

SEW POCKETS TO THE SKIRT

Grab the **BACK** of the skirt, to attach the pockets.

• Measure down from the top of the skirt on each side, using these measurements:

Women: 3 inches

Teens: 2.5 inches

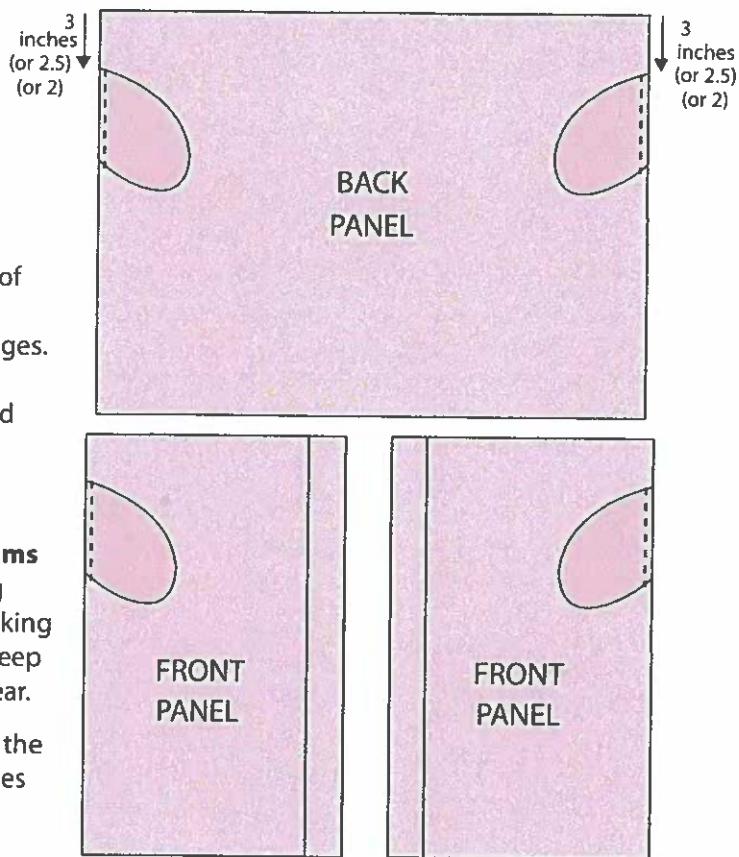
Girls: 2 inches

- Place a pocket piece at each mark, with the right side of the pocket fabric and the right side of the skirt fabric together. Each pocket should be flush with the skirt edges.
- Pin the pockets in place.
- Sew the pockets in place, as shown by the black dotted lines on the right, using a **3/8 inch seam allowance**.

Now do the same thing with the Front skirt panels.

NOTE: You might like to finish off the raw pocket seams by serging the edge of that seam, or by sewing a zigzag stitch over the edge, or by trimming the edges with pinking shears (zig-zag scissors). Finishing off your seams will keep the raw edges from fraying over time with wash and wear.

• Press each pocket seam, so the pockets are away from the skirt pieces. And now it's time to sew all three skirt pieces together at the side seams....



SEW THE SIDE SEAMS

Start by sandwiching right sides of the skirt together.

• Place the **BACK** of the skirt on your table with the right side of the fabric facing up (the pockets should be sticking out, as shown in the diagram on the right).

• Then place the **FRONT** panels of the skirt on top of that, with the right sides of the fabric facing down (the panels will overlap each other in front). Line up all the pockets and side edges of the skirt, and pin them together.

• **Using a 1/2 inch seam allowance**, sew both side seams of the skirt by **INCLUDING** the round part of the pocket as part of your seam--as shown by the black dotted lines on the right. Start by sewing straight down, then when you get to the pocket area, simply leave your needle down in the fabric, lift your presser foot, pivot your fabric, and continue sewing around the curve of the pocket. Then pivot again when you get back to the side seam. And sew straight down the rest of the side.

If you've never sewn pockets into a seam like this before, it's fun! It feels like magic when you turn everything right-side out. Just make sure that you do **NOT** sew over the area where the pocket was first attached to your skirt, or your pockets will never open.

• Finish off the raw edges of the side seams using one of the methods mentioned above (serger, zigzag, or pinking shears). This is optional of course. You can also just leave the edges raw.

• Press the side seams. It will be easiest to press the seam to the side (rather than fully open).

