

Linen Short Culottes Tutorial

Description



After our popularâ?? black linen culottesâ?? tutorialâ?? fromâ?? a little while back, we have added a new design into our library our tutorials, this time a pair of short culottes which come with a waist tie that you can arrangeâ?? into a pretty little bow. â?? If you are unsure about the length of the culottes and would rather make them longer/ shorter, you can easily adjust the length when you are measuring out the pattern. We hope you enjoy and as always, if you have any questions, suggestions or concerns, please donâ??t hesitate to leave a comment below.

Material

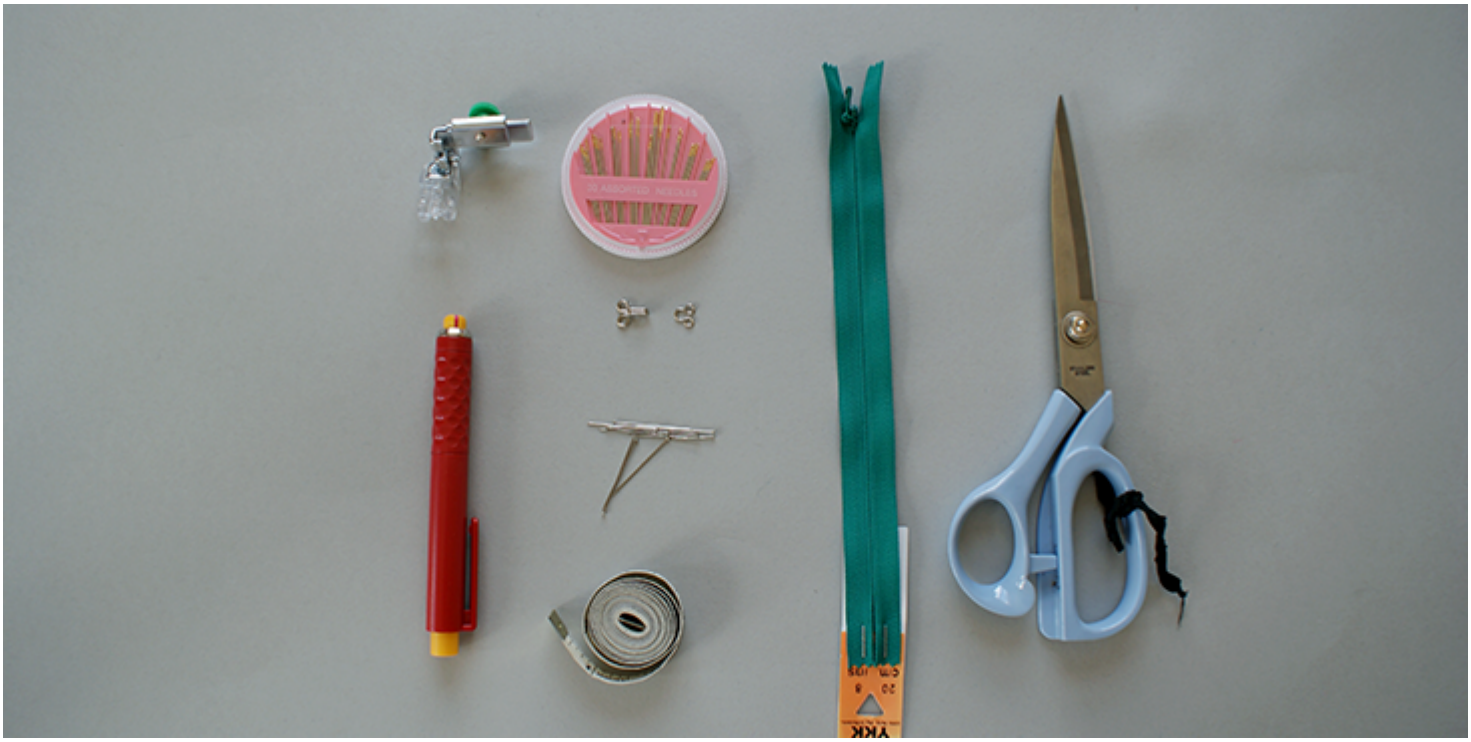
1.5 yards of IL019 Sphinx Softened
Matching sewing thread



Tools

Pattern master, pattern paper
Paper scissors, fabric scissors
Fabric marker, pins, tape measure

1 x invisible zip
Invisible zip sewing foot
Hand sewing needle, 1 set of hook and eye



Time

2-3 hours

Difficulty

Intermediate

Step

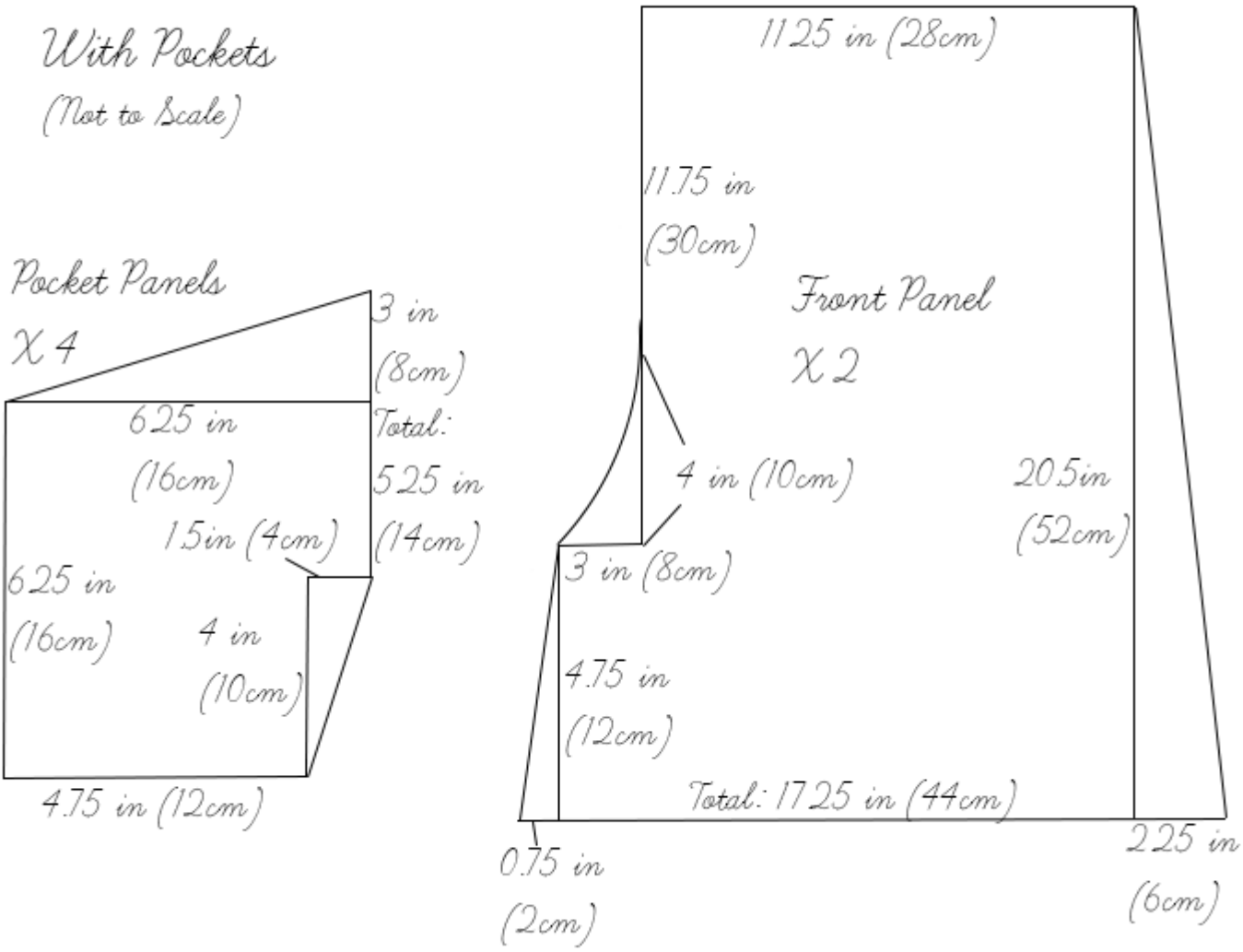
Note: Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, let this dry in room temperature.

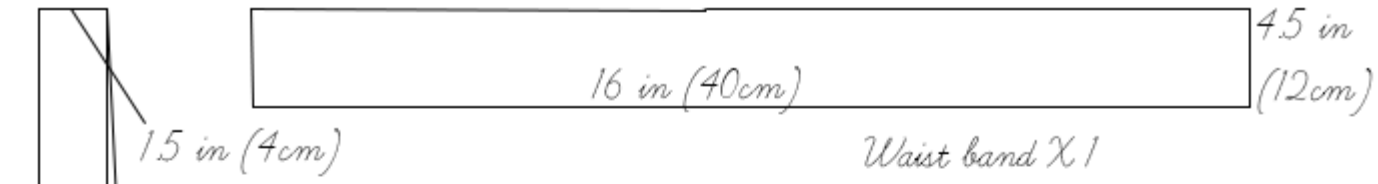
1. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with

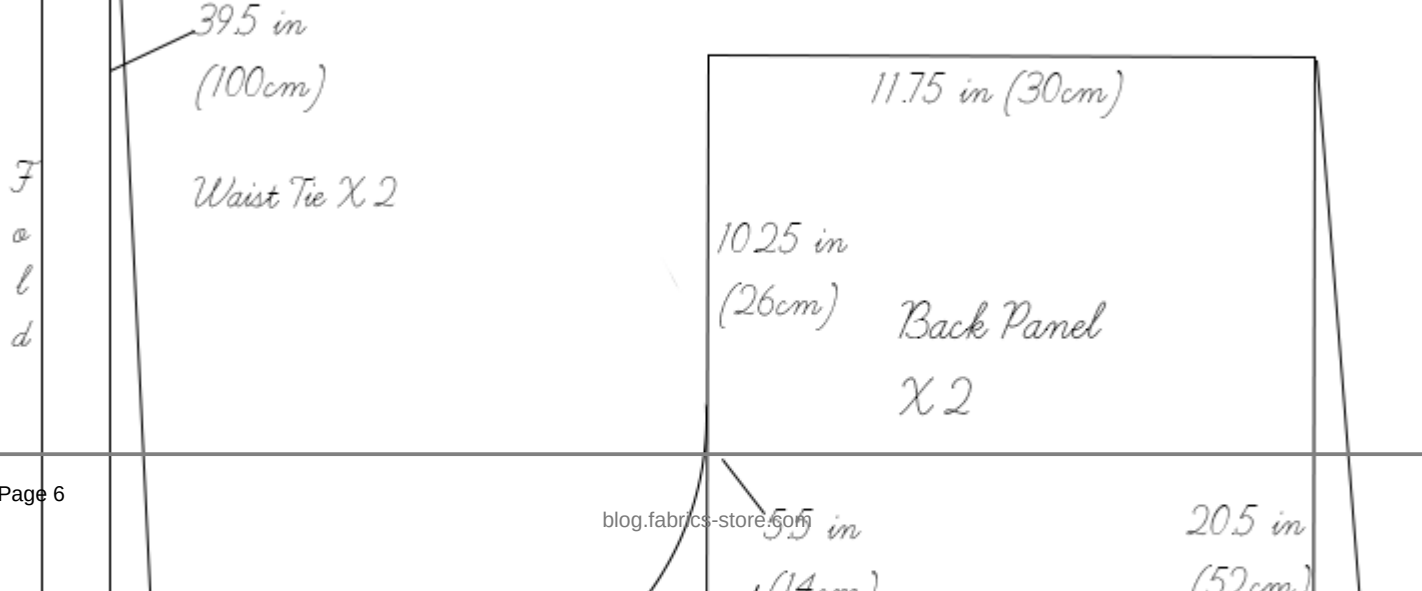
2. The diagram shows the pattern for a size US6-8 (UK10-12). Remember to add 3/8in (1cm) seam allowance around all panels. If you need help to grade your pattern, please follow this tutorial.

Linen Culotte Shorts With Pockets

(Not to Scale)



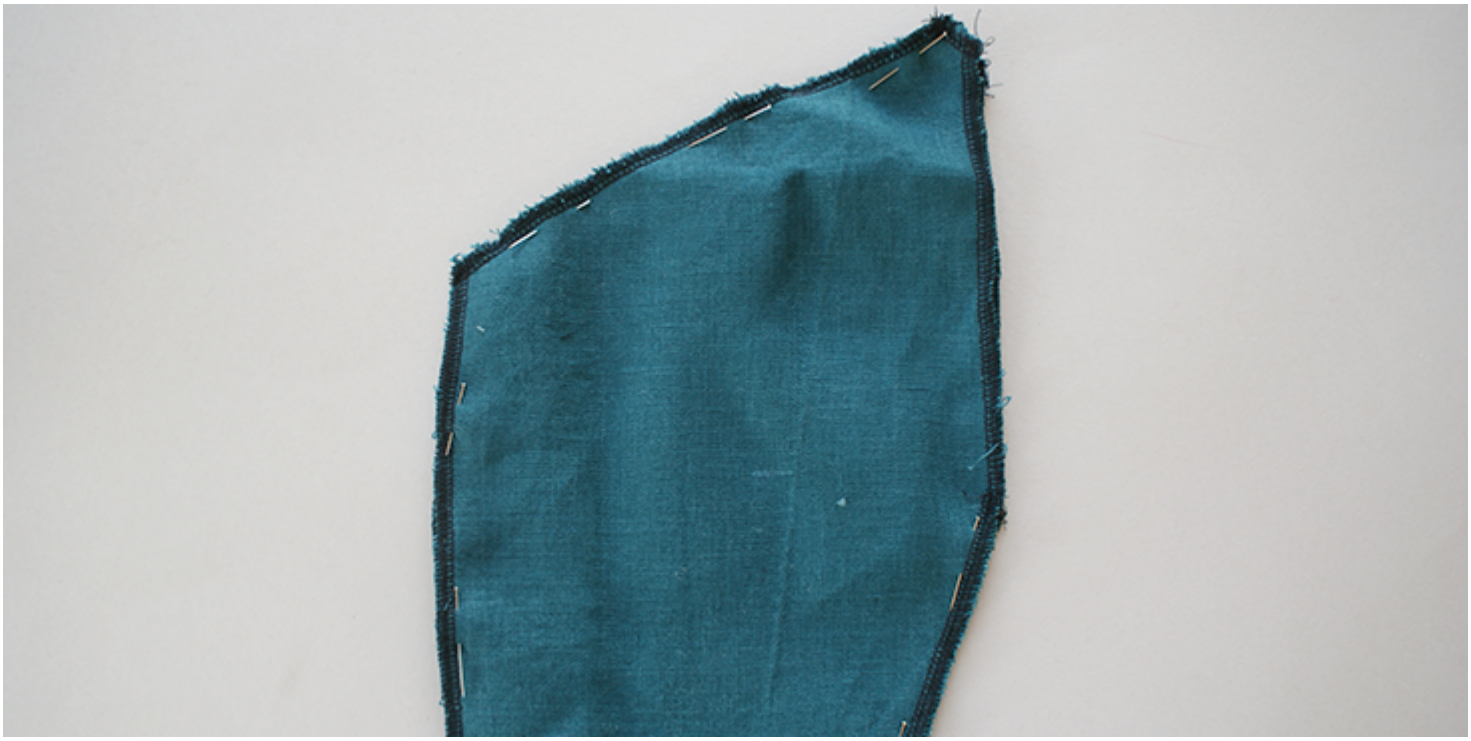




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3. Use a serger, or choose your own method to protect the seams from fraying. Make sure the method you choose does not add weight to the fabric.

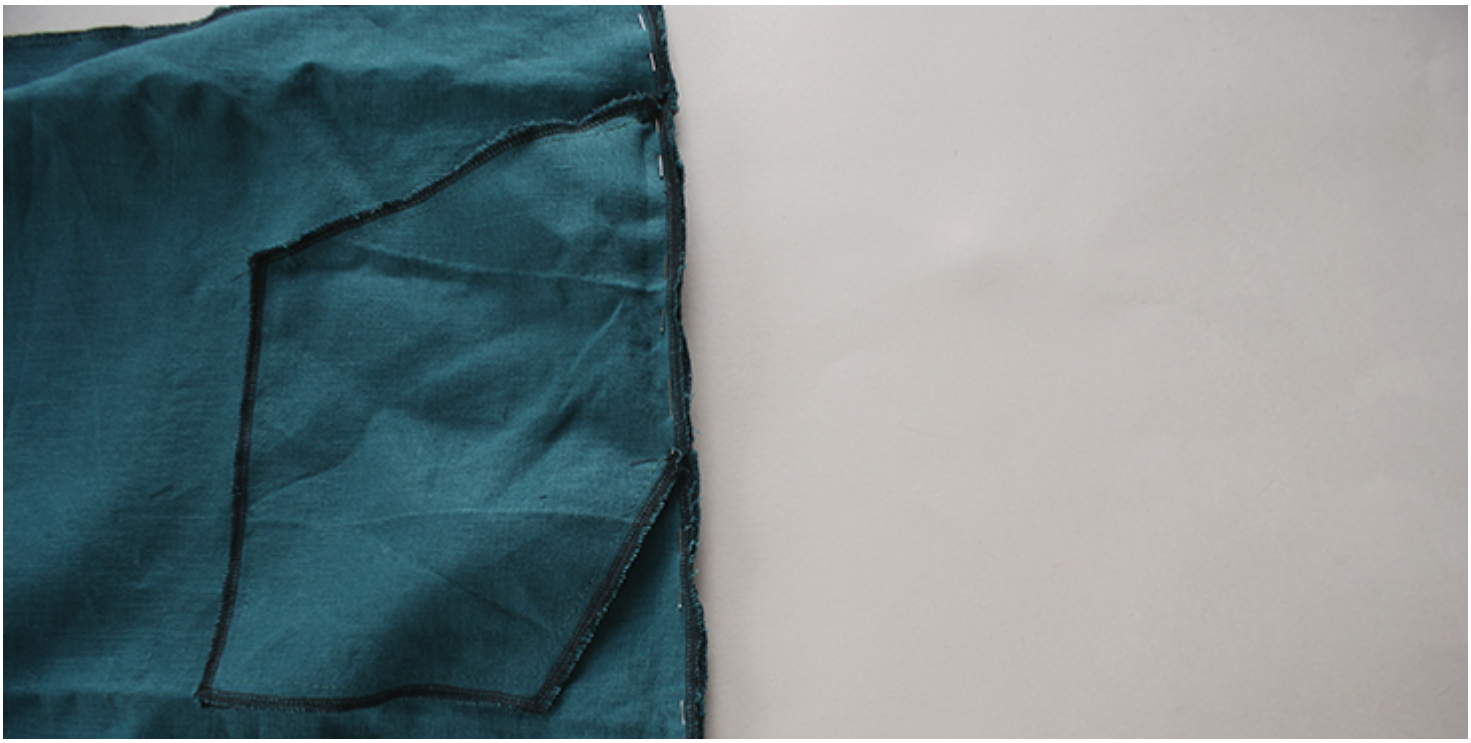
4. Pin the pockets into pairs and stitch along the seam allowance, remember leaving the opening unstitched.



5. This step which involvesâ?? attaching the pocket to the front shorts panel can be a little tricky, so really pay attention. Place the stitched pocket panels facing you on top of the shortsâ?? front panel. Pin ONLY the top pocket panel (as shown) along the indicated (snipped) part of the shorts panel seam. This means you will have an unstitched pocket openingâ?? sandwiched between the top pocket panel and the front shorts panel (see second photo below, once stitched). Stitch along that short seam and give it a gentle press.



6. Next, with front shorts panel facing you, place the shortsâ?? back panel on top of the front panel right side up and pin their side seams together. Withâ?? the pocket, pin the unstitched opening along the snipped part. Stitch very carefully along this seam allowance and press the seams.



7. Pin together the inner seam of the shorts and stitch them together and press.



8. Next, pin together only the beginning of the front seams of the shorts panels. Stitch to just before the inner seam, this is to allow for a smoother

transition between stitched seams once the zip is added on at the back.



9. Take the waist ties and press it in half. Then, press the seam allowance onto the wrong side of the panels along the whole length, leaving aâ?? 3 inch (8cm) seam gap at the beginning.



10. Top stitch over the pressed seam for both waist ties.

11. Press the waistbands into half for both front and back panels. Alsoâ?? press the seam allowance onto the wrong side of the panels.



12. When pinning the back and front panels of the waistbands together, also include the waist ties at the seam. Stitch at the seam allowance and press.



13. Pin the waistband onto the shorts, matching the side seams and centre back and centre front. The shorts panels are wider so you would need to do some impromptu gathering as you pin them together.



14. Top stitch along the pinned edge, remember to leave at least 3/8 inch (1cm) at the opening of the back panels unstitched, this is to help for when you need to attach the zip.

15. Follow this tutorial and sew the invisible zip onto the back of the shorts; starting at the top of the waistband.



16. After sewing in the zip, pin the rest of the curved seam from back to front, making sure the stitching will be nicely transitioned from where the zip ends to when you sew the top of the front seam at step 8.



17. Then follow this tutorial and sew on the pair of hook and eye at the top of the zip. You might want to stitch the eye in before you hand stitch the inside waistband onto the zip, this is so the eye could be hidden.



18. Lastly, fold the seam allowance of the hem onto its wrong side and top stitch over the seam. Give it a press so it sits nice and flat.



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