

KICK BACK IN STYLE WITH A

PYJAMA SET

that pops with springtime florals

выкройка шорт для ОБ ок 102

We're not saying you'll have lots of downtime once you get stuck into this issue's projects, but this one is guaranteed to fill your quieter moments with flowery inspiration. Corinne Bradd's pretty double act gives you the ideal excuse to combine two of your biggest passions: dressmaking and Liberty fabric. What's not to love? Create a pair of shorts with an elasticated waist and pockets, and customise a cute vest top in no time. Perfect for lounging and feeling peachy!



"Try adding a breast pocket to the vest top, and small frills or a ricrac braid to the legs of the shorts. Make several sets, and matching colours and fabrics for endless combinations."

CORINNE BRADD, DESIGNER

ESSENTIAL KIT

Cotton print fabric, 1m
Plain vest top
White and coloured thread
Length of elastic, 25mm wide
Lightweight fusible interfacing
Bias binding

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CUTTING GUIDE:

Our pattern will make PJ shorts with a hip measurement of 102cm. The waist measurement is determined by the tightness of the elastic. For other sizes, simply add or subtract along the marked line of the pattern. All seam allowances are 1cm.

PYJAMA SHORTS

1 From the cotton print fabric, cut two main pattern pieces with one reversed. Pin and sew the curved centre-front seam from A to B, press the seam to one

side and top-stitch to secure, 5mm from the seam.

2 Cut two pocket pieces from lightweight fusible interfacing, one reversed. Iron these on to the reverse of printed cotton offcuts, leaving at least 1cm all round. Turn in, press and tack around three sides of the pocket, leaving the top curve unfolded.

3 Sew a length of bias binding around the top of the pocket, right sides together, easing around the curve and folding the ends under in line with the edges. Fold the bias over and then top-stitch in place.

4 Flatten the main fabric piece, right side up, and pin the pockets in position, lining up the top edge with the waistband. Top-stitch around the three edges of the pocket and remove the tacking stitches.

5 Fold the shorts right sides together, pin and sew the back-centre seam from C to D. Press and top-stitch as for the front seam. Re-fold the shorts to bring points B and D together. Pin, sew, press and top-stitch the inner leg seams.

6 Turn the shorts right sides out. Fold the bottom of each leg up by 5mm, then 7mm, to make a double hem. Top-stitch the hems 5mm from the bottom fold.

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FABRIC LOVE



LIBERTY LIFESTYLE BLOOMSBURY COPELAND COLOURWAY C

Set against a backdrop of rich teal, this vibrant cotton cascade of cerise and scarlet petals in olive and turquoise leaves is bold, seasonal and effortlessly chic. Available in five different colourways for £14 per metre from sewbox.co.uk.

7 Cut a waistband strip 6cm x 105cm. Fold in by 1cm and tack the short ends. Pin and stitch the strip to the inside of the waistband with right side facing wrong side, starting from the back-centre seam. Adjust the other tacked end to meet if necessary.

8 Fold the waistband strip to the right side of the shorts. Tuck under 5mm and pin the edge along the line of the original seam. Top-stitch to cover the seam and create a channel. With a safety pin fastened to one end, thread some wide elastic through it via the gap in the waistband at the back.

9 Pull the elastic to the desired tightness and stitch the ends together. Push the join back into the gap and hand-stitch the gap closed with small stitches.

PYJAMA VEST TOP

1 Cut 4cm-wide strips of leftover material, joining end to end if necessary.

Check the fit of the vest top to avoid the fabric overstretching when worn.

2 Pin and sew the strip to the top, right sides together, along the edge of the binding between the straps, gently stretching the top. Tuck the strip over, fold under 5mm on the raw edge and slip-stitch to the inside of the neck.

3 Snip the straps from the back of the top and cover the binding in the same way. Work from the centre-back out in either direction to leave an excess strip where the binding turns into the straps at the front of the top. Ensure the new binding covers the raw ends of the piece sewn to the front edge.

4 Fold in 5mm on both raw edge of the excess strip and pin around the straps. Stretch the straps a little and pin to the end of the strip to prevent it slipping inside the covering. Top-stitch the folded edges together and secure the end of the strap inside the covering.

5 Tuck in the ends of the resulting tube. Secure the original strap to the end of the covering with small stitches. Pin and hand-sew the ends of the straps to the inside of the back in their original position.

SHOPPING BASKET



Make life easier when drawing out your pocket shapes with the help of this handy chalk pen. The Chaco Pen from Hemline creates an accurate fine line that can be easily washed away. Available in white or blue for £7.20. groves@stockistenquiries.co.uk

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POCKET
CUT ONE
CUT ONE REVERSE FROM INTERFACING

карман

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CENTRE BACK

середина спинки

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увеличьте или уменьшите по этой линии
ENLARGE OR REDUCE ON THIS LINE

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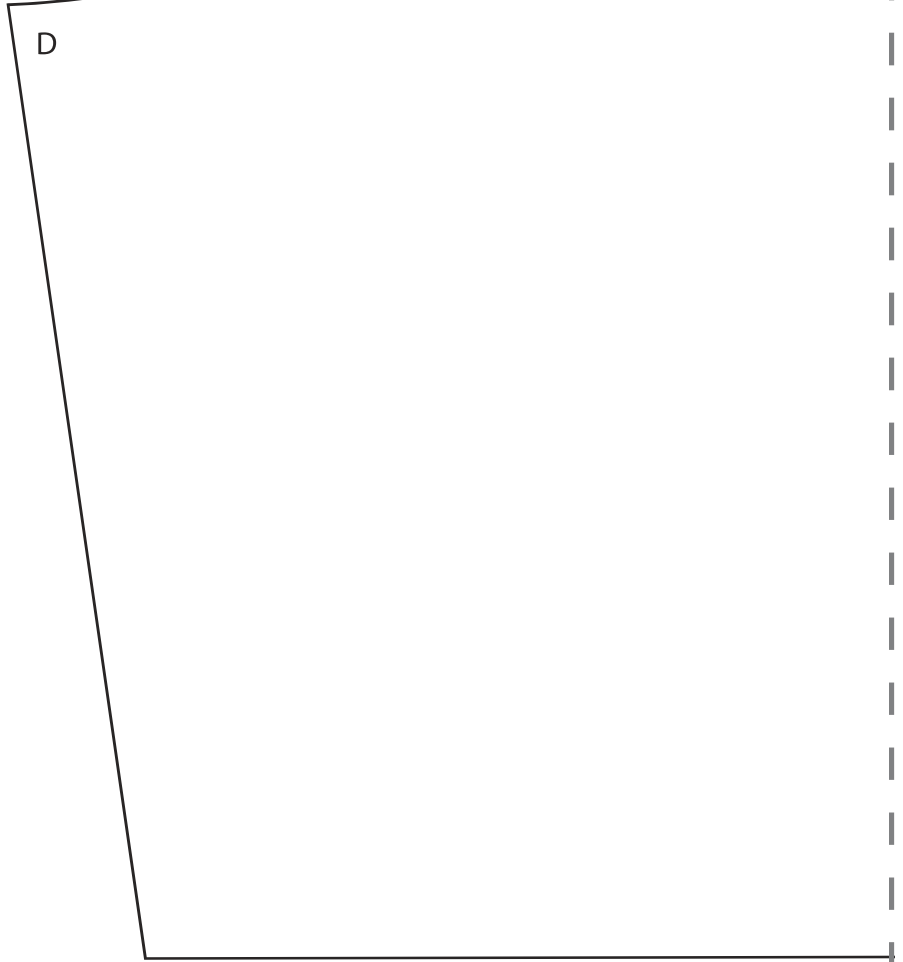
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SHORTS
CUT ONE
CUT ONE REVERSED

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