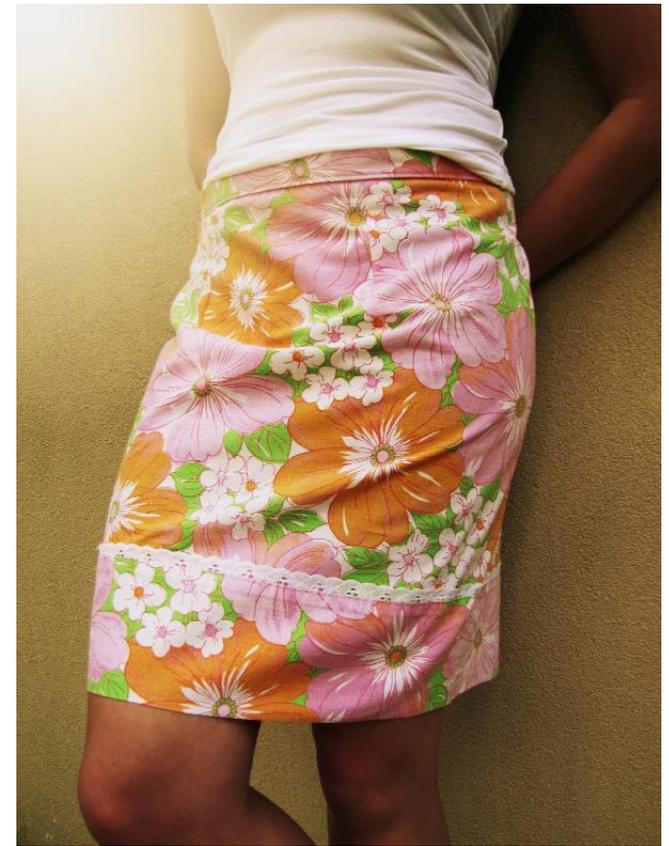


Upcycled Pillowcase Skirt

I picked up this vintage floral pillowcase for under \$1 at an op. Here are the basic instructions for upcycling the pillowcase into a skirt.

I have not gone into all the details for techniques used but you will find lessons on adding darts, invisible zips, bias binding and waistbands in the [Sew School Online](#) course.



The advantages of using vintage pillowcases is they were usually quite large.

I opened up the top end to see if it went around me and it did.

It was firmish on so I decided to add a waistband and zip closer at the side instead of elastic.



This one also was completely hemmed with a pretty lace trim so it didn't need to be touched at all along the bottom.



Grab a tape measure and decide what length you want the finished skirt to sit. Measure from the waist downward.

The excess fabric will create the waistband.

Take a zip and place on a side seam. With an unpick open this seam to the length of the zip.

I'm using an invisible zip as I don't have a lot of seam allowance to work with.

Put zip to the side for the moment.





To create shape you will need to add darts front and back.

Try skirt piece on and mark darts so it fits.

Remember the darts front and back need to be the same.

Sew your darts and press



Cut another strip off your pillowcase for the waistband (mine is 7cm).

Press waistband like you would for double bias - fold each raw edge over about 5-7mm and press in half.

My finished waistband is 2.5cm



Open up waistband and place right side raw edge against the wrong side raw edge of skirt.

Just like you were adding normal bias.

Sew using a straight stitch and press.



Time to add your zip!
Pin and sew in your zip.

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Finish sewing your
waistband by placing
folded edge over to the
front, just like you would
for bias binding.

Sew on the front side.

Add a closure.