

Cuffed shorts (abridged) Instructions

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Pattern notes:

- 1 cm seam allowances are included in the pattern pieces (1 cm = 3/8")
- Some sewing knowledge is necessary to complete these shorts. I have included some helpful websites for tricky sewing maneuvers. If you're not sure how to do something, Mr. Google is great at helping you!
- Grainlines, cutting layouts, and fitting tips are not included. See previous remarks.
- These pattern pieces are not 100% perfect. No matter how many times I walked the seams, the hem ended up a bit askew. I just trimmed that naughty little hem piece that was .5" longer and kept on sewing. The shorts still turned out great.
- this pattern is made for RTW size 4. I do not have the time or inclination to correct and grade this pattern. It should fit someone with 29" waist, 37" hip.

Instructions:

1. Decide if you will do patch pockets or double/single welt pockets on the back of the shorts.
2. Cut out pieces
3. Mark appropriate darts, seamlines, hems, pocket placements, etc...
4. Sew dart in back of shorts, press toward center.
5. Assemble patch pocket by turning seam allowances under and topstitching to back of shorts

<http://blog.caseybrowndesigns.com/2010/04/the-secret-to-perfect-patch-pockets/>

OR

Assemble welt pocket – SINGLE WELT POCKET INSTRUCTIONS

<http://poppykettle.blogspot.com/2012/04/101-single-welt-pockets.html>

or <http://fashion-incubator.com/archive/how-to-sew-a-single-welt-pocket/>

DOUBLE WELT POCKET INSTRUCTIONS

http://fashion-incubator.com/archive/welt_pocket_construction/

for welt pockets – secure pocket bag to upper edge of shorts back with a line of basting stitches. This ensures that it won't sag as much.

6. Sew shorts together at center front seam with a basting stitch along basting line. Change to lockstitch and smaller stitch length at the black dot and sew to inseam line.

7. Follow these directions to apply the zipper. They're amazing. I'm now putting in fly zippers in EVERYTHING I SEW! Even if it's your first time, just follow right along with her, step by step. It's actually easy!

<http://www.threadsmagazine.com/item/3831/video-an-easy-flat-fly-front-zipper>

1. Baste seam
 2. Apply interfacing
 3. Sew down 1 size of zip
 4. Turn over and topstitch.
 5. Sew down other size of zip
 6. Top stitch
 7. Rip out basting
 8. (add zipper guard if you'd like one)
8. Apply facing to pocket linings, if using a facing. Otherwise disregard this step.
 9. Apply pocket bags to shorts front. Sew curved edge on pocket opening, then press open, and understitch to secure. Topstitch if desired. Sew pocket backing to pocket front piece along curved edge only.
 10. Baste pockets to side seam and top of shorts to prevent shifting.
 11. Sew side seams. Press open.
 12. Sew inseams on left and right legs. You might have to rip out a few stitches from the center front seam line. Press open.
 13. Sew crotch seam from inseam to top, center back. These are looking like shorts!
 14. Press and sew hem.
 15. Fold up cuff and stitch in place "in the ditch" along side seams and inseam.
 16. Check waistband pieces to make sure they fit YOU. Adjust accordingly. Then, apply interfacing to waistband main fabric.
 17. If using belt loops, cut, sew and press them now.
 18. Sew center back seams on waistband main and lining fabrics.
 19. Sew main fabric waistband to pants. Sew right off the edges at CF. Press.
 20. Trim .25" off lining bottom edge. Apply bias binding in a pretty, contrasting color along bottom edge.
 21. If using belt loops, place them along upper edge of waistband, spaced evenly. You can baste

them if you're nervous about them shifting.

22. Line up lining and main waistband pieces. Sew along top edge. Turn and press. Top stitch or understitch, whichever look you're going for.

23. Examine the center front waistband pieces, then draw a line that lines up with the center front. You can make the bottom flap as long as you'd like. Place wrong sides together and stitch along the line. Clip, turn and press. Topstitch, if you'd like.

24. Stitch in the ditch along the bottom edge of the waistband (or topstitch if that's the look you're going for) catching the lining pieces underneath. If you're going to topstitch, I suggest doing it on ALL pieces, pockets, all edges, zippers, etc...

25. Zig zag the belt loops in place by using a narrow stitch width and length. Turn them down and then fold under to apply. Sew to shorts JUST UNDER waistband.

25. Apply buttons to center front, welt pockets and patch pockets (and even the side cuffs!)

26. Admire, pose, show your friends and brag. ☺