

skirt

1. [skɜ:t] *n*
 1. юбка
pleated [gathered] skirt - юбка в складку [в сборку]
 2. *обыкн. pl*
 - 1) пола
 - 2) подол
 3. *обыкн. pl* край, граница; окраина
on the skirts of the town - на окраине /в окрестностях/ города
 4. 1) берег (*озера, реки*)
 - 2) опушка (*леса*)
 - 3) подножие (*горы, холма*)
 5. полоса
a broad skirt of hillocks [of thickets] - широкая полоса холмов [зарослей]
 6. *сл.* «юбка», молодая женщина, девушка
a nice-looking skirt - хорошенькая /славная/ девчонка /бабёнка/
to chase skirts - бегать за юбками
 7. оборка (*обивки кресла и т. п.*)
 8. диафрагма, грудобрюшная преграда (*у животного*)
 9. *кул.* говяжья пашинка
 10. крыло седла (*тж. saddle skirt*)
 11. *эл.* юбка изолятора

2. [skɜ:t] *v*

1. быть расположенным, идти по границе, по краю, вдоль рубежа; окружать, окаймлять
precipices skirted the road - по обеим сторонам дороги были пропасти
the gardens skirted the riverside - сады шли по берегу реки
valley skirted by mountains - долина, опоясанная горами
the sun skirted the clouds with gold - солнце позолотилоокрая облаков
2. огибать; обходить, идти вдоль края
the ship skirted the coast - корабль обогнул побережье
we skirted round the edge of the grove - мы шли по краю рощи
3. 1) проходить, обходить стороной
to skirt a hostile town - обойти стороной город, занятый неприятелем
we skirted a swamp - мы обошли болото стороной
- 2) едва избежать, быть на волосок (*от чего-л.*)
to skirt danger - едва уйти от опасности
to skirt death - быть на волосок от смерти
- 3) уклоняться (*от чего-л.*)
to skirt a topic [a question] - уклониться от темы [от вопроса]
let's not skirt round /around/ the awkward questions - давайте не обходить щекотливые вопросы
4. *редк.* рыскать, искать на окраинах, в окрестностях

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skirt [skɜrt skɜrts skɜrted skɜrting] **noun, verb** *BrE* [skɜːt] *NAmE* [skɜːrt]

noun



1. **countable** a piece of clothing for a woman or girl that hangs from the waist
 - a **long/short/straight/pleated, etc. skirt**
2. **countable** (*also* **skirts plural**) the part of a dress, coat, etc. that hangs below the waist
3. **countable** an outer covering or part used to protect the base of a vehicle or machine
 - the rubber skirt around the bottom of a hovercraft

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old Norse *skyrt* 'shirt'; compare with synonymous Old English *scyrte*, also with ↑*short*. The verb dates from the early 17th cent.

Example Bank:

- Her skirt rode up her thighs when she sat down.
- I lifted the hem of my skirt.
- I've worn both skirt suits and pant suits to interviews.
- She sat down, smoothing her skirt.
- She sat down, smoothing the skirt of her dress.

- She tucked up her voluminous skirts to make room for Jane beside her.
- She was wearing a short denim skirt.
- She wore the plaid skirt that was the uniform of her private school.
- The skirt falls just above the knee.
- a green jacket with a matching skirt

verb

1. **transitive, intransitive** to be or go around the edge of sth
 - ~ **sth** They followed the road that skirted the lake.
 - They skirted the forest and emerged on to a path.
 - ~ **around/round sth** I skirted around the field and crossed the bridge.
2. **transitive, intransitive** to avoid talking about a subject, especially because it is difficult or embarrassing
 - ~ **sth** He carefully skirted the issue of where they would live.
 - ~ **around/round sth** She tactfully skirted around the subject of money.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we / they	skirt
	BrE /skɜːt/
	NAme /skɜːrt/
he / she / it	skirts
	BrE /skɜːtɪz/
	NAme /skɜːrtɪz/
past simple, past participle	skirted
	BrE /skɜːtɪd/
	NAme /skɜːrtɪd/
-ing form	skirting
	BrE /skɜːtɪŋ/
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I. **skirt**¹ S3 /skɜːt/ \$ skɜːrt BrE ^{AmE} noun [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old Norse; Origin: *skyrta* 'shirt']

1. a piece of outer clothing worn by women and girls, which hangs down from the waist like the bottom part of a dress:
 - She wore a white blouse and a plain black skirt.

leather/pleated/cotton etc skirt

a green velvetskirt

short/long skirt

a short skirt and high heels

2. (also **skirts** [plural]) *old-fashioned* the part of a dress or coat that hangs down from the waist
3. **the skirts of a forest/hill/village etc** *British English* the outside edge of a forest etc **SYN outskirts**
4. **a bit of skirt** *British English informal not polite* an offensive expression meaning an attractive woman

II. **skirt**² BrE ^{AmE} (also **skirt around/round**) verb [transitive]

1. to go around the outside edge of a place or area:
 - The old footpath skirts around the village.
2. to avoid talking about an important subject, especially because it is difficult or embarrassing – used to show disapproval:
 - a disappointing speech that skirted around all the main issues

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