

Pretty little charm skirt

Do you have a charm pack in search of a project?



Joyce Goddard found a tutorial for a little girl's skirt made from a charm pack and just 0.3 metres of a co-ordinating fabric.

See the Missouri Star Quilt Company tutorial at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tCyruNKA2k>

Or follow these directions with Joyce's most excellent modifications.

1 charm pack or fat quarters cut into 4 1/2 " squares

0.3 m co-ordinating fabric cut into 4" strips

Elastic. Make the skirt fit more little girls you haven't met by using elastic with button holes already built in.

BEGIN: Join the charm squares together to form three closed tiers as follows:

Tier 1 - 9 squares

Tier 2 - 12 squares

Tier 3 - 15 squares

HEM: Sew two of the long strips together and trim to 60 1/2 inches. Sew into a loop, fold in half lengthwise, press and apply to bottom of Tier 3. Press seam allowance toward the charms and top stitch.

WAISTBAND: Similarly cut the third strip to 32 1/2 ", sew into a loop, fold press and apply to the top of Tier 1. Press and top stitch as for the hem. Sew an additional line of topstitching along the top edge.

CONSTRUCT: Gather the top of Tier 3 and with right sides together, sew it to the bottom of Tier 2. Gather the top of Tier 2 and sew it to the bottom of Tier 1.

FINISH: Carefully pick open the seam in the waistband, insert the elastic and secure one end at the opening. Pull the button holed elastic through and sew a button onto the inside of the waistband to make it adjustable. Voila!

Joyce added rickrack on the seam of each tier and made this little matching drawstring purse. Cute!

Quilters will recognize a great opportunity to strip piece



using fat quarters in the absence of a charm pack.