# 3D Floral Skirt

This simple skirt is quick to make and the embellishment technique you will be able to use over and over to add a personal touch to any garment or accessory – the choice is yours.

## Materials:

• Main fabric –Spotlight Nectaria Ripple Satin Quantity determined by your hip measurement.
Hip measurement + 4.7” (12cm) divided by 2 (eg.100cm +12cm divided by 2 = 56cm)
• Contrast - 4” (10cm) silver Shot Organza and 4” (10cm) black Shot Organza
• Silver Embroidery Thread
• Black Polyester Thread
• 20cm Soluble Vilene
• Elastic to fit your waist (20mm wide)
• Bodkin

## Tools required:

• General sewing supplies
• Brother Sewing Machine
• Scissors
• Fabric Marker
• Tape Measure

## Optional:

• Brother Open Toe Foot
• Cutting Mat, Ruler and Cutter

## Preparation:

• (Skirt front and back pieces). Width = Hip measurement + 4.7” (12cm) divided by 2. Length= Desired length + 2” (5cm)

## Construction:

1. Select the ‘leaf ‘design stitch on your machine and attach the open toe foot. Thread your machine with Silver Brother Embroidery Thread. On your skirt front, starting at the bottom and 2.3” (6cm) from the side, sew leaf design until it measures 10.6” (27cm) long. Tip: Use the Ripple pleats as a guide for stitching stems

2. Sew the second row 2” (5cm) from the first until it measures 7.4” (19cm) long .Sew the third 2” (5cm) from the second until it measures 4.7” (12cm) long. Put your skirt front aside.

3. Using your fabric marker draw 3 circles with a diameter of 3” (8cm) and 3 circles with a diameter of 2” (5cm) on your soluble Vilene

4. Place silver organza over 3 large circles. You can see the circles through the organza. Select the ‘Scallop’ design stitch on your machine and sew around the 3 circles. (Don’t worry if the aren’t perfect circles. It will just add character to your flowers!).

5. Repeat this Scallop stitch on the 3 small circles layered with black organza. You now have 3 Silver flower shapes and 3 Black flower shapes.

6. Trim around the edge of the scallops as close as possible but taking care not to snip your stitching.

7. Rinse the flowers in warm water until Soluble Vilene has dissolved and allow to dry. You can speed up the drying process with a hair dryer. If any residue remains repeat the rinsing process.

8. Place one small flower over one large flower at top of first stem on skirt front.

9. Select the ‘Wavy” design stitch. Attach the flower by sewing 3 wavy lines diagonally, crossing over at centre flower.

10. Finish flower centre with a single ‘Star’ design stitch. Repeat for other 2 flowers.

11. Using the ‘ J ‘ Foot (regular sewing foot) select a straight stitch. With right sides together sew the skirt front to skirt back at side seams. Overcast seams and trim. Overcast top and bottom edge. Turn bottom edge up 0.8” (2cm).Press and sew.

12. Turn top edge down 1.18” (3cm) for elastic casing. Press and sew leaving an opening of 1.18” (3cm) to insert elastic. Use a bodkin to thread elastic through casing. Join ends together using a zigzag stitch. Sew opening closed.

13. Move fabric along elastic until gathers are even. Add crystals or diamantes to flower centres if desired

Congratulations your 3D Floral Skirt is now finished.

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