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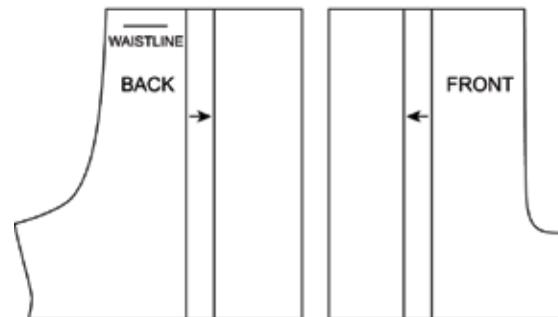


SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 54" Shirred rayon or cotton dress fabric. Note: Measure before purchasing yardage. Measure hips at the fullest point. Add 12" to 15" to determine the total amount needed in inches.
- Boxer or pajama shorts pattern
- 1 package single fold bias tape to match the fabric
- Sewing machine
- Iron & pressing surface
- Basic sewing supplies
- Fabric marking pen or chalk marker

DIRECTIONS:

1. Follow steps 2 through 6 to cut the pants.
2. Cut out the pattern for the shorts. Draw 2 lines in the center of the front and the back pattern pieces 2" apart and parallel to the grain line of the pieces. Fold the patterns so the lines match to make a pleat. Tape the pleats in place.



Skill Level: Some experience necessary

Crafting Time: 1-2 hrs

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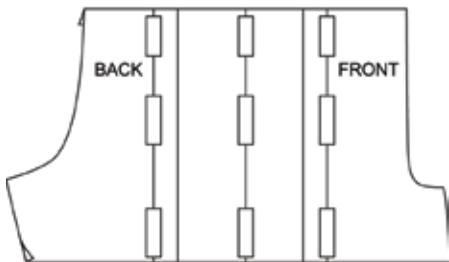
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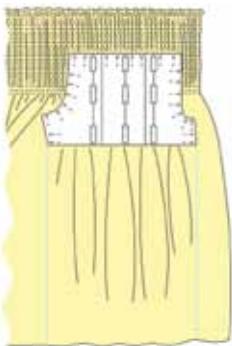
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3. Tape the front and back pattern pieces together along the side seamline (overlap 1-1/4" for pattern with 5/8" seam allowance). Fold down the top edge 1-1/4" below the waistline marking for a top edge that sits about 1-1/4" below the natural waistline.

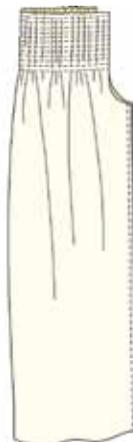


4. Place the pattern piece on the shirred fabric with the top edge along the eleventh row of shirring below the top ruffled edge. Pin the center front and back edges to the shirred area. Carefully flatten the fabric and pin the remaining front and back edges to the fabric keeping the fabric flat and the grain line flat. Pin the inside leg seam in place. Draw a line from the bottom of the inner leg seam to the bottom edge of the fabric.

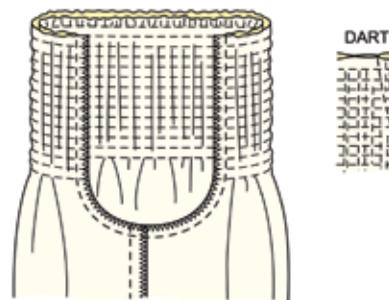


5. Cut out along the pinned edges and along the marked lines of the inner leg.
6. Reverse the pattern and cut out the second piece following steps 2 through 5. Compare the two pieces. If necessary, trim the wider piece so both match.
7. Follow steps 8 through 14 to make the pants. Stitch all seams right sides together using the seam allowance indicated for the pattern.

8. Stitch the front and back leg edges together. Zigzag-finish the seam allowance.



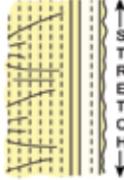
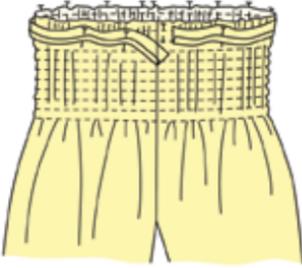
9. Stitch the front/back pieces together along the center. If its necessary to make the waist area smaller, take in the center front and back seams a little at the top edge. Darts can also be added at the sides of the shirred section. Zigzag-finish the seam allowance.



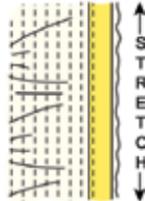
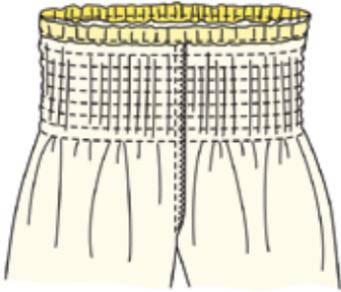
10. Add 2" to 3" to the hip measurement. Cut a piece of bias tape 2" longer than this length. Press open one edge of the bias tape. Divide the measurement by four and mark four even sections beginning 1/2" from one end.



11. Fold the pants matching the front and back seams. Mark the center of each side. Fold under 1/2" of the tape. Starting at the center back, pin the bias tape along the top edge so the fold is just above the top row of shirring. Match the marks on the bias tape to the sides and the seams. Stretch the shirring and stitch along the fold.



12. Press the bias tape to the inside. Stretch the shirring and stitch along the bottom edge of the bias tape.



13. Trim the legs so they are 1-1/2" longer than the desired finished length.



14. Press under 1/2" then 1". Stitch the hem in place along the top edge.