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[DIY: THE PLEATED MAXI SKIRT BY 'A PAIR AND A SPARE'](#) Posted 27th July 2011



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We are so excited to post this DIY featured from [A Pair and a Spare](#). This is the DIY you all

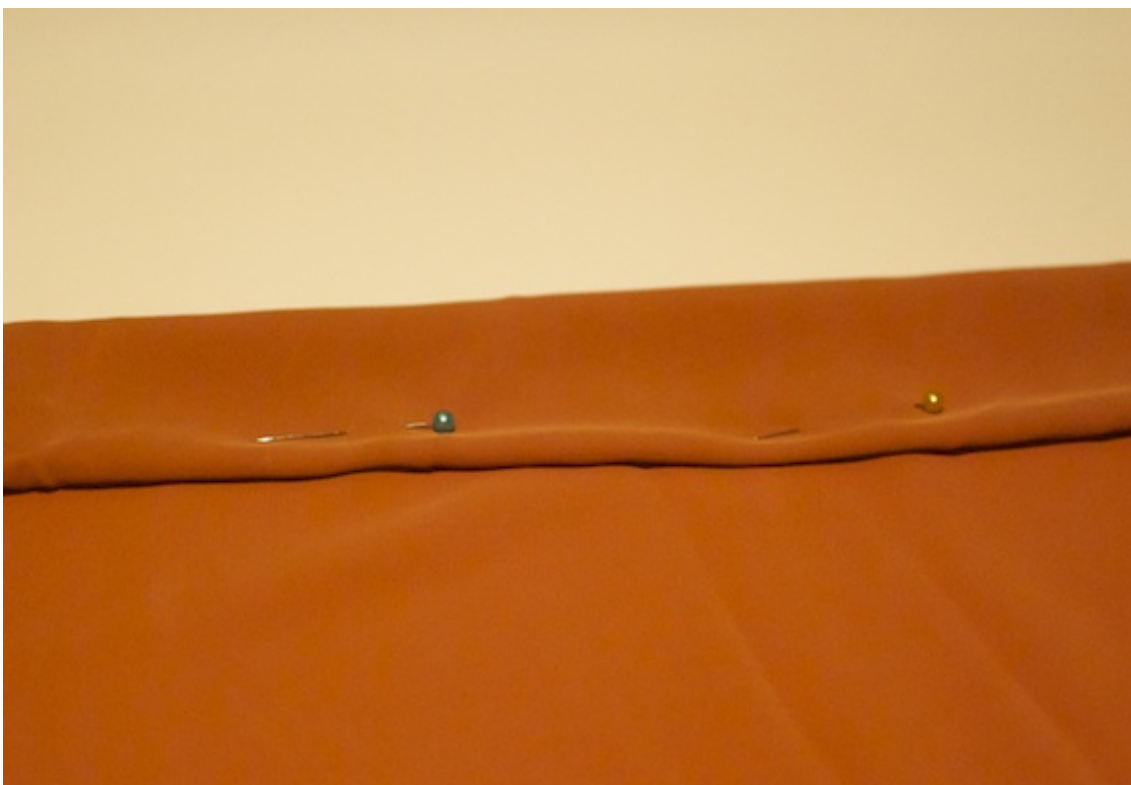
voted for on our [Facebook page](#) and we hope you really love it! I can't believe Geneva can provide such a simple tutorial for a skirt that looks so amazing! Enjoy xxx

DIY Horizontal Pleat Skirt

You will need - approximately 2m of silk fabric (I chose a caramel colour), enough 2cm wide elastic to go around your waist as well as some thread, scissors and a sewing machine.



1. Construct a simple elastic waisted maxi skirt - you can also use a ready-made cheap maxi skirt to do this but its quite easy to make your own. Fold, iron and sew down one of the long edges of the fabric - leaving an opening wide enough so that the elastic can be thread through to create a waistband. Hem the other long edge which will be the floor sweeping edge of the skirt.



2. Thread the elastic through waistband pocket along the first long edge - I used a pencil to push the elastic through the waistband.



3. Once all the fabric of the waistband has been threaded onto the elastic, sew the two ends of the elastic together to finish the waist. The two short edges of the skirt should also be in line - fold the skirt inside out and sew together.



Stitch the opening of the waistband together to finish the skirt.

4. Now you need to create the horizontal pleats. At the front of the skirt, work from the bottom - folding the fabric upwards to create approximately 15cm wide horizontal pleats. I did 5 thick ones but you can make them as wide or narrow as you like. Iron and pin in place.



5. Sew the pleats down.

Voila - you're done! You can see that the pleats of the skirt I made draped down to create a lovely rounded shape. I paired the earthy tones of this skirt with a cobalt blue singlet and tribal inspired accessories.







Thank you so much Geneva!! For more incredible DIY projects, visit Geneva's amazing blog [here](#). xxx