Draft a Half Circle Wrap Skirt

1. Measure your waist. (29 inches)

2. Add 12 inches to this measurement to account for the overlapping side. (29 + 12 = 41 inches)

3. Divide this number by 3 to find the radius of the half circle. (41 / 3 = 13.6666 inches) (Since this is a wrap skirt, the fit doesn't have to be super precise, so we're not going to worry about our math being super precise.)

4. Round this number to the nearest half or whole number. (14 inches)

5. On a large sheet of pattern paper, butcher paper or my personal favorite, the wrong side of wrapping paper, measure from one corner the distance you determined in step 4. Mark this measurement. Keep working your way out from that corner until you have points that form an arc.

6. Draw an arc connecting the points so that you have a quarter circle. This is the waistline arc.
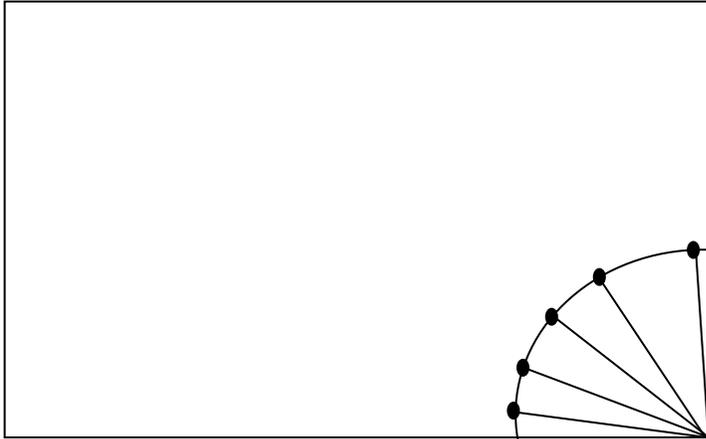
Rectangle=pattern paper

Lines=length in step 4

Dots=points to connect to form arc

7. You are now going to repeat the same process to draw the hemline arc. First, determine how long you want your skirt to be. Twenty inches is a good starting point for a skirt that ends just above knee length. Then add 1.5 to it for the waistband and hem allowance. Note: You can add more to it if you want a more wiggle room on the final length. (20 + 1.5 = 21.5 inches)

8. Add the measurement from step 4 to your measurement in step 7. (14 + 21.5 = 35.5 inches)

9. Repeat steps 5 and 6 using the measurement in step 8. You will have a second, larger arc outside of the first arc.
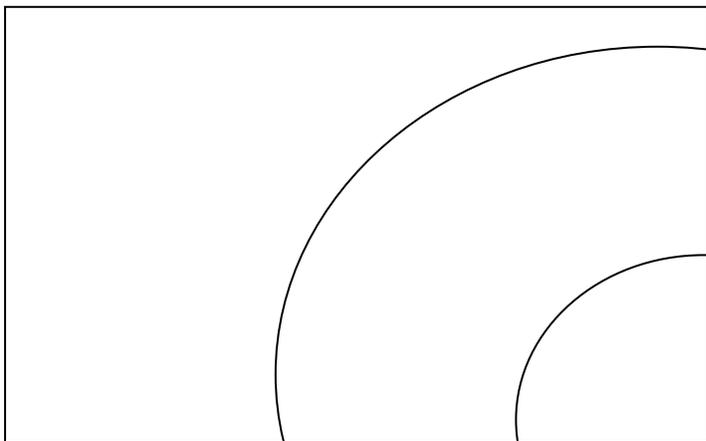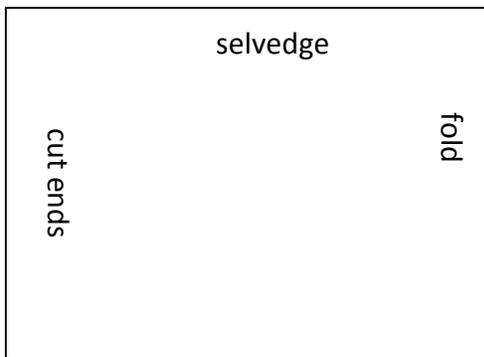

The distance between the first arc (the waistline) and the second arc (the hemline) should be equal to your measurement from step 7.
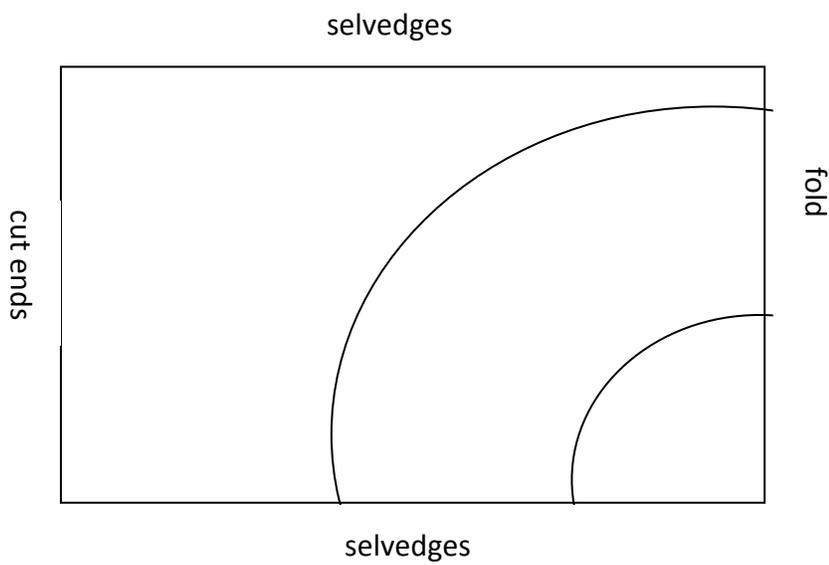
10. Cut out your pattern.

11. Lay your fabric out flat.

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cut end

12. Fold your fabric by bringing one cut end to meet up with the other cut end.

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cut ends

fold

13. Lay your pattern piece on your fabric.

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15. Cut out your fabric. You're now ready to sew your skirt!