

| <b>Big Birdie skirt kit sizes 8-18</b>                    |    |    |     |     |     |     |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| UK Size   | 8  | 10 | 12  | 14  | 16  | 18  |
| Finished garment size (low waistband)                     | 74 | 80 | 86  | 91  | 96  | 101 |
| Finished garment size (measured 8 inches (20cm) from top) | 91 | 96 | 103 | 106 | 111 | 116 |
| Body measurements   |    |    |     |     |     |     |
| Waist (cm) Narrowest point                                | 65 | 69 | 74  | 79  | 84  | 89  |
| Hips Widest point (cm)                                    | 90 | 94 | 99  | 104 | 109 | 114 |

So as our bodies very rarely match up to any chart, here are a few guidelines. When making up a skirt it is advisable to cut out your usual dress size, or (and particularly if you fluctuate in size) the next size up. Before stitching together, pin the skirt into position and try on. It is at this point that you can tailor the fit just as you like it, and to suit your very own shape by adjusting the position of the pins. It can often come in handy to have a friend nearby for this stage. All skirt pattern lines include a seam allowance of 1.5cm.

The Big Birdie Skirt in sizes 8-18 is designed to sit lower than the natural waist - If you want to tailor it to sit higher round the waist this can easily be done by the addition of small darts on the two rear sections. If you would like guidance on how to do this please contact us. Bear in mind that when measuring yourself the finished garment sizes are exactly that, and do not allow for any 'ease' (or breathe as I like to refer to it!). How much ease to add is a matter of personal preference, I like about 5cm, some prefer 10. Another trick is to measure a skirt that you have already and love the fit of to see what suits you. We will always be happy to offer you a suggested size over the phone or via email – just make a note of your measurements to tell us beforehand.

The Big Birdie skirt is very happy in the washing machine. Wash inside out to avoid excessive abrasion of the print, wash separately for first few washes, wash at 30 degrees and reshape whilst damp. Avoid biological powders, and iron on a medium hot heat. We do not recommend tumble dryers.

We had some spare fabric on this kit so we decided to fill it with some hat pieces! You will need some fun lining fabric to complete this and instructions. Do email us for a copy if you would like to make this up too.