

# Refashion Straight Suit to Anarkali Suit

Upgrade your old ordinary suit into a glamorous Anarkali suit, fit for all occasions.

Time:  
25 to 35 Min.



**MACHINE:** Usha Janome Automatic Zig-Zag  
Sewing Machine (Any Model)

**CATEGORY :** Upcycled projects

Skill level:  
Intermediate



## YOU WILL NEED

Old Straight Suit  
3 meters Cotton Fabric for the skirt  
4 meters Lace for decoration (optional)  
Pins, Thread Clipper and Fabric Cutting Scissors  
Thread to match Fabric  
Rolled Hem Foot and Gathering Foot Attachments



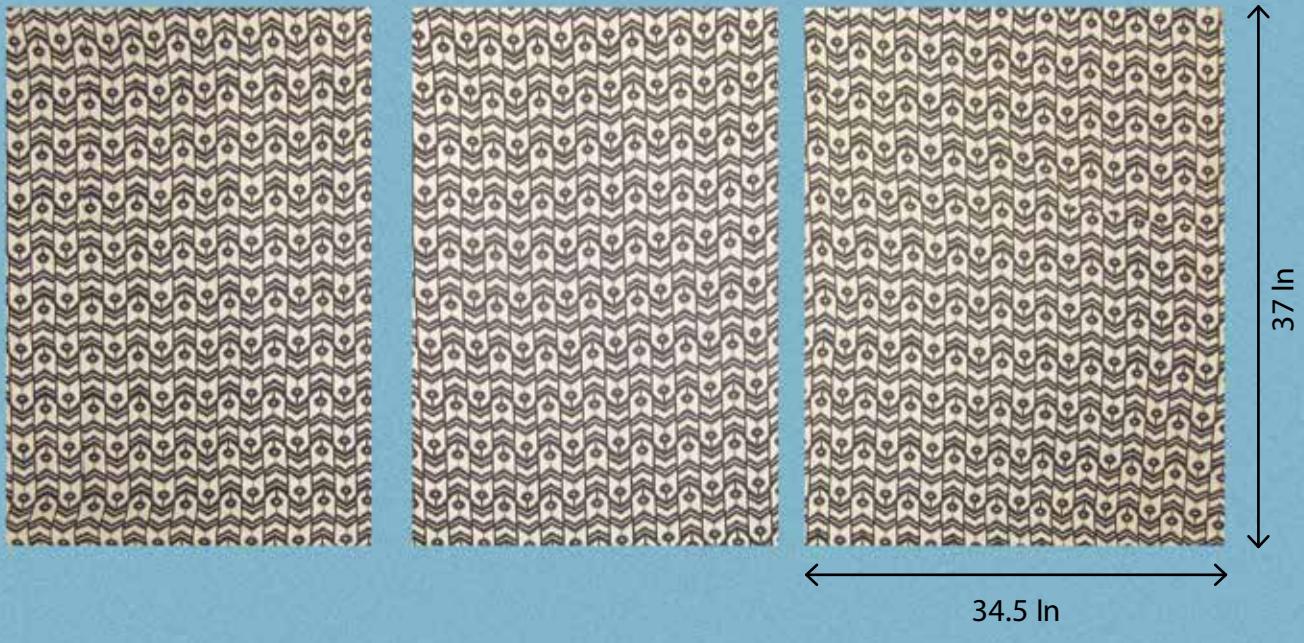
**STEP 1:** Measure & Mark your old suit piece: Measure 6 inches down from the underarm and mark a line across the width of the suit, as shown.



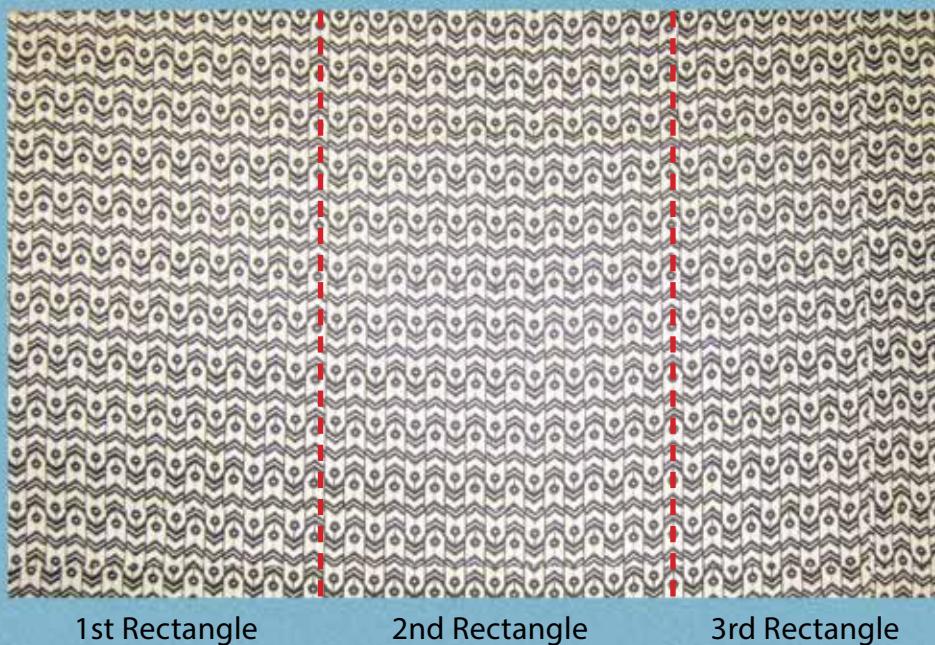
**STEP 2:** Preparing the Bodice: Cut across the marked line and do a zig-zag stitch over the edges to stop them from fraying.

**STEP 3:** Measuring your skirt length: Using a measuring tape, measure down from your waist to the desired length of the suit, and add 1 inch for the inlays (seam allowance). For example, if your desired length is 37 inches, add 1 inch to it, to get 38 inches.

**STEP 4:** Measuring your skirt width: Measure around your waist with the measuring tape and multiply the number by 4. For example, if your waist length is 26 inches then  $(26 \times 4 = 104)$  104 inches will be the width of your skirt.



**STEP 5:** Cutting skirt panels: Now using the above skirt measurements, mark and cut the skirt fabric into three equal parts widthwise; the length remains the same for all three pieces. For example dividing 104 inches into 3 equal parts will give you 3 rectangular pieces measuring 34.5 inches (width) and 38 inches (length).



**STEP 6:** Stitching three skirt panels: Stitch on the wrong side of the three panels one after the other – the first rectangle panel with second and the second with the third piece – along their breadth.



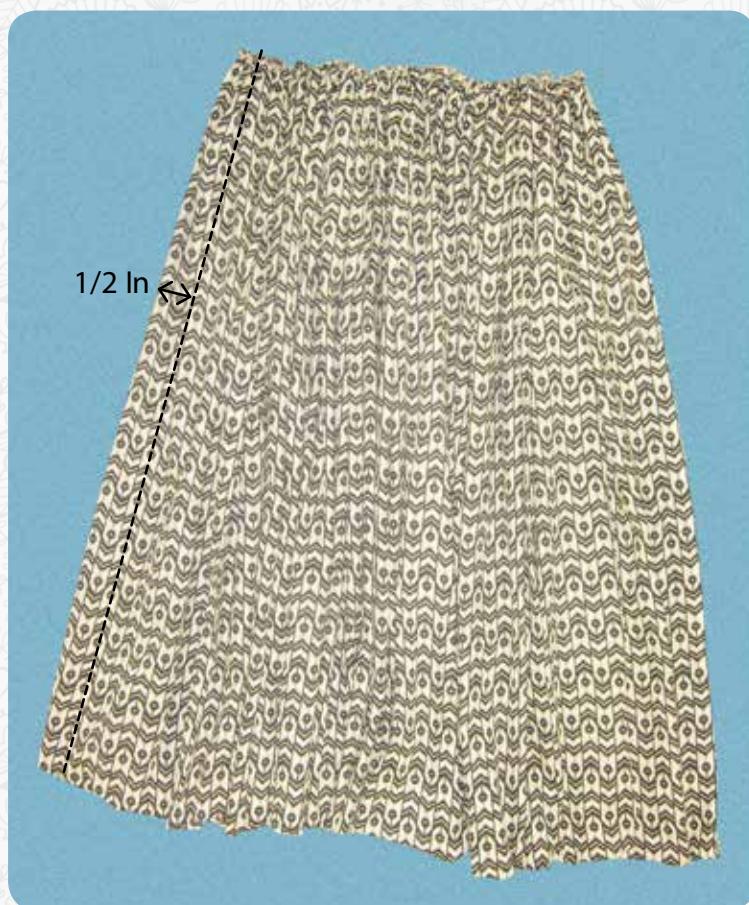
**STEP 7:** Finishing the skirt sides: Using the Rolled hem foot attachment sew along both the longer sides of the skirt to finish the edges.



**STEP 8:** Creating gathers on the skirt: Leaving a space of 1/2 inch from the top of the skirt, sew a line along the width of the skirt, using the gathering foot attachment.



**STEP 9:** Match the skirt and the bodice: Fold the skirt fabric widthwise into half matching it with the width of the top-half piece (bodice), and pin the skirt's gathers in place, as shown.



**STEP 10:** Joining the sides of the skirt: Stitch the sides (length) of the skirt, leaving a space of 1/2 inch from the sides.



**STEP 11:** Joining skirt with bodice: Insert the top-half (bodice) piece, upside down into the skirt via the waist opening keeping the right sides together of both the pieces, as shown.

TIP: Pull out the pin as you sew.



**STEP 12:** Stitching bodice and skirt pieces: Match the edges of both the pieces pinning them in place and stitch them together around the edges.



**STEP 13:** Top stitch the joining: Turn the entire garment right side out and stitch a seam leaving a space of 1/8 inch from their joining, this is called top stitching.



Before



After

**STEP 14:** Decoration: You can add matching lace or other design elements at the bottom of the suit to make it more gorgeous.