adding belt loops to a style in an instant banded skirt

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SUPPLIES & TOOLS:
NOTE: measure before purchasing yardage. Measure waistline with a tape measure. Add 1-1/2” to determine the amount needed in inches.
• Style in an Instant skirt fabric
• For ribbon or trim belt loops, purchase 3/4 yd. of coordinating ribbon and/or trim for wide belt loops, or purchase 1/2 yd. of coordinating ribbon and/or trim for narrow belt loops.
• To add color and interest to belt loops, layer a narrow sequin, gimp or lace trim with a wider ribbon in a color that matches the skirt fabric.
• Thread to match the fabric and trims
• Basic sewing supplies
• Sewing machine

DIRECTIONS:
FOR SKIRT:
Straighten both cut edges before beginning.
With right sides together, pin the cut edges together along the raw edges.
Pin the raw edges of the flat section together from the base borders or print where possible.
Straight stitch the center back seam using a 1/2” seam allowance. Make a second row of stitching 1/4” from the raw edges so the seam is prevented from curling. Use a zig-zag stitch to finish the raw edges.

FOR BELT LOOPS:
Measure the width of the belt and add 3/4” to determine the length of each belt loop. Determine the number of belt loops to be added. Most belts buckle in the center front so you don’t need a belt loop there. Multiply the length times the number of belt loops.
Decide the width of the belt loop, usually 1/2” to 1” wide. Cut a strip that is two times the width plus 1/2” by the length needed for all the belt loops (also a little extra).

Skill Level 3: Experience necessary
Approx. Crafting Time: Varies
Fold the fabric strip in half lengthwise with right sides together and stitch 1/4” from the raw edge.

Turn centered on the wrong side.

The belt should be centered on the elastic band. With the seam as the center back, divide the skirt into 8 even sections. Mark the position of the belt loops with an I-shape. Do not attach a belt loop to the center front if the belt has a center front.

Cut one belt loop using the measurements determined above. Turn under 1/4” on each end and pin it in place. Slide the belt through and make any adjustments needed so the belt loop fits with enough ease to slip the belt through. Then cut the remaining belt loops.

Finish the ends of the belt loops using zigzag stitches or Fray-Check or Fray-Bond.

Place the belt loop wrong side up with the end 1/4” below the top placement line on the skirt or waistband. Stitch across the belt loop 1/4” from the end.

Fold the fabric strip in half lengthwise with right sides together and stitch 1/4” from the raw edge.

If layering a trim with a ribbon, place the trim on the ribbon and stitch them together by hand or machine.

Fold the belt loop down turning the end under 1/4” and stitch it to the waistband along the lower fold.