



Last Sunday (not the one that just past but the one before that) I taught a skirt making workshop at my sister's house. Jane had started talking me into this a while ago and it turned out to be a lot of fun. She's started to do quite a lot of sewing recently and has a few friends that are in about the same place. Everyone had a bit of experience but felt a little nervous venturing into clothes making all by herself. When Jane suggested I teach a workshop I was more than a bit nervous. I don't have very much teaching experience and I always feel like I'm still learning a lot myself. Suppose someone asked a question and I had no idea what the answer was! I'm finally getting old enough to realize that there is no magical point where I'll know everything and feel entirely confident so I just told Jane I would do my best and she started organizing.

We settled on making a skirt. Skirts are easy to fit and would involve doing darts, invisible zippers, facings and hems - all useful skills that can be applied elsewhere. The consensus was for a pencil skirt and Jane suggested the "Naughty Secretary Skirt" from *Sew Everything Workshop* by Diana Rupp. It was a great pattern to pick: the fit is nice, the pattern is simple and it really makes your legs look fantastic. The only things to watch out for are the length - even the tallest gal in our group had to shorten her pattern by a couple of inches - and that this skirt kind of demands a good pair of shoes. When I sent out the materials list I suggested everyone bring a nice pair of shoes to go with her skirt in case we finished in time to take a group picture.



Let's Make a Skirt

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