

# **“Stitchin’ for Kids”**

## **The Doll Project The Pleated Pants**



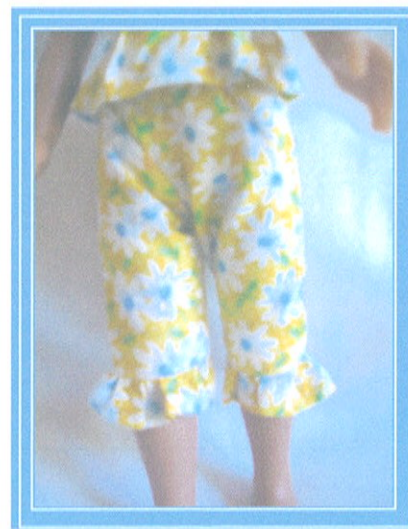
These pants have four soft pleats and can be made in a variety of fabrics and lengths. They will fit the 13" Corolle Les Cheries doll. The instructions were written as part of an effort to give dolls with outfits to young patients in hospitals.

These pants can also be made with a ruffled bottom edge.

The sample to the left is made with corduroy and shows the capri length. The top is made using the Crop Top pattern.



The sample above show the ankle length pants. The top is made from the Sleeveless



This sample shows the Pants with Ruffles version included in these instructions. Quilter's

**Requirements:**

Pattern (Several different pant length patterns are provided.)  
Fabric: ¼ yard or fat quarter of cotton fabric, corduroy or denim  
Scissors, regular and optionally pinking  
Thread – coordinated and/or contrasting  
Pins  
Needle for finishing  
Hook and loop (Velcro®) – ¾" width

**Assumptions:**

All seams are ¼ inch unless specified.

**Preparation:**

- Cut two pieces using Pleated Pants pattern of desired pant leg length
- Cut waistband – 7½" " by 1½"
- Cut placket for closing in back – 4" by 1¼"
- Cut ¼" length of Velcro® (cut across the strip)
- For ruffled pants,
  - Cut two ruffle pieces – 10" by 1½"
  - Cut two ruffle facing pieces – 5 ½" by 1"

**Construction for Basic Pants (not with ruffle):****1. Pleats**

*(Note: if sewing capri length, ensure that you check with pattern to correctly identify top of pants)*

- On the top edge of each pants piece, place a pin 1" from each side edge.
- At each of the four pins, fold a ¼" pleat, turning the back of the pleat toward the outside edge. Pin in place.
- Stay stitch along top of pants.

**2. Legs**

- To form the front seam, pin right sides of two pants pieces together and double stitch. Optionally, trim with pinking shears.
- Clip curves. Press seam open.
- Top stitch along both sides of front seam in coordinated or contrasting thread.
- To form back seam and starting at crotch, double stitch leaving a 2" opening. Optionally, trim with pinking shears.
- Clip curves.

**3. Placket**

- To create placket, turn under ¼" lengthwise of placket piece and stitch.
- Aligning raw edges of placket to opening of right side of back seam opening and with right sides of fabric together, stitch placket (¼" seam) to one side of seam.
- Fold placket up so it can be aligned with other side of seam on pants. Stitch.
- Optionally, use pinking shears to trim seam and placket edges.



- With pants turned right side out, fold right side back and align on top of left side of placket. Stay stitch along top edge of right side of pants. Stay stitch left seam and placket (This side is not folded back towards pants piece.)
  - To secure placket, stitch across base of placket/seam across seam.
- 4. Waistband**
- Right sides together, pin waistband piece to pants and placket, overhanging each side by  $\frac{1}{2}$ ".
  - Stitch waistband to pants.
  - Turn side overhangs in, turn waistband down  $\frac{3}{8}$ " and then turn to cover stitching. Pin in place. From top side, top stitch waistband near gathers catching the turned waistband in the back.
- 5. Pants Hem and Crotch Seam**
- Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$ " for hem at bottom of each leg. Stitch.
  - Pin pieces together at crotch to ensure seams align at crotch. Pin, matching leg hems.
  - Double stitch leg/crotch seam. Optionally, trim with pinking shears.
  - Clip curves. Finger press open.
  - Turn pants right side out.
  - Turn hem on pant legs another  $\frac{1}{4}$ " and hand or machine stitch.
- 6. Velcro**
- Stitch Velcro® to waistband - hook side on outside left, softer loop side on inside right.

### **Construction for Pleated Pants with Ruffle**

*Complete steps 1 through 5 of basic pants.*

- 5. Pants Ruffle**
- Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", then another  $\frac{1}{4}$ ", on the bottom of ruffle pieces. Press. Stitch.
  - Using longest stitch on machine, baste stitch across top of ruffle piece. Repeat on other piece.
  - Gather ruffle edges and pin to bottom of pants leg, right sides together. Stitch.
  - Turn  $\frac{1}{4}$ " on ruffle facing pieces lengthwise and stitch.
  - With right side of facing piece against wrong side of ruffle, pin facing to pants aligning raw edges. Stitch on top of previous stitches.
  - Turn ruffle down and facing up. Press. Top stitch from front of pants just above the ruffle and stitching facing to seam allowance and pant bottoms.
  - Stich another row  $\frac{1}{2}$ " above previous row of stitches.
- 6. Crotch Seam**
- Pin pieces together at crotch to ensure seams align at crotch. Pin, matching leg hems and ruffles.
  - Double stitch leg/crotch seam. Optionally, trim with pinking shears.
  - Clip curves. Finger press open.
  - Turn pants right side out.
- 7. Velcro**
- Stitch Velcro® to waistband - hook side on outside left, softer loop side on inside right.

