

# Easy Harem Pants

## Materials:

- Measure the length from your hip to the floor and add 3 inches. Multiply this number by 2 (to have enough fabric for both legs!). Then divide by 36 to find the number of yards of fabric to purchase. A 45 inch wide fabric will make "normal" harem pants; wider fabric will make the pants correspondingly fuller.
- Purchase 1 inch wide elastic for the hip casing, and 1/2 inch wide elastic for the ankle casings.

## Cutting Directions:

- Cut the fabric length in half. Lay the two pieces of fabric on top of each other, right sides up; if the fabric has nap or a one way design, be sure that the direction is maintained (i.e., don't put the "bottom" edge of one piece on the "top" edge of the other piece). Now fold the 2 layers of fabric in half lengthwise. You now have 4 layers of fabric, with 4 selvage edges together (see drawing).
- Starting about 8 inches in from the selvage edges, cut a crotch about 10 inches deep (see drawing).

## Sewing:

- Fold each leg in half, right sides together. Sew the inside seams of each leg piece.
- Put the two leg pieces together, with the right sides of the fabric together. Sew the crotch seam.
- Turn under a 1.25 inch casing on the hip edge, and a 3/4 inch casing on each ankle edge; stitch.
- Insert elastic and stitch the elastic ends. Finish off the casings. You're done!

