

Child Skirt Embellishment



Whether you have a store-bought skirt or one you made yourself, you can customize by embellishing it with this butterfly and garden border design. The butterflies are created by fusing two layers of fabric together using a fusible web, so that they can then be cut out using your craft cutting machine. After cutting the butterflies, just add the vinyl design to finish them and attach to the skirt.

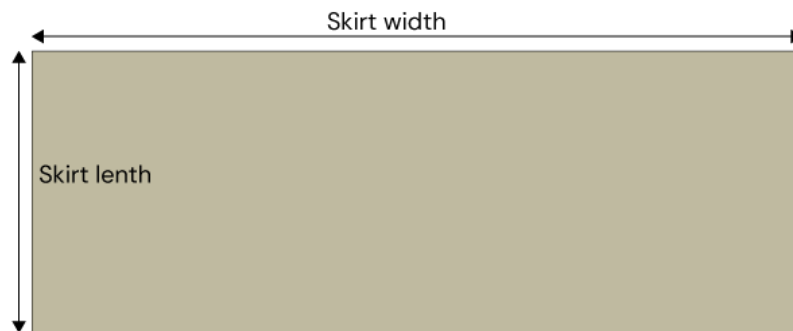
What you need

- $\frac{3}{4}$ Yard ($\frac{3}{4}$ meter) of Cotton Fabric
- Heat Transfer Vinyl (Purple)
- Fusible Web
- Elastic 1" (25mm) wide
- Standard Grip Mat 12" x 24"
- Fabric Grip Mat 12" x 12"
- Basic Blade
- Rotary Blade
- Heat Press
- Weeding Tool

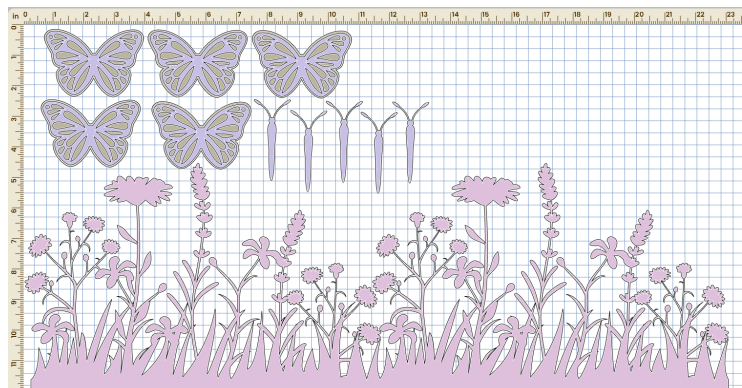
- Thread
- Brayer
- Scissors
- Sewing Machine
- Iron and Ironing Board
- Safety Pin
- Parchment paper
- Lint Roller

Directions

1. Measure around the waist and then double it. This is your skirt width. For the skirt length, measure from the waist down to where you'd like the skirt to end (usually right above the knee). Then add 3" (7.5cm) inches to the length, to compensate for the folded over waistband and a small hem.



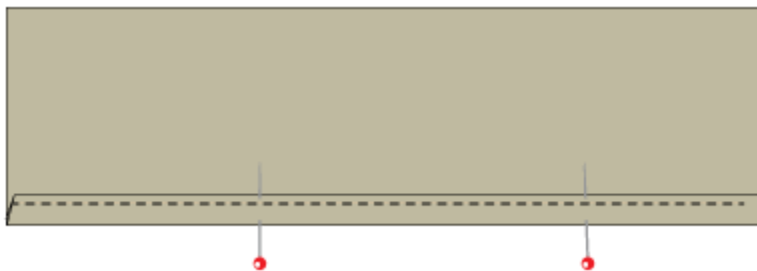
2. Cut the fabric according to your measurements.
3. For the loose butterflies, cut 2 pieces of fabric about 12 x 6 inches (30cm x 15cm). Cut a piece of Fusible web interfacing the same size. Sandwich the interfacing between the fabric, right sides out. Press to fuse the fabrics together.
4. Open the project in Canvas.



5. Place the fused fabric on your 12" x 12" Fabric Grip mat. Use a Brayer to help adhere the fabric to the cutting mat, eliminating wrinkles or bubbles.
6. Go to the Output Menu and press Send to Machine. Follow the steps to cut the fabric butterflies on your crafting machine.

Note: When using more than one material, check all settings and customize inputs for your mat size, material type, material size, and arrangement of pieces before selecting next to begin cutting each layer.

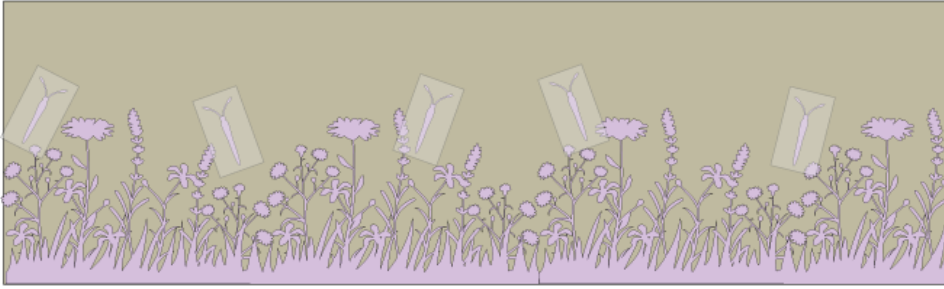
7. Place the Heat Transfer Vinyl, shiny side down (clear liner) on the mat. Follow the steps to cut the vinyl on your cutting machine.
8. The flower border design is 23" (58.5cm) long. You will need to cut two sections for a small child skirt and three sections for a skirt wider than 46" (117cm).
9. Use a Weeding Tool to remove unwanted iron-on pieces, leaving the design on the clear liner. Cut out the individual butterfly designs.
10. Hem the bottom edge of the skirt. Place the fabric wrong side up on the ironing board. Press the raw edge up by ½" (12mm) all the way then press it up again by ½" (12mm). Set your sewing machine for straight stitch and sew the hem in place, then press again when finished.



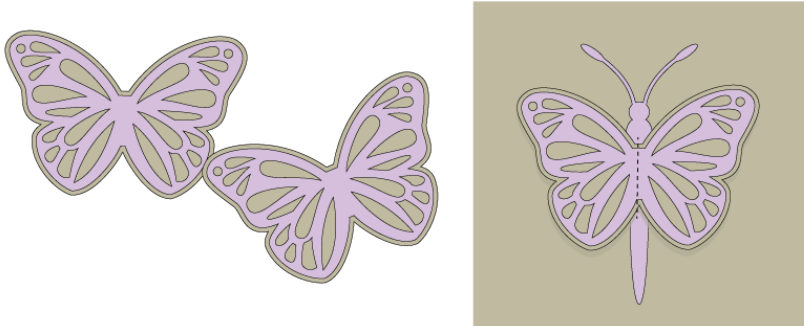
11. Use a lint roller to clean any stray lint or fuzz from the skirt where you plan to adhere the vinyl. Place the floral vinyl design segments at the bottom of the skirt. Cut off excess vinyl. Cover with a piece of parchment paper to protect your pressing tool. And use your Heat Press or iron to apply the vinyl to your project. Peel off the clear transfer sheet.



12. Arrange the butterfly bodies, cover with parchment paper and press in place.



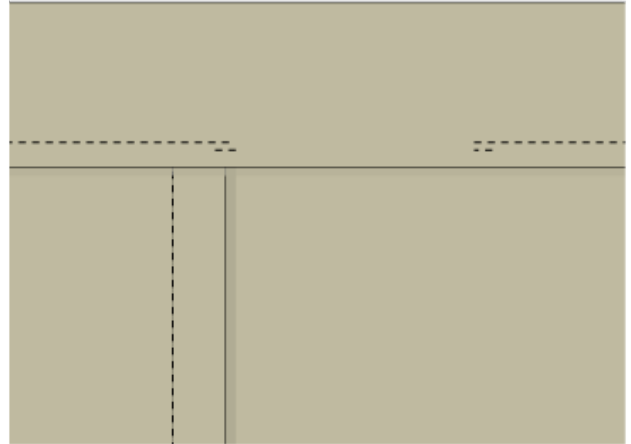
13. Place the vinyl wing design on top of the fabric wings, cover with parchment paper and use your Heat Press to apply.
14. Attach the wings to the butterflies by sewing with a short straight stitch along the center of the butterfly, back stitch at the beginning and end.



15. Sew the side seam together with a French seam (a French seam encloses the seam allowance on the inside of a sewn item, so no raw edge is visible.) Pin the side seam of the skirt wrong sides of the fabric together. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) from the edge. Turn the wrong side out and fold along the seam line. Press and make a second seam $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm) from the edge.



16. Press the upper edge to the back $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12mm) and then $\frac{1}{4}$ " (3cm). Pin and stitch the waist channel, leaving 2" (5cm) opening to insert the elastic.



17. Cut the elastic approximately 2" (5cm) shorter than the waist measurement. Use the safety pin to thread the elastic through the channel.
18. Make sure the elastic isn't twisted anywhere inside the channel. Overlap the elastic ends by one inch and sew them together.
19. Stretch the fabric and sew the opening closed.

Images used in this project

