



Pattern Review: Classic Pants with a Vintage Twist in Earthy Linen, Thoughts?

Description



FS Ami pants made with FS Potting Soil Heavyweight Linen

Okay, so there is a little background on choosing [Ami](#). I look for vintage elements in contemporary patterns, something that I have started doing more of, influenced by my love of vintage clothing. I look for vintage clothing when I thrift. The adventure that comes with thrifting can be such a rush. It is one of the things that I do in between meetings when I am out of town for work. I drive a lot and its great to get up and walk around. Recently I found is great tropical set. It's this lovely tropical vest and pants, you can see it [here](#) in all its glory. The pants have elastic only on the sides sans zippers. I have been looking for patterns that have similar elastic waistbands.

Whilst browsing [FS patterns](#), I noticed that the Ami trouser pattern had elastic channels on the sides of the waistband. I knew then that I had to try this out.



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As anyone who follows my sewing journey knows, I love making pants and have been working on branching out. I can get stuck in a rut to make the same pant again and again. So, I was looking for a pattern that was going to be a little different than what I normally go for. The paper bag waist is a fun detail with the elastic channels which coincidentally also ticked the box of a vintage element

The suggested fabric weight is heavy weight linen, [4C22](#). There are plenty of lovely choices, color wise. I chose to go with [Potting Soil](#) and when I got the fabric, the color was even better in person. I have a pair of deadstock wool pants in a similar shade of brown and they were a workhorse in my cold weather closet.



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I have come to really love the attention to detail in Fabrics-Store pattern booklets. The size charts are dependable, and I feel good about picking the right size using body measurements and the finished garment measurements. Like all my other pants, I have graded between sizes, smaller in the waist, keeping the rise of the size in the hips. The next time I might adjust the rise a little bit. I did wait until I finished the rest of the pants to hem them. They were long on me. I believe I took about 4 inches off the bottom.

At first, the construction might seem a little overwhelming. I know that I was a little intimidated by the construction details. I typically read through the instructions and then dive right in. The waistband looked confusing. So, I decided to just start sewing and deal with obstacles as they arose. Once I was in the swing of sewing, the waistband construction turned out to be a thing of beauty. I loved the finished look and can't wait to make that pattern again.

What color would you make the Ami pants in?

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