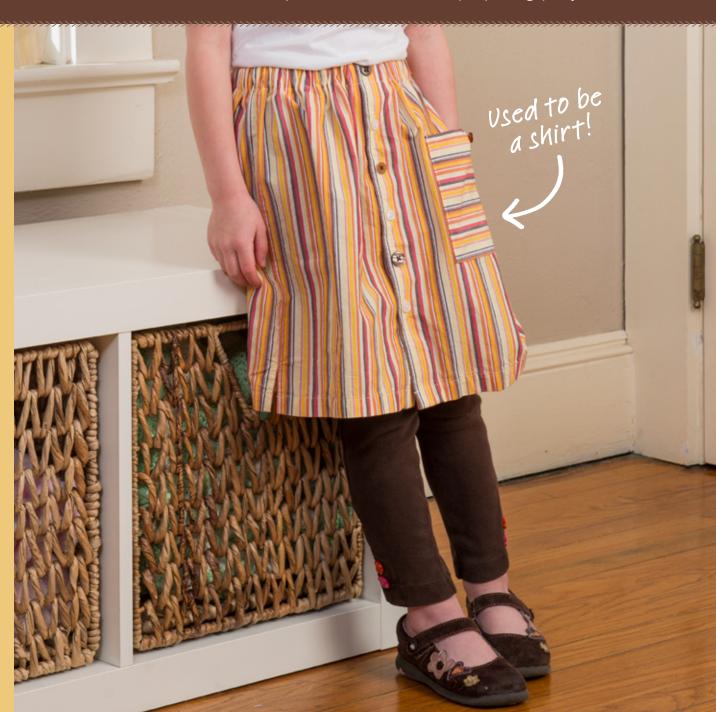
SHIRT SKIRT

Find a boy's shirt, cut off the top, and sew a simple hem casing for the elastic band. Meet your new favorite upcycling project!



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STITCH FACTOR:



WHAT YOU'LL DO:

Simple sewing & adding buttons

You Will Need:

- » Striped shirt with a straight bottom edge*
- » Ruler
- » Pencil
- » Sewing machine
- » Safety pin
- » 22 inches (55.9 cm) of ¾-inch (1.9 cm) non-roll elastic
- » Hand-sewing needle
- » 4 brown buttons
- *Note: This project used a boy's shirt, size 10/12.

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Prep the Shirt

1. Flatten the shirt, and using the ruler and a pencil, mark a line that runs from side seam to side seam, right where the sleeves are attached. Cut along this line through all layers.

Make the Pocket

- 2. Cut off one sleeve. From the detached sleeve portion, cut a rectangle that measures $5\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{2}$ inches (13.3 x 16.5 cm) for the pocket. Use the finished sleeve hem as the side of the pocket.
- 3. Press all the cut edges under ¼ inch (0.6 cm).
- 4. Fold the top of the pocket down 1 inch (2.5 cm).
- 5. Stitch across the pocket hem ¾ inch (1.9 cm) from the top folded edge.
- 6. Stitch the pocket to the front of the skirt, 3 inches (7.6 cm) over from the button seam and 5 inches (12.7 cm) down from the top edge.

Create the Casing

- **7.** Pin the front of the shirt closed at the top. If there is a button at the very top, remove the button.
- 8. Press the top edge under ¼ inch (0.6 cm) and then again another 1 inch (2.5 cm). Pin the waist down to the skirt. Place two pins at the center back, and then another two pins 2 inches (5.1 cm) away.
- **9.** Stitch the top edge in place to create a casing for the elastic. Start stitching where the two pins are, back tack, then stop stitching when you reach the second set of pins and back tack.
- 10. Insert the safety pin into one end of the elastic, and then insert and feed the pin into the casing until you reach the end.
- 11. Pin and then stitch the elastic ends together.
- 12. Stitch closed the small opening at the center back.
- **13.** Stitch the brown buttons to the front of the skirt and to the top of the pocket.
- **Tip:** Use an adult-sized shirt and the same basic steps to make a skirt for you.