



## **18 INCH AND AMERICAN GIRL CAPRI PANTS**

### **Make Your Outfit Instructions**

#### **Preview of Completed Outfit**

Play this video and check out this great outfit that YOU will make!

#### **1. Tools and Resources Required**

- 1) Paper pattern (printed from PDF file downloaded to your computer)
- 2) Fabric Capri Pants – 8 ½ inches (22cm) cotton, cotton blend, synthetic, anything suitable for shorts  
Fabric Contrasting Trim – 4 inches X 8 inches (10 cm x 20cm) or left over fabric from Handkerchief Top
- 3) Elastic ¼ x 10 ¼ inch (6 mm x 26 cm)
- 4) Matching thread
- 5) Paper scissors
- 6) Paper Glue
- 7) Fabric scissors
- 8) Clippers/snips
- 9) Pins
- 10) Safety pin, bodkin or looper
- 11) Ruler, sewing gauge or tape measure



#### **2. Preparing Paper Pattern**

- 1) Check the 2 inch (5cm) tip measurement is correct to ensure you have printed the pattern out to the correct size.
- 2) Cut out pattern pieces following the solid line.
- 3) Glue Pattern Piece #1 : Part 1 to Pattern Piece #1 : Part 2



### **3. Cutting Out Fabric**

- 1) Fold fabric in half and place paper pattern piece #1 onto the fabric with the grain line on the pattern running parallel to the selvedge of the fabric.
- 2) Pin pattern in place and cut around with scissors or cutting blade.
- 3) Fold trim fabric in half and place paper pattern piece #2 onto the contrasting trim fabric with the grain line on the pattern running parallel to the selvedge or the fibres of the fabric.
- 4) Pin pattern in place and cut around with scissors or cutting blade.

### **4. Attach Trim to Hem**

- 1) Fold both trim pieces in half lengthwise with the right side of the fabric on the outside and either finger press or press with an iron.
- 2) With rights sides of the fabric together, match raw edges of the trim with the raw edges of the hem of the pants. Pin. Repeat with second pant leg.
- 3) Using a straight stitch, sew a ¼ inch (6mm) seam allowance and stitch trim to pants. Repeat with second pant leg.
- 4) Overcast raw edges with zigzag stitch.
- 5) Fold trim down so that the seam allowance is facing up towards the pants and press. Secure the seam allowance in place by sewing a row of straight stitch 1/8 inch (3mm) from the seam (topstitching).

### **5. Sew Front Seam**

- 1) With right sides together, match the centre front seam of both legs.
- 2) Stitch ¼ inch (6mm) seam with straight stitch securing beginning and end with reverse stitches.
- 3) Overcast raw edges with zigzag stitch.

### **6. Sew Top Casing**

- 1) Fold down top of shorts 5/8 inch (16mm), pin and press.
- 2) Turn raw edge under approx 3/16 inch (4mm), pin and press.
- 3) Stitch row of straight stitch close to left fold of casing.



## **7. Thread Elastic Through Casing**

- 1) Use a safety pin, bodkin or looper to thread elastic through the casing.
- 2) With elastic even with the ends of the casing, pin elastic in place and secure with a row of stitching.

## **8. Sew Back Seam**

- 1) With right sides of fabric together, match top of the casing and centre back of each leg. Pin.
- 2) Stitch centre back seam with a straight stitch.
- 3) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch.

## **9. Sew Inseam**

- 1) Match centre back seam with the centre front seam and pin at crotch and again at both hems.
- 2) Sew straight stitch from hem of one leg up to the crotch and then down to the hem of the second leg.
- 3) Overcast raw edges with a zigzag stitch.

## **10. Congratulations YOU did it!**

Celebrate! YOU made another great outfit. Well done!