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Fuller Pants and Culottes – Elastic Waist

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These elastic waist pants and culottes are quick and easy. The culottes can be made as an alternative to shorts or a skirt. They fit the 14" Hearts for Hearts doll. These are cut a little larger to make it easier for the child to dress her doll. The instructions were written for the volunteers of the non-profit Stitchin' for Kids that gives dolls with outfits to young patients in hospitals. They can be made in a variety of fabrics.

Important

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

Requirements:

Pattern for Elastic Waist Pants/Culottes

Fabric – Fat Quarter will make multiple pairs

¼" wide elastic

Scissors, Thread, Pins, Needles, Sewing machine in good working order, etc.

Assumptions:

All seams are ¼ inch unless specified.

Preparation:

- Cut two pieces of fabric using pattern piece; notch Center Front
- Cut a 6" piece of elastic

Construction:**1. Hem**

- Turn up lower edge of each leg ¼" and then turn up again ¼".
- Stitch hem in place.

2. Center Front Seam

- With right sides together stitch Center Front seams. Sew the seam again to reinforce.
- Zigzag or pink seam allowance; press.

3. Casing

- Turn down ¼" at waist and sew.
- Turn down another 3/8" at waist for casing and sew close to edge to allow for elastic.

4. Inserting Elastic

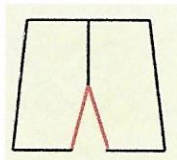
- Attach safety pin to elastic.
- Insert elastic through waist. Pin elastic at each end.

5. Center Back Seam

- With right sides together pin the Center Back seam making sure the elastic is pinned; stitch Center Back seams together catching elastic in seam. Sew the seam again to reinforce.
- Zigzag or pink seam allowance; press.

6. In-seam (the upside down V in the drawing below)

- Right sides together open out culottes and match Center Front to Center Back crotch seams then match front and back leg hems.



- Starting at the hem of one leg sew to Center crotch seam.
- Repeat with other leg sewing up from the hem.
- Sew the seam again to reinforce.
- Zigzag or pink seam allowance; press.

6"-1/4" ELASTIC FOR WAIST

