

Alexandra Linen Morocco inspired Pants Tutorial

Description





Comfortable and feminine, Alexandra Moroccan style striped pants are a dream to wear out or alternatively guaranteed to become your perfect pajama pair. Cut from our beautiful [Premier Finish 100% linen](#), they are very smooth, breathable and soft to the touch featuring a loose-fitting, slightly cropped style with an elasticated back section on the waistband and a flat front. Such a great design that would fit every shape perfectly.

Alexandra is also a perfect beginner sewing project. These pants are so quick and easy to make that you'll probably wonder why you ever were so afraid of sewing pants!

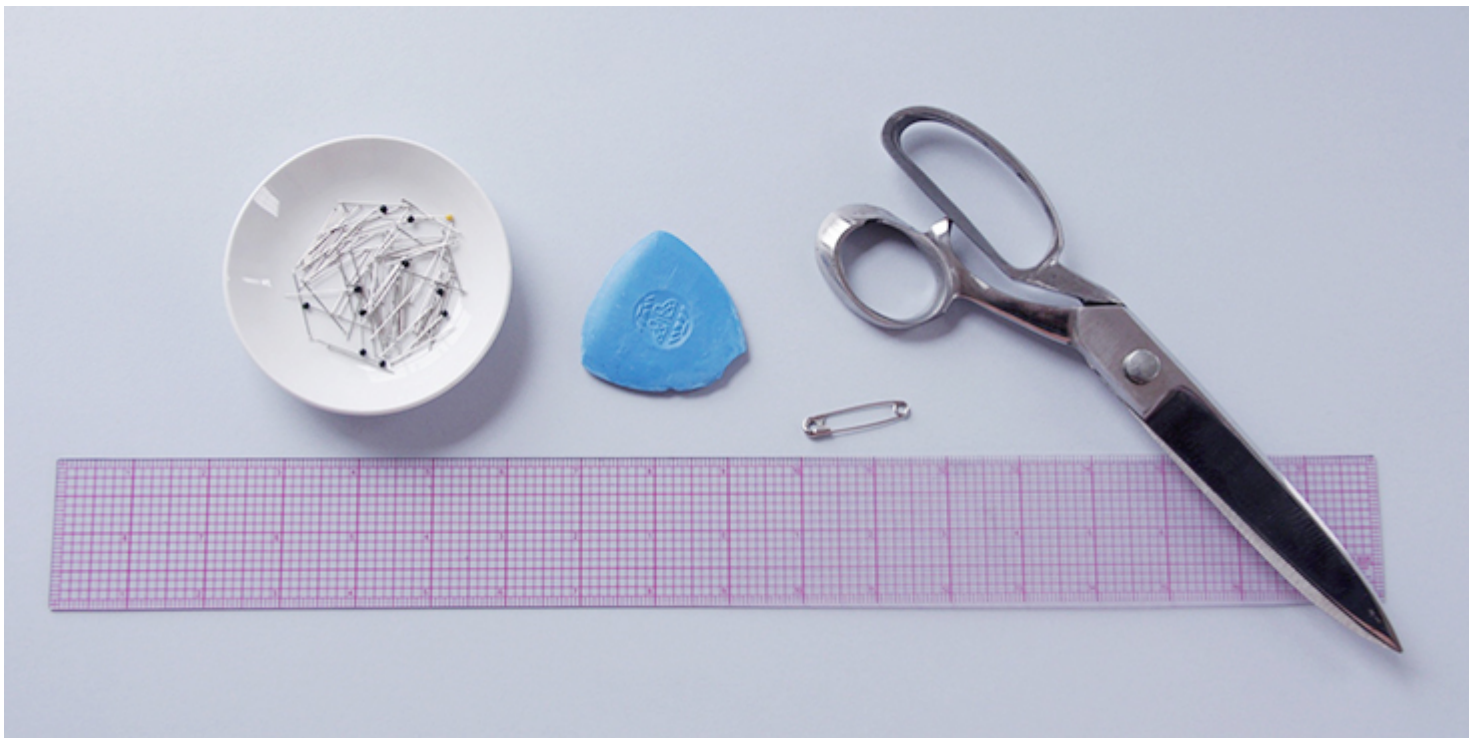
Materials



2 yards of [IL042 899 – FS Premier Finish](#) 100% Linen Middle Weight – Sizes 4-10, **2.5** yards for sizes 12 – 22.

Matching sewing thread, 1 yard of 1- (2.5 cm-) wide elastic

Tools



Pattern paper, scissors, pins, ruler, chalk, safety pin, sewing machine

Time

2-3 hours

Difficulty

Beginner

Pattern

You can access the pants pattern by following this link [HERE](#). All seam allowances included. The model is wearing US size 6. Please note that these pants have an intentionally roomy fit.

Steps

Note: Prewash your fabric and tumble dry it until it is still slightly moist, dry at room temperature. Iron the fabric so it is easier to work with.

Cut: To get two mirror pieces of each leg, fold your fabric in half parallel to the grain line, pin your paper pattern pieces an inch away from the fold and cut including the seam allowances.



1. With right sides together, pin each pant front piece to the corresponding pant back at the side seam. Notice how the front and back are a little different. The back is cut a little deeper in the crotch to allow for sitting.



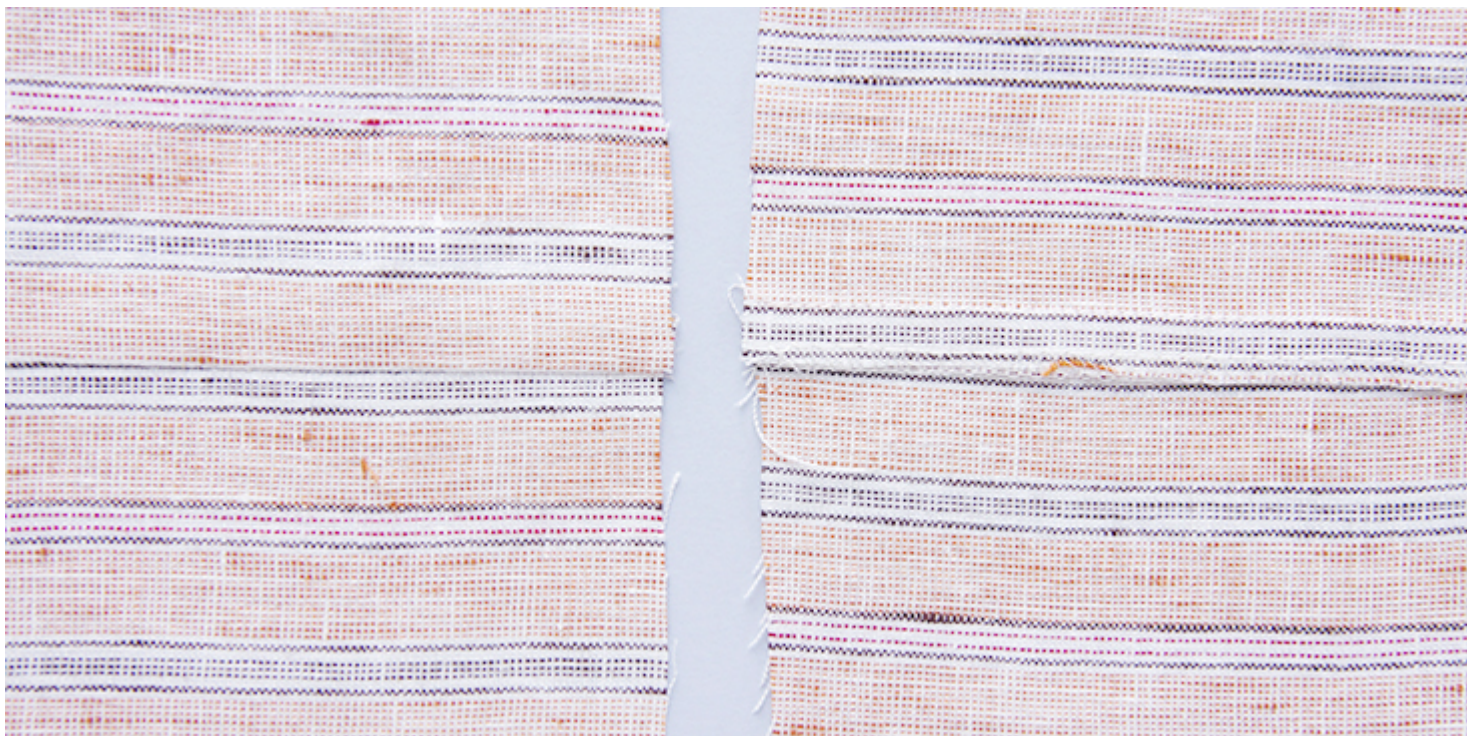
2. Stitch the pinned edges at the side seam together for both left and right legs at a 3/8" (1 cm) seam allowance.



3. Serge or zigzag the raw edges together to prevent the fabric from fraying.



4. Press the seams flat folding the serged/zigzagged edges towards the back of the pant.



5. Repeat the same steps for the inseam edges. With right sides together, pin each pant front to the corresponding pant back at the inseam.



6. Stitch the pinned edges together at a $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance. Serge or zigzag the raw edges together to prevent the fabric from fraying. Press the seams flat folding the serged/zigzagged edges towards the back of the pant.



7. Turn the right pant leg right side out and slip it into the left pant leg.



8. Pin the crotch seams together matching the side seams and inseams.



9. Sew all along the crotch seam at a $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) seam allowance.



10. Serge or zigzag the raw edges together and press the seam flat.



Here's what your pants look like from the right side at this point:



11. Now that you have assembled the legs together (this is what your pants look like at this stage), you can form the casing for the elastic waistband. To do this, fold the upper edge 2" (5 cm) towards the inside (wrong side) and press. Then fold the raw edge again 3/8" (1 cm) towards the inside, press and pin.



12. The pants feature a flat front in order to avoid excessive bulk in the area and as a nice decorative element. Using your ruler, measure 3,5" on each side from the center seam and make marks (use a pin or a fabric marker). This section will not be elasticated.



13. Topstitch as close to the lower fold as possible, from the casing mark at the left side to the casing mark on the right side. Remember to backstitch at both ends.



14. Attach a safety pin to one end of the elastic and pull it through the casing.



15. Stitch one end of the elastic in place (from the upper edge to the bottom of the casing mark). Backstitch to reinforce. Trim the excess of the elastic.

Try on the pants and decide how tight you want your elastic to be. Make a mark and stitch the other end of the elastic along the second casing mark. Trim the excess.



16. Close the opening by topstitching the lower edge of the flat casing.



Your waistband is now finished.



17. The final steps will be to hem your pants. Fold the bottom edge under first $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1 cm) then another $\frac{1}{2}$ (1.25 cm) and press. Pin the fold.



18. Topstitch as close to the inner fold as possible. Remember to backstitch and press the seams.



Et voila! In just a few easy steps and a couple of hours of your time you have a pair of comfy pants that you wouldn't want to take off!

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