Guide Sheet: Classic Pants

Garment Type: Pants
Style: Classic
Body Shape: All
Difficulty Level: All

Units: Inches
Seam Allowance: 0.625 inches
Hem Allowance: 2 inches

Patterns to Cut

Front: Cut 2Back: Cut 2

Waistband: Cut 1; Cut 1 interfacing
Belt Loops: Cut 1 - makes 7 belt loops

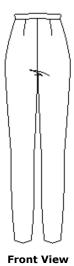
NOTE: If you are planning to combine a set of patterns for the LEFT side of the body with a set of patterns for the RIGHT side of the body, you may need to adjust the number of patterns to cut. To cut correctly for the body side, the patterns should be placed PRINTED SIDE UP on the WRONG side of the fabric. You will need to spread the fabric flat not folded and only cut one pattern for each side of the body.

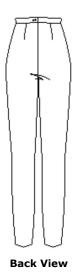
If your pattern is marked "Cut On Fold", you will need to tape the patterns together along the foldline and cut the pattern with the fabric spread flat not folded. Both sets of patterns can be opened in the Yardage Calculator and the right and left patterns snapped together at the foldline and then grouped together, if desired, prior to creating your fabric layout.

Notions

• Zipper Length: 8 inches

Style Images





Step: 1 Introduction

Review the steps in this document and the style summary carefully prior to printing your patterns and cutting your fabric. Please note, there are multiple ways to assemble the same garment. We highly recommend consulting a sewing text book for alternate methods of construction. This document does not cover tailoring techniques.

Illustrations are designed to demonstrate a particular technique and may not match your pattern shapes exactly.

Step: 2 Assemble Printed Patterns

Assemble the patterns according the numbering as shown on each page overlapping the pages 1/4 inch and matching the pattern lines. Review each pattern to determine the number of pieces to cut and those patterns which must be cut on the fold.

Step: 3 Cut Fashion Fabric and Interfacing

Cut patterns from fashion fabric and interfacing as needed. Use the Yardage Calculator to create a cutting guide and determine fabric yardage requirements. Neckline, armhole and waistline facings, collars, sleeve cuffs, button plackets, and waistband are most typically patterns that need interfacing. The type of interfacing will be determined by the type of fashion fabric chosen and the location to be interfaced.

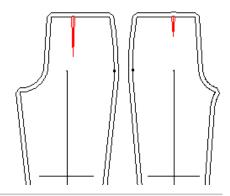
NOTE: Patterns are printed with mitred corners to better control the program's ability to calculate the seam allowances. You may choose to cut the patterns as printed or cut with square corners.

Step: 4 Transfer Pattern Markings

Transfer markings from patterns to fabric using the most appropriate method for the fabric. Chalk, tailor's tacks, and tracing wheel are some methods for marking. Rectangles, circles, and triangles are used as matching notches.

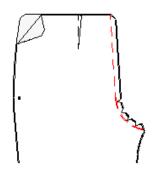
Step: 5 Sew Darts

- Sew all front and back darts at the same time unless otherwise instructed.
- Sew the Sewing Handbook for detailed instructions on sewing darts and dart tucks.



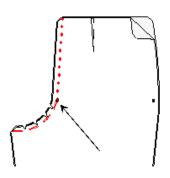
Step: 6 Center Front Seam

- 1. With RIGHT sides together, pin the FRONT together at the center front
- 2. Stitch along the seamline from the crotch point to the waistline.
- 3. Reinforcement stitch the crotch curve and trim and clip the crotch curve.
- 4. Apply desired seam finish.
- 5. Press the center front seam.



Step: 7 Center Back Seam

- NOTE: The zipper length must extend just past the fullest part of the lower hody
- Place the top stop of the zipper 1/2 inch (1.25 cm) below the neck seam if applying a neckline facing. Place the top stop of the zipper 1/4 inch (0.6 cm) below the neck seam for all other neckline finishes. Shorten the zipper, if necessary.
- **NOTE:** If inserting an invisible zipper, stop here and follow zipper package for insertion instructions and complete the center front seam as indicated.
- 1. Mark the location for the zipper on the center back seam.
- 2. Apply desired seam finishes prior to inserting the zipper.
- NOTE: If inserting a centered or lapped zipper, with RIGHT sides together, pin the back together at center back seam, stitch along the seamline to the zipper marking, and then baste the seam line from the zipper marking to the neckline.



- 4. NOTE: If inserting a separating zipper, baste the entire center back seam.
- 5. Press the center back seam open.

Step: 8 Centered Zipper

- See the Sewing Handbook for detailed instructions on inserting a centered zipper.
- If inserting a jacket zipper, see the Sewing Handbook on inserting a separating zipper.

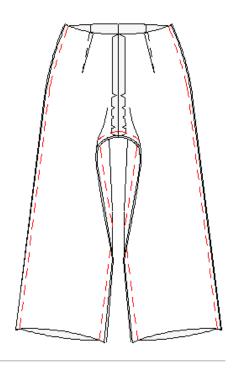
Step: 9 Sew Sideseams and Inseam

Sew Sideseams

- 1. With RIGHT sides together, pin FRONT and BACK at sideseams matching marking symbols and hiplines.
- 2. Stitch along the seamline from the hem to the waistline.
- 3. Apply desired seam finish.
- 4. Press sideseams.

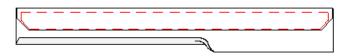
Sew Inseam

- 1. With RIGHT sides together, pin the front and back along the inseams matching the crotch seams.
- 2. Stitch from the crotch point to the hemline and repeat for the other pant leg.
- 3. Apply desired seam finish and press seam flat.

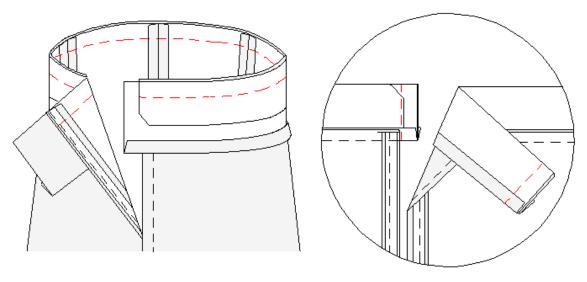


Step: 10 Sew Waistband

- 1. Baste or iron on interfacing to the WRONG side of one half of the waistband. Cut the corners diagonally, as shown.
- 2. Press one long side under along the seam line.
- 3. With RIGHT sides together, pin the raw edge of the waistband to the garment matching the marking symbols for the center front, center back, and sideseams.
- 4. Stitch the waistband along the seam line.
- 5. Grade the seam allowances having the waistband allowance the widest and the garment allowance the narrowest.
- 6. With RIGHT sides together, fold the waistband in half lengthwise matching the fold along the loose edge to the stitched seam line and sew each short end along the seam line.
- 7. Trim the two ends close to the stitching line and cut the corners diagonally.
- 8. Turn the waistband right side out and pull the corners out so they are square.
- 9. Stitch the folded edge of the waistband along the seam line.

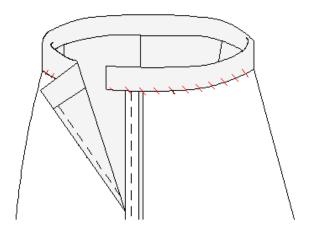


Apply interfacing and press up long edge



Stitch waistband along waistline seam

Stitch short ends



Stitch folded edge along waistline seam

Step: 11 Hem Garment

- The hem finishes the edge of a garment. Choice of hem width, hem finish, and stitch type is dependent upon the garment style and fabric. Choose a hem that will allow the garment to hang evenly on the body.
- The most common hem method for this type of garment is the folded hem.
- See the Sewing Handbook for detailed instructions on folded hems.