

SEW CONFIDENT! SEPTEMBER 2021

PANEL PANTS

MATERIALS LIST

- [Panel Pants pattern](#)
- [Panel Pants kit](#) (optional purchase)
 - Paisley Kit
 - Black & White Dot Kit
 - River Rock Kit
 - Floral Kit
- Or use similar crinkled silk georgette fabric for the pants and silk georgette or chiffon for the lining.
 - Pants and Lining Yardage
 - 45" wide – 3 yards XS-M
 - 45" wide – 3 1/4 yards L-XXL
 - 54-60" wide – 2 1/4 yards XS-M
 - 54-60" wide - 2 1/2 yard L-XXL
- 2 yards 1/4"-wide Elastic
- 1/8 yard Fusible Interfacing
- 2 Spools 60wt. 100% Cotton Thread – 1 for outer fabric, 1 for lining
- Silk Basting Thread
- Hand Sewing Needle
- 65/9 or 70/10 mm Universal Machine Needle
- 3 spools Isacord Thread or other fine Overlock Thread
- [Fusi-Web](#)
- 1 Manila File Folder or piece of Tagboard
- [Easy Threader](#) or [Bodkin](#)
- [Bird & Clamp](#)
- Small Post-it Notes
- [Rotary Cutter](#) – recommended but [shears](#) are fine
- [Trimming Scissors](#) or Snips
- [Glasshead Silk Pins](#)
- Pattern Weights
- [Chakoner](#) or other Chalk Marker
- [Seam Ripper](#)
- [Tracing Wheel](#)
- [Tailor's Ham](#)
- [Sleeve Board](#)
- Steam Iron

You will need a sewing machine that has been cleaned and is in good condition. If your machine also embroiders and has a 9mm throat plate, you may want to invest in a 5mm-wide throat plate or a single hole plate. If you have the even-feed feature on your machine, engage it. If not, add a walking foot, if possible.

An overlock machine (serger) is recommended but not required. Coverstitching will be addressed but is not required for the course.

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PREPARATION

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Plan to have the following work done before the start of the video class.

Download and print out the [Panel Pants pattern](#).

Using a manila file folder or a piece of tagboard, cut one 1 1/2"-wide template. Mark a line 3/4" from one long edge.

Pattern Work

Determine your size for the pants using your full hip measurement. Refer to the Size Measurement Chart in the pattern instructions. Use this chart to find your full hip measurement and select that size. Then measure the hip circumference on the pattern. Compare the finished measurements to your hip size and you will know how much design ease is built into the pattern. This garment is oversized and meant to have a generous amount of ease. I like to have 6" to 8" of ease in the hips.

The finished length of the pants should be at the top of the ankle. Use the lengthen or shorten lines on the pattern to make length adjustments.

Trace or cut out your pattern pieces, lightly press, and make any fitting adjustments to the pattern.

Download the PDF DIY Pants Fitting Tutorial [from your account](#) for tips on how to fit pants.

Fabric Prep

If you are planning to launder your finished Panel Pants, pre-wash the fabrics in cold water and hang dry.

Cutting Out

Cut out each pattern piece using a single layer of fabric. Mark each piece using clipped notches and tailor's tacks (silk thread) before removing the cut pieces from the table. Also use Post-it notes to identify the name of each piece, the right side of the fabric and the top of each piece.

Clean and oil your sewing machine, wind a bobbin (remove any other thread that might be wound on your bobbin), thread your machine, and sit back and wait for the class video. You are all set!

Video Access

The class video will be available for viewing September 17, 2021. Details and links for accessing the class video and the follow-up Zoom Q&A sessions will be sent to you prior to the class in a separate email.