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Make a Half Slip!

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I recommend using a fabric for your slip that won't pull or cause your skirt to ride up. Common choices are Nylon Tricot or a cotton/poly blend if you prefer something more light and breathable. You will also need 1/4" wide elastic.

The following dimensions are needed to determine your pattern:

Your desired finished length of the slip from waist to hem. Add 1 1/4" to this number.

Write the total in box #1 below.

For example, if you want your slip to be 32" long, you would write 33 1/4".

Now take your waist measurement and multiply it by 0.25 (A). Subtract this number from your waist measurement (B). Now add 1" (C). **Write the total in box #2 below.**

For example, if your waist measures 30" around...

A: $30 \times 0.25 = 7.5$ **B:** $30 - 7.5 = 22.5$ **C:** $22.5 + 1 = 23.5$ " you would write 23 1/2" for box 2.

Now we need to cut 2 panels of fabric. The length of each panel is the number in Box #1, the width of each panel is the number in Box #2. **You can also just use the width of your fabric to determine the number in Box #2...this makes a nice spacious half slip, such as for maternity wear.** So if your fabric is 60" wide, each panel would be 60" wide.



Box 1



Box 2

TO SEW:

With right sides together, sew the two panels together at the side seams. (Diagram 1 below) (Finish seams with a zig-zag or overlock stitch if desired.) To form elastic casing for waist, fold over the top edge 1/4" to the wrong side. Fold over again 1/2" and stitch all the way around stopping just an inch or so from where you started, backstitching the start and finish to secure. Measure and cut a length of elastic to fit your waist, snug enough to keep your slip up but not too tight to be uncomfortable. Using a bodkin or safety pin secured at one end of the elastic, feed the elastic into the casing. (Diagram 2 below) Make sure the elastic isn't twisted, overlap just the ends of the elastic and stitch well. Stitch shut the casing opening.

