

# Roma Lavinia Skirt

## In Knit & Sew Techniques



**SIZE** - All sizes

**Flare knitted & sewn skirt in 5 sections  
with lace borders between each part**

## INTRODUCTION

**Roma Lavinia Skirt** is made by combining knitting and sewing techniques. Apart from these 2 techniques, crocheting the drawstring for the waist is the only extra skill you will need.

The skirt is completed in rounds, on circular needles, top down by holding 3 strands of yarn. The start is at the waist and with a lace border which will later be used for fastening – drawstring will be pulled through it and tied to fit your waist measurement. There are 5 sections of the skirt in the form of ruffles. Sections 1, 2, 4 and 5 are knitted, while Section 3 is a rectangular piece of fabric that is sewn onto Sections 2 and 4. Between each section there is a lace border knitted in 5 rounds. Sections 1 and 2 are knitted to fit your hip measure, and they tightly wrap your body around. Sections 3, 4 and 5 are wider than each section before, thus forming ruffles and flare.

## DIFFICULTY LEVEL, SKILLS, TECHNIQUES

For making this skirt you should be familiar with basic operations on your sewing machine, knitting in the rounds and simple increases, as well as crocheting a chain and doing single crochet sts.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATTERN

The pattern is written in US terminology and covers both centimeter and inch metric systems. The inch measurements are given in parentheses.

## MATERIALS

### Yarn & Fabric

You don't have to buy material especially for this skirt. You can use your leftover yarn of different thickness, color and composition, and a scrap piece of fabric in rectangular shape - 240 cm x 18 cm (1 yrd x 7 in).

I used 5 colors for my Gypsy skirt - white, red-with-shimmer, dark-red, pink, and pale-orange. Also, I held 3 strands of yarn together to knit all sections. The lace borders are done holding 3 strands of red-with-shimmer. Sections 1 and 4 are made in color that I called **raspberry** which was obtained by holding white, dark-red and pale-orange together. Sections 2 and 5 are knitted in color which I named **pale raspberry** by holding white, pink and pale-orange together. Of course, you can combine your own colors and heaviness of yarn in numerous ways.

Keep in mind that this skirt weighs about 900 - 1,000 gr, so gather your balls and your fabric, measure the amount and plan how you will organize them in a nice assembly.

### Needles & Hooks

- 3 round needles No. 4.5 (or one very long round needle, about 2m long)
- Crochet hook 4.5 mm

### OTHER SUPPLIES

- 6 wooden or plastic beads for the drawstring
- sewing machine
- scissors
- needle and thread for machine stitching
- needle and thread for hand sewing

Apart from the above mentioned small (and big) balls of yarn, you'll also need strong nerves, because not everyone can complete such a project. It's not necessary to have special skills and advanced knitting knowledge. However, to be able to make this skirt you'll have to be a bit crazy, persistent, bored, and above all, to love the good old **Odila** Romany music band which will give you some extra drive and motivation.

## TENSION

Worked with needles 4.5 mm in rounds, holding 3 strands of yarn together:  
13 sts (in stockinette st) and 24 rnds = 10x10 cm (4x4 in)

## SIZE INFORMATION

This skirt can be made in any size, and the starting number of stitches can easily be calculated based on a swatch and formula given below. This is how you can do it:

1. After you have gathered all your leftover yarn, and decided which ones to combine (by holding 1, 2 or 3 strands together), make a swatch of about 20 sts and 30 rows with needles 4.5 mm. Finish all the sts in the last row, and break yarn.
2. Using your measuring tape count the number of sts in 10 cm (4 in) = **A**
3. Measure your hip circumference in cm (in) and then subtract 2-5 cm (1 – 2 in) from this measurement = **B**. Subtracting is done due to stretching of the skirt when worn.
4. **X** = the number of sts needed for the starting round.
5. Use this formula to calculate the number of sts needed for the starting round:  
Formula for cm             **$X = AxB/10 \text{ cm}$**   
Formula for inches         **$X = AxB/4 \text{ in}$**
6. Example:            No. of sts in 10 cm (4 in) = 15sts (**A**)  
                              Hip circumference = 90 cm (36 in) (**B**)  
                              Formula in cm:     $X = 15 \times 90 / 10$      $X = 135 \text{ sts}$   
                              Formula in inches:  $X = 15 \times 36 / 4$      $X = 135 \text{ sts}$
7. If you get an uneven number of stitches, like in the example, cast on one stitch less. For this garment the number of sts must be an even number. If your calculation gave you an even number of sts, you're good to go.

## SPECIAL STITCHES

The main sections of the skirt are done in K sts in all rounds.

Between each section of K rnds, there is a **lace border** made like this:

Rnd 1 – P all sts

Rnd 2 – K all sts

Rnd 3 – \*Yo, P2tog\*, repeat from \* to \* till the end of the rnd

Rnd 4 – K all sts

Rnd 5 – P all sts

## GLOSSARY

**st(s)** - stitch(es)

**K** - knit

**P** – purl

**Yo** – yarn over

**tog** - together

**inc** - increase = work 2 knit stitches in one stitch

**Ch** – chain (crochet)

**Sc** – single crochet (crocheting)

## INSTRUCTIONS

The 5 sections are as follows (from top to bottom):

### Section 1

First, knit the lace border in color red-with-shimmer as indicated above in **Special Stitches**. Cast on a number of sts that corresponds your hip measurement because you will be putting on the skirt by pulling it over your hips. After the border, in colour **raspberry** (holding three strands of yarn – white, dark-red and pale-orange) knit all rnds until the piece is 13cm (5 in) long.

## Section 2

Knit the lace border.

After the border in color **light raspberry** (holding three strands of yarn – white, pink and pale-orange) in the 1st rnd increase the number of sts like this: (k1, inc1)repeat to the end of rnd. Continue knitting all other rnds of this section with no increases for another 10 cm (4 in).

Knit the lace border again. Break yarn.

## Section 3

Cut a piece of fabric which will be twice as wide as the bottom of section 2 and 18 cm (7 in) long. Using a sewing machine, first do a zigzag stitch all around the edges of the fabric to prevent fraying. Sew the short sides together – this will be your back seam. Next, using thread and needle gather the upper edge by hand so that it is the same width as the width of the bottom lace border of **Section 2**. Using your sewing machine sew this gathered side onto the bottom lace border, making sure that the fabric is **beneath** the knitted piece. Leave the whole piece aside.

## Section 4

With color **red-with-shimmer**, start a new lace border like at the beginning, but cast on a number of sts that is of the same width as the bottom edge of Section 3. Use the same formula given above. How to deal with a large number of sts on your needles, you can read [this post](#).

After the border, change to color **raspberry** and in the 1st rnd increase the number of sts by 2 – this means that you will be doing K2 in every st.

Knit all other rnds with no increases for 12 cm (4.7 in).

## Section 5

Work the lace border in **red-with-shimmer** yarn.

After the border, with color **light raspberry** (like in Section 2) in the first rnd increase the number of sts by 2. Work the rest of the rnds without inc for another 5 cm (2 in).

Work the lace border again in **red-with-shimmer** and break yarn.

## ASSEMBLY

Using your sewing machine, sew the bottom edge of the fabric to the upper edge of Sections 4 and 5. Again, make sure that the fabric lies **beneath** the knit piece.

## FINISHING

Make a long string using a  
crochet hook. Hold 3  
strands of yarn and chain  
a number of sts 2x longer  
than your waist  
measurement. Do 1 row  
of sc sts. Attach 3 beads  
at each end of the string.  
Draw the string through  
each of the holes on the  
top lace border of the  
skirt.

Finally, iron the skirt over  
a clean cloth on medium  
temperature with some  
steam.

Put on a nice plain  
blouse, some high-heeled  
boots and you're ready to  
be noticed wherever you  
show up!



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