terracotta (quantity to be determined b your preferred length and size)
- Needles: 5.50mm circular knitting needles, 4.50mm circular knitting needles
- Notions: 8 Stitch Markers, Measuring Tape, Tapestry needle, Scissors

SIZING GUIDE & MEASUREMENTS

Size	To Fit Chest	Finished Dimensions
Customizable	Your Waist Measurement	Your Desired Length
Author's Example	24-26" [61-66 cm]	17.5" [44.5 cm] above knee

Gauge Swatch (Tension): 18 sts and 24 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Irish Moss Stitch pattern (for reference only, can make to your gauge with calculator provided)

ABBREVIATIONS & CRAFT GLOSSARY

Abbr	Meaning	Abbr	Meaning
BO	bind off	**CO**	cast on
K	knit	**K1BL**	knit 1 back loop
M1	median increase (Knit 1, with the left needle still in the same stitch, bring the working yarn to front and purl 1. Repeat the same increase for the next stitch you suppose to purl. This creates another set of knit 1 purl 1 (1 pair of median increase)).	**P**	purl
sts	stitches	**Gauge Calculation**	To get your number of stitches to cast on, use calculator based on your gauge swatch width and waist measurement. The default result for the author's gauge (18 sts, 4 inches, 26" waist) 118sts for an even number, but 120sts was use to allow for ribbing reduction.
Irish Moss Stitch Pattern	Worked over an even number of stitches. Knit 1, purl 1 for 2 rows. Then purl 1, knit 1 for 2 rows. Repeat these 4 rows.		

Maker Notes & Tips:

- Always knit a gauge swatch first to determine your tension, especially with Aran weight yarn held double, and adjust needle size if necessary.
- This knit A-line skirt pattern is worked seamlessly from the top down on circular needles, eliminating the need for seaming.
- The Irish Moss Stitch provides a beautiful texture; ensure you understand the 4-row repeat before beginning the main body.

STEP-BY-STEP PATTERN INSTRUCTIONS

SKIRT: RIBBING – 1X1 RIBBING

1. 1. With 4.5mm circular needles, cast on the even number of stitches determined from your calculation (e.g., 120 sts).
2. 2. Place a stitch marker at the beginning of the round.
3. 3. *K1BL, purl 1*, repeat all around for 2" [5 cm]. (The number of stitches remains as cast on, e.g., 120 sts).

SKIRT: MAIN BODY – IRISH MOSS STITCH



1. 1. Change to 5.5mm circular needles.
2. 2. Row 1: Work in Irish Moss Stitch and increase 16 stitches evenly in 8 pairs. This means you will perform a median increase (M1) at 8 points around the skirt (your total number of stitches divided by 8). For example, increase at every 14th or 15th stitch where you need to make a knit stitch. Add stitch markers while increasing so you don't have to recalculate at each increase point (e.g., 136 sts total after increase).
3. 3. Continue working in Irish Moss Stitch for another 20 rows after your first increase row.
4. 4. Repeat the increase process (16 stitches evenly in 8 pairs using the M1 technique) at every 22nd row (approximately every 4" [10 cm]).
5. 5. Continue making increases until you are happy with the A-line shape and total length, then bind off all stitches. The author's example included increases made a total of 5 times, with the last increase at row 88 (resulting in 200 sts). They continued in pattern for 2 more rows and bound off at row 91. Total finished length was 17.5" [44.5 cm] including the ribbing (finishing above the knee).

FINISHING, BLOCKING & GARMENT CARE

Weaving Ends & Assembly

Once your beautiful knit A-line skirt is off the needles, take a moment to admire your work! Use your tapestry needle to carefully weave in all remaining yarn tails on the wrong side of your fabric. This creates a clean finish and secures your stitches, preventing unraveling over time.

Blocking for Perfect Drape

Blocking is like magic for knitwear, especially for garments like this A-line skirt. Gently steam block your completed skirt or immerse it in lukewarm water, then gently squeeze out excess water. Pin it flat to your desired finished measurements, allowing the Irish Moss Stitch to relax and the fibers to bloom. This will ensure your skirt has a lovely drape and even stitch definition.

Washing & Garment Care

To keep your Terracotta skirt looking its best, hand-wash it in cool water using a gentle, wool-safe detergent. Avoid harsh wringing. Instead, roll the skirt in a clean towel to absorb excess moisture, then lay it flat on a clean, dry surface or a mesh drying rack to air dry. This gentle care helps maintain the shape and integrity of your knit A-line skirt pattern for years to come.



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