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Misses' Skirt, Pants, and Knit Cardigan & Top

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides detailed guidance for using the Simplicity 8800 sewing pattern. This pattern includes designs for a misses' skirt, pants, and a knit cardigan & top, suitable for various skill levels. Follow these instructions carefully to achieve professional-looking results.

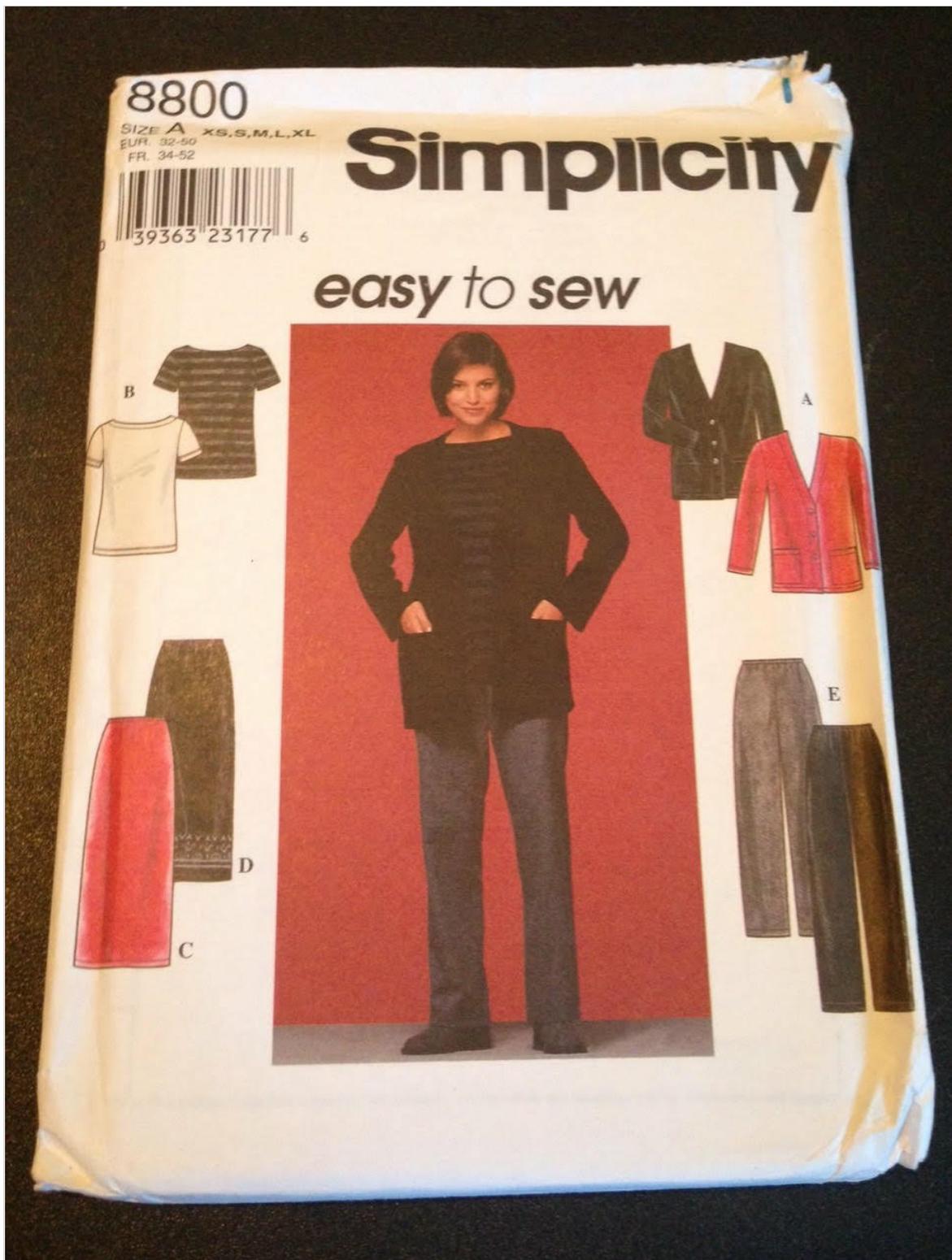


Image: Front of the Simplicity 8800 sewing pattern envelope, displaying illustrations of the finished skirt, pants, knit cardigan, and knit top designs. The pattern number and sizing information are also visible.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

Before you begin, ensure you have all necessary materials and notions as specified on the pattern envelope for your chosen garment view. General requirements include:

- **Fabric:** Appropriate fabric type and yardage for your chosen view and size.

- **Matching Thread:** High-quality polyester or cotton thread.
- **Sewing Machine:** In good working order.
- **Basic Sewing Tools:** Scissors, pins, measuring tape, seam ripper, iron, pressing cloth.
- **Notions:** Zippers, elastic, buttons, interfacing, etc., as specified for your garment.

UNDERSTANDING PATTERN PIECES

Carefully unfold and identify all pattern pieces. Each piece is labeled with its name, size, cutting instructions, and grainline. Refer to the cutting layout diagram on the pattern sheet for optimal fabric usage.

- **Grainline:** Align this marking parallel to the selvage edge of your fabric.
- **Fold Line:** Place this edge directly on the fabric fold.
- **Notches:** Match these markings when joining fabric pieces.
- **Dots/Squares:** Used for placement of details like pockets, darts, or buttonholes.

SETUP: PREPARATION AND CUTTING

1. **Pre-wash Fabric:** Wash and dry your fabric according to its care instructions to prevent shrinkage after garment construction.
2. **Press Fabric:** Iron your fabric smoothly to remove wrinkles and creases.
3. **Select Pattern Size:** Refer to the body measurement chart on the pattern envelope to determine your correct size.
4. **Cut Pattern Pieces:** Carefully cut out the required pattern pieces for your chosen view and size.
5. **Lay Out Fabric:** Fold your fabric as indicated in the cutting layout diagram. Pin pattern pieces securely to the fabric, ensuring grainlines are correct.
6. **Cut Fabric:** Using sharp fabric scissors, cut out all fabric pieces accurately. Transfer all markings (notches, dots, darts) to your fabric using tailor's chalk or a fabric marker.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

Follow the step-by-step instructions provided on the pattern guide sheet for your specific garment view. The general construction sequence typically involves:

Misses' Skirt Construction

1. Sew darts (if applicable) and press.
2. Join front and back skirt pieces at side seams. Finish seams.
3. Install zipper or other closure.

4. Construct and attach waistband.
5. Hem the skirt.

Misses' Pants Construction

1. Sew darts (if applicable) and press.
2. Join front and back pants pieces at side seams and inseams. Finish seams.
3. Construct and attach waistband.
4. Install zipper or other closure.
5. Hem the pants.

Knit Cardigan & Top Construction

Note: Use a stretch stitch or narrow zigzag stitch for knit fabrics to maintain elasticity.

1. Join shoulder seams.
2. Attach sleeves.
3. Sew side seams and underarm seams.
4. Construct and attach neckband/collar.
5. Hem sleeves and bottom edge.

Always press seams as you go for a professional finish. Refer to the pattern guide for specific seam allowances and finishing techniques.

SIZING INFORMATION

The Simplicity 8800 pattern is available in Size A (XS, S, M, L, XL). Always compare your body measurements to the sizing chart provided on the pattern envelope to select the most appropriate size. It is often recommended to make a muslin (test garment) to check fit before cutting into your final fabric.

General Sizing Guide (Refer to pattern for exact measurements)

Size	Bust	Waist	Hip
XS	30-31.5"	22-23"	31.5-32.5"
S	32.5-34"	24-25"	34-35.5"
M	36-38"	28-30"	38-40"
L	40-42"	32-34"	42-44"
XL	44-46"	37-39"	46-48"

Note: These are approximate measurements. Always refer to the specific sizing chart on your Simplicity 8800 pattern envelope for precise details.

CARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FINISHED GARMENTS

The care instructions for your finished garments will depend entirely on the fabric you choose. Always follow the care instructions provided by your fabric manufacturer. General recommendations include:

- **Washing:** Machine wash cold or warm with like colors, or hand wash, depending on fabric.
- **Drying:** Tumble dry low or hang dry to prevent shrinkage and maintain garment shape.
- **Ironing:** Iron on appropriate temperature setting for your fabric type.
- **Storage:** Store garments properly to maintain their shape and longevity.

TROUBLESHOOTING COMMON SEWING ISSUES

- **Skipped Stitches:** Check needle type (use ballpoint for knits), ensure needle is inserted correctly, rethread machine.
- **Uneven Stitches:** Adjust tension, check bobbin winding, ensure proper needle size for fabric.
- **Fabric Puckering:** Reduce tension, use a walking foot, adjust stitch length, ensure fabric is not being stretched.
- **Pattern Not Fitting:** Double-check measurements against the pattern chart. Consider making a muslin to identify fit issues before cutting final fabric.
- **Difficulty with Knits:** Use a ballpoint or stretch needle, a walking foot, and a stretch stitch (zigzag or specific stretch stitch on your machine).

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Simplicity
- **Model Number:** 8800
- **Pattern Type:** Misses' Skirt, Pants, and Knit Cardigan & Top
- **Sizes Included:** A (XS, S, M, L, XL)
- **Recommended Uses:** Sewing
- **UPC:** 039363231776
- **First Available:** August 26, 2015

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For further assistance, please refer to the contact information provided on the official Simplicity website or the pattern envelope.