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Bermuda Shorts, Capris, and Catalina Pants

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The samples below are made with quilter's cotton:



Important

Print pattern full size and check that the one inch marks equal one inch before beginning to sew. If it does not, please adjust accordingly.

Bermuda Shorts, Capri's, and Catalina Pants: the Flat-Front Pants Collection, plus bonus Skirt pattern

All seams are $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Notion needed: 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " piece of $\frac{3}{8}$ " elastic. If you prefer to use $\frac{1}{4}$ " elastic, simply reduce the depth of the row of casing stitching in step #6.

Recommended fabric: lightweight denim or chambray, light and medium weight quilting cottons, poly/cotton woven fabrics with spandex. Not suitable for corduroy or regular weight denim.

1. Sew the center front seam and the center back seam. Press seams in the same direction. Topstitch close to the seam, on top of the side towards which you pressed the seam allowance. Trim away half of the remaining seam allowances.
2. Stitch the waistband to the combined fronts, right sides together, and press seam allowance towards the waistband.
3. Serge or clean finish the top edge of the combined backs, plus both sides and the top edge (raw edges of waistband) of the combined fronts. The hems and inseams will be finished later.
4. Fold the waistband towards the back at the fold line and press; the finished front of the waistband should measure exactly $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide. Pin in place.
5. Secure the waistband by stitching in the ditch, or topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " above the waistband seam.
6. Back casing: fold $\frac{5}{8}$ " from the top edge of the combined backs towards the wrong side. Press. Before proceeding, make sure your fronts and backs are the same length at each side. Adjust the fold line on your combined backs if needed. Now sew a scant $\frac{1}{2}$ " casing. Insert a 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long piece of $\frac{3}{8}$ " elastic in the casing, securing the ends of the elastic by sewing a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the side edges of the back, backstitching at the beginning and end of your two rows of stitching.



7. Stitch the side seams. On the Capri's and long pants versions, you will need to ease the side seam edges, as one side has a slightly convex curve, and the other side has a slightly concave curve. Press the side seams towards the back. Topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " from side seams, on the back pieces of the garment, starting your topstitching from the hem edge of the pants, using a narrow edge foot for accuracy.



8. Serge or clean finish the bottoms of the pant legs now; turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ " – $\frac{3}{8}$ " hems, press, and stitch hem $\frac{1}{8}$ " – $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the bottom edge of the pant legs.
9. Stitch inseam. Clip around crotch seam as needed. Serge or clean finish the raw edges of the inseam. Pull the inseam straight through the curved crotch area if you serge the raw edges.

The bonus Skirt is made in the same sequence, with the following changes:

1. In step 1, sew the center front seam, press open, and topstitch $\frac{1}{8}$ " away from both sides of the center front seam.
2. Use 3" of elastic in step #6; the skirt needs to fit more snugly around the waist so it doesn't slide around.
3. Stitch and topstitch both side seams before hemming the skirt.
4. Turn up a $\frac{3}{8}$ " hem; press. Use a twin needle, or two rows of topstitching $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart, to finish the hem.





