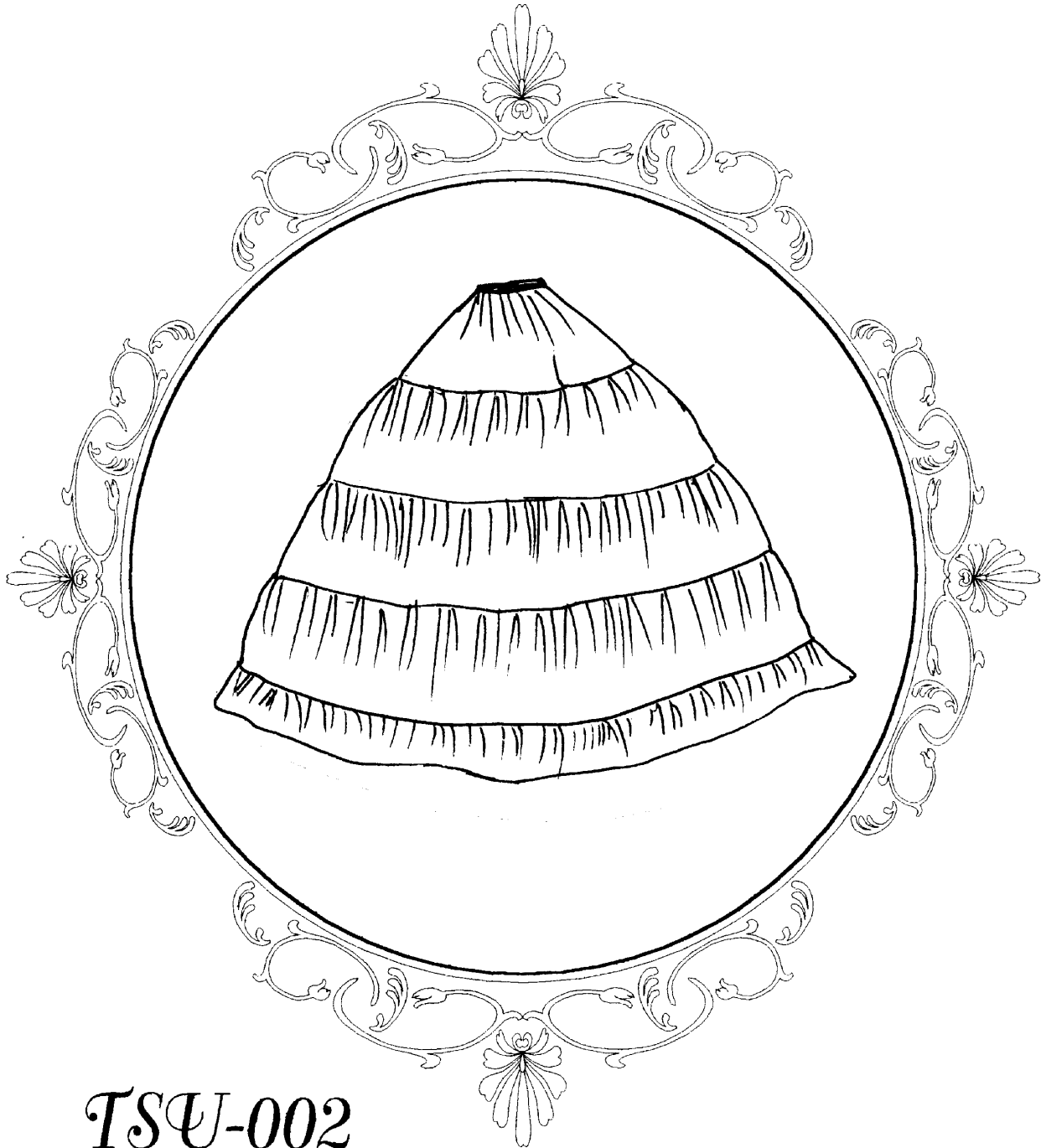


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This pattern is for a 4 tiered 120 inch diameter hoop skirt. This is the standard hoop size. It is large enough to give the bell shape but small enough to allow ease of movement. The pattern is shown with a drawstring waistband but includes instructions for a fitted waistband if preferred.

Sizing:

The use of a drawstring in this pattern makes it truly adjustable for waists up to 45 inches. The length is 36 inches, with the lowest hoop at 32 inches, but instructions are included to lengthen or shorten as necessary.

Suggested fabric and trims:

While petticoats were made of many fabrics with cotton and flannel being the most common for every day wear, hoops skirts were mostly made with cotton. Almost all were white. The ecru we see in museums today, is from age, not color. Cotton and poly-cotton blends work well. If you can find percale sheets in white these are a great inexpensive alternative to yard goods and the percale holds up well to the many washings a hoop skirt endures.

Most hoop skirts were very plain, but you can trim yours if desired. To be historically correct any trims you choose should be 100% cotton. Look for eyelet and flat laces that are not glossy in appearance. Eyelet and ribbon combinations work great. It is not a good idea to put lots of lace on the lower edge of your hoop skirt as this acts as a grass and twig catcher, as well as catching on your boots and tripping you up. If you really want trim the best place to install it is at the joins between tiers and the ruffle.

Pattern Requirements: 3-4 yards 45" cotton or poly-cotton fabric
grossgrain ribbon if desired for drawstring
20 feet of hoop wire (1/2" flat wire)
Trims of choice



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