

Harem Pants

Basic pantaloons require about 2.125 to 2.25 yards of 45" wide fabric depending on your height and how "poofy" you like the lower leg of the pantaloons to be. Just remember it's easy to trip over pantaloons that are too long.

Cut the fabric in half length wise, place wrong sides together and fold in half length wise.

Along the selvage edge (not the fold) cut out the crotch area: a strip of fabric 12" to 15" long and 2" to 3" deep. (To get your crotch depth sit on a hard chair and measure from your hip--where you'd wear the pantaloons--to the surface of the chair add 4" that will give you extra for ease and elastic casing.) Note: cutting a crotch is not necessary. Just be sure to leave a distance when sewing up the leg for the hip area seaming.

Sew each leg into a tube along selvage (don't sew crotch shut!).

Place one tube inside the other right sides together matching center seams and the crotch cutout. Sew legs together along crotch.

Fold over top and make elastic casing, insert elastic.

Fold over leg bottoms and make elastic casings, insert elastic.

You may find that using 1" elastic for the hip band and .5" elastic will be the most comfortable.

