

How to Make Wrap Pants

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1 Intro

Wrap pants are another easy way of making an authentic period costume quickly. Since they can be worn over almost anything, you can even wear jeans all event and still be in costume. Like with tunics, using different colors of fabric or adding trim can make these unique and elaborate. They can also be modified by adding lacing up the sides or sewing the sides closed entirely.

2 Supplies

- 1.5 yards of fabric, 60 inches wide
- Thread matching the color of the fabric
- Any desired bands of trim

3 Instructions

1. Cut the fabric lengthwise in half, then fold each of your new pieces of cloth in half lengthwise, so you have two pieces of fabric 60 inches long and 27 inches wide, folded in half to become 60 inches long and approximately 14 inches wide.
2. Measure legs and waistline, and cut out pieces using the measurements shown in the diagram below. Make sure that the fold is along the inside of the leg. You should now have two identical pieces of fabric.
3. Unfold the pieces you just cut and hem along the outsides of the legs.
4. Place the pieces, good sides inwards, on top of one another, and sew along the curved side approximately 1/8" from the edge of the cloth.

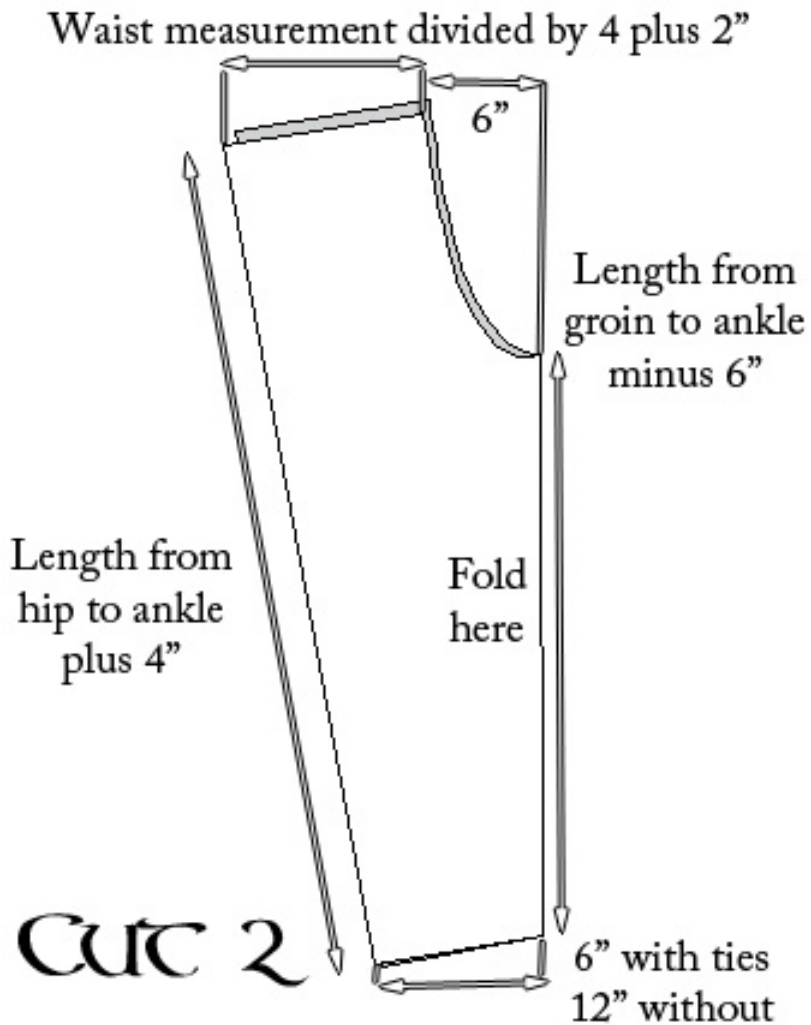


Figure 1: Pattern for wrap pants.

5. Optional: If you want to wear a belt with the pants, fold down the top so that you have a channel of fabric as large as the width of your belt plus half an inch. Stitch this so that you have a way to thread your belt through (it will buckle at one of the sides unless you cut a hole in front.)
6. For belt ties, cut two pieces of fabric 4 inches wide and the width of your pant-waist plus 12 inches long. Hem the short ends.
7. Fold each piece in half lengthwise and sew into a tube. Turn that tube inside out, so the seam is hidden.
8. Stitch the ties onto the waist of your pants, making sure to keep them centered.
9. Fold the waist of the pants down twice and stitch over the fold so that the ties are completely covered by the fabric of the pants.

10. For leg ties, repeat steps 6 and 7, using cloth 4 inches wide and 24 inches long. Sew these ties onto the bottom of your pants the same way you sewed the belt ties into the waist.
11. Fold the fabric over the tie just like in step 9, and sew.
12. You can also tie the corners of the legs together instead of using ties. If you do this, make sure to hem the pant-legs first.
13. Optional: decorate!