

Britches for Boys

Required materials:

One t-shirt per one pair of britches

1" elastic

Coordinating thread

Chalk or marking pen,

Tape measure, large safety pin, Darling Dress XL armhole template

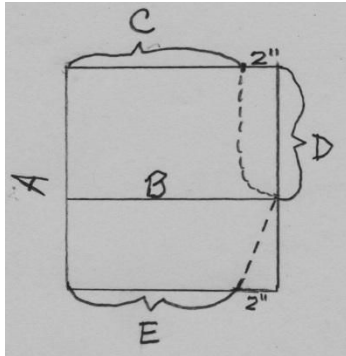
1. Use Adult small shirt for small britches, adult medium and large for medium britches, and XL adult shirt for large and adult medium britches.

2. Lay t-shirt flat with back side down. Smooth out both layers.

3. Fold one side of t-shirt over to match the other side. Smooth layers. Bottom hem of the shirt will be the hem of the britches.

4. Use the following chart for measurements. On the double folded edge (which was the center front and center back of original shirt), measure up from hem the distance for line A. Mark.

Sizing Chart						
Size	Line A	Line B	Line C	Line D	Line E	Elastic
X Small (2)	12"	7"	5"	7"	5"	16"
Small (6)	16"	9"	7"	9"	7"	18"
Med (10)	20"	11"	9"	11"	9"	20"
Large (14)	22"	12"	10"	12"	10"	23"
M Adult	24"	13"	11"	13"	11"	25"



5. Measure across the middle to the shirt sides for line B. Mark.

6. Measure across top for line C. Mark. There will be 2" left that will be cut away later.

7. Measure across hem for line E. Mark. There will be 2" left that will be cut away later in smallest sizes. For sizes Medium and larger, do not cut at an angle.

8. At the top, measure in two inches and measure down from the top of britches for line D. This is the crotch. Mark the line. It resembles a backward J. The Darling Dress X Large armhole template is the right width and design, but needs to be extended to the top.

9. From the bottom of the crotch/backward J, draw a diagonal line to the mark on line E. Cut away excess.

10. To sew, unfold shirt. With right sides together, sew front crotch seam. Repeat for back crotch seam.

11. With right sides together, match crotch seams. Pin each leg. Sew one continuous seam from hem of one leg to hem of the other leg. (an upside down U.) Check to be sure you have two separate legs.

12. With right side out, turn down 1 1/2" to the wrong side to form waist casing. Starting at back seam, use a wide zigzag, edge stitch around the waist, leaving a 2" opening in the back to insert the elastic.

13. Cut elastic according to size chart.
14. Insert a large safety pin in one end of elastic. Thread the elastic through the opening.**Or see easier insertion instructions below**
15. Pull both ends of elastic out of opening. Be sure elastic has not twisted. Overlap the ends by 1" and sew securely. Push elastic through the opening. Adjust evenly around the waist.
16. Sew the waist opening closed using zigzag stitch. Stitch through the band and elastic at center back.
17. If leg hem is not done, turn up 5/8" to inside. Stitch around each leg hole.

Helpful Hint: Some t-shirt scraps can be used for the Darling Dress cords. Sleeves can be used to make hats.

**For easier application of elastic, see "encase elastic in britches" download on the web site, fccsewingministry.com

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