

Make T-shirt into Shorts

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<http://www.burdastyle.com/projects/make-t-shirt-into-shorts>



I feel a step or two were left out of the video I saw on YouTube due to time restraints. So, I'm adding on to what was already said. I referenced the people who did this project before me. For

other stuff I made, go to: <http://www.tarasboutique.etsy.com>

Materials

1. One tee shirt that is fairly loose fitting on you or larger. 2. Sewing machine or hand sewing needle. 3. Thread to match the garment color. 4. Fabric Scissors. 5. Measuring tape 6. Chalk for dark fabric or dark pen for light fabric

Step 1



Once you've chosen your shirt, measure your waist to know how wide the shorts should be when you are done! You may need to make them a couple inches smaller, depending on how stretchy your shirt is.

Step 2



Cut the sleeves off just "under" the seams: meaning the seams are left on the sleeves when you're done.
Use a ruler and draw a line from one shoulder the next just under the lowest point of the shirt collar.

Step 3



Use the ruler and writing utensil again to draw a straight line directly down the middle of the shirt (from top to bottom) and cut exactly in half.

An alternative to this is to fold the shirt in half and crease the middle with an iron. That's what I did.

Step 4



Turn the shirt halves inside out and flip them over so that the sides where the sleeves were are now facing each other. The arched area this creates will be the crotch of your pants

Step 5



pin the right and left side of the crotch together and sew.

Step 6



Now the pants have to be turned out correctly to be sewn up lengthwise.

Do this by grabbing both ends of the seem you JUST made by sewing the crotch.

Hold them together and pull straight up and lay the pants out lengthwise.

Smooth it out until it looks like a pair of pants.

You should see the crotch seem in the front of the pants. The original outer seems of the tee shirt is not the inseam of the pants and the outer most sides of the pants or open.

Step 7



Measure with measuring tape or ruler to be sure the pants waist is at least half that of your total hip measurement. Next, pin the sides of your pants together and sew from top to bottom.

Step 8



Now for the sleeves.

smooth the sleeves out flat so that the cuffed end is "on top" and the angled end is either pointed left or right.

Use a ruler to draw a line from corner of the cuff, down to the bottom on the angled side to straighten that out.

Next, draw straight line across from the shortest end of the sleeve to the first line you drew.

Hint: These pieces will be your waist band. leave as much material as possible so as not to make the waist too small on accident.

Step 9



Lay the sleeves out the long way, one on top of the other. pin the shorter sides together and sew.
Remember to check if this the corrects length for your size before sewing it up permanently.

Step 10



Fold the waistband in half lengthwise, making sure it is turned right side out.
You may want to temporarily pin the ends together just to keep it stable while you work.
Sometimes, I like to use fabric glue for jobs like this.

Step 11



Turn the waistband so that the raw ends are facing “up” and slide it over the top of the pants.

Line up the edges of the waistband to the edges of the pants and pin together.

Remember to stretch out the waistband a little before each pin.

The two edges should match up evenly. If your pants start to pleat once you get to the end, you have three options:

1. stretching and pinning again.
2. Making the pants waist smaller.

3. Adding some material to the waistband to make it longer.

Step 12



Once you're confident the size is correct, sew the waist to the pants remembering to pull the fabric a little as you go along.

Step 13



Yay! you're done.

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