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Oscar Shorts

Welcome to the wonderful world of sewing! Make this beautiful vest with a little help from Frocks & Frolics. Watch the detailed video covering all aspects of sewing and preparation. Then use the comprehensive guide to work at your pace and learn a few tricks of the trade as well.

Marina is a professional tailor with 25 years experience in both teaching and working in the fashion industry. She continues to provide educational resources for everyone wanting to learn professional tailoring techniques. This pattern is available through frocksandfrolics.com and the academy.frocksandfrolics.com which also includes the sewing courses to match all in one place.

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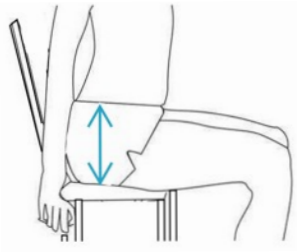
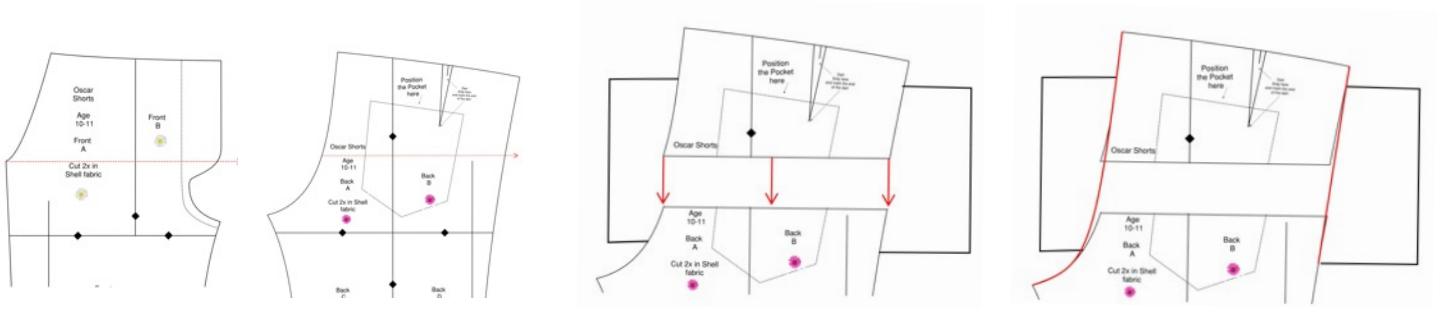
Measurement Chart

Age	Height	Hip	Hip FGM (finished garment measurement)	Shorts Length full length (excluding waist-band)	Inside Leg	Body Rise	Elastic Length
1-2	92 cm 36.2″	52 cm 20,5″	61 cm 25,6″	32 cm 12,6″	37 cm 14,6″	16.4 cm 6,5″	45 cm 17,7″
2-3	98 cm 38,6″	55 cm 21,7″	65 cm 25,6″	33 cm 13″	41 cm 16,1″	17.2 cm 6,77″	47 cm 18,5″
3-4	104 cm 41″	58 cm 22,8″	66 cm 26″	34 cm 13,4″	44.5 cm 17,5″	18 cm 7,1″	49 cm 19,3″
4-5	110 cm 43.3″	61 cm 24″	69 cm 27,2″	35 cm 13,8″	48 cm 18,9″	18.8 cm 7,4″	51 cm 20″
5-6	116 cm 45,7″	64 cm 25,2″	71 cm 28″	36 cm 14,2″	51.4 cm 20,2″	19.6 cm 7,7″	53 cm 20,9″
6-7	122 cm 48″	67 cm 26,4″	72 cm 28,3″	37 cm 14,6″	55 cm 21,7″	20.4 cm 8″	55 cm 21,6″
7-8	128 cm 50,4″	70 cm 27,6″	77 cm 30,2″	38 cm 15″	58 cm 22,8″	21.2 cm 8,4″	58 cm 23″
8-9	134 cm 52,8″	73 cm 28,7″	77,5 cm 30,5″	40 cm 15,7″	61 cm 24″	22 cm 8,7″	61 cm 24″
9-10	140 cm 55,1″	76 cm 29,9″	79 cm 31,1″	41,4 cm 16,3″	64 cm 25,2″	22.8 cm 9″	64 cm 25,2″
10-11	146 cm 57,5″	79 cm 31,1″	81 cm 31,9″	42.5 cm 16,7″	67 cm 26,4″	23.6 cm 9,1″	67 cm 26,4″
11-12	152 cm 59,8″	82 cm 32,3″	85 cm 33,5″	44 cm 17,3″	70 cm 27,6″	24.4 cm 9,5″	70 cm 27,6″
12-13	158 cm 62,2″	85 cm 33,5″	92 cm 36,2″	46,6 cm 18,3″	73 cm 28,7″	25.2 cm 9,9″	72 cm 28,3″
13-14	164 cm 64,6″	89 cm 35″	94 cm 37″	47 cm 18,5″	75,5 cm 29,7″	26.2 cm 10,3″	75 cm 29,5″
14-15	170 cm 66,9″	93 cm 36,6″	97 cm 38,2″	47,9 cm 18,9″	78 cm 30,7″	27.2 cm 10,7″	77 cm 30,3″
15-16	176 cm 69,3″	97 cm 38,2″	100 cm 39,4″	49 cm 19,3″	81.5 cm 32″	28.2 cm 11,1″	80 cm 31,5″



The 'rise' is the height from the seat of the chair to the waist. This measurement is important when your child does not fit into the average fit. If the seat is too long it will look odd and if it is too tight it will be uncomfortable. You can reduce the seat height or extend it by splitting the pattern as shown in the diagram. Very tall skinny boys may need the smaller size for their hip measurement but the larger size for their height. Always go for the age/seat rise first. Then adjust for body height, adding length.



Split the front underneath the pocket. That way it won't affect the pocket size at all. Extend for the required amount. Use a spare sheet of paper and cello-tape the pieces to it. Ensure they are directly above each other at a 90% angle. Connect the upper and lower pieces. This will result in cutting tiny amount of the top part and adding it to the lower piece.

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Video Tutorials

Frocks & Frolics patterns have numerous videos to support the making of the garments. I would strongly recommend that you watch them to fully understand every detail. Just click on the thumbnails to access each video. Alternatively, you can sign up to the sewing course at academy.frocksandfrolic.com. If you purchased this pattern via a different platform and want to be added to the course I would be delighted. Just shoot me an email an I get it sorted for you.

Step 1: Sign up to the **Academy**

Step 2: Email frocksandfrolicsflowergirls@gmail.com

Introduction:

- The pattern assembly
- The pattern explained
- Cutting out
- Inserting the Eyelets

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS:

All steps are shown in detail. Just get your tablet ready and sew while you watch.

This also includes:

- Patch pockets
- Side pockets
- Elasticated waist
- Toggles

HOW TO INSERT EYELETS

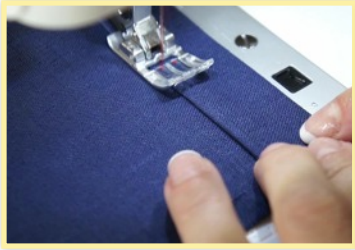
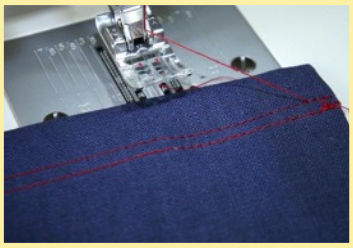
We are borrowing from the Maisy project. The method is exactly the same. It is included in the introduction but this clip is clearer!

TESTING THE OSCAR SHORTS

Before the pattern got to market it was rigorously tested and what could be better than sewing the shorts with a beginners sewing class to see if it works!

The Patch - Pocket

Place the template for the pocket on the wrong side of the back pocket ad iron the edges in all the way around.

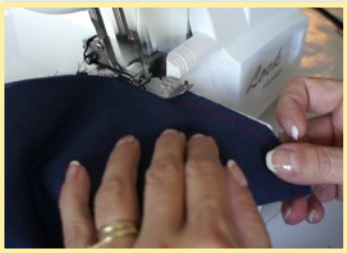



Fold in the upper edge. Topstitch the upper edge of the pocket. Firstly topstitch close to the folded edge on the underside and then add another stitch line from the right side of the fabric. Be sure to extend the stitch length to 3-3.5. Close the dart on the back piece, overlock (serge) and topstitch.

Cut out the pocket from the pattern piece and place it on the back piece. The right side of the fabric has to face upwards. Place the patch pocket into the space and pin. Remove the pattern and topstitch the pocket to the back pieces.

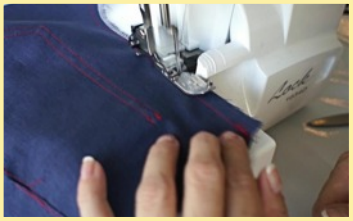
The Side Pocket

Place the pocket on the front side, right sides facing each other. Close the seam with foot width seam allowance. Fold the seam allowance towards the lining and understitch.



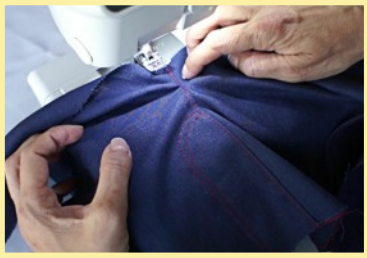
Fold the pocket under and topstitch the edge again. This time from the outside. I would recommend foot width distance. Line up the loose edge of the pocket with the side and close the lower pocket edge. Overlock (serge) the seam.

Faux Zipperfly - Joining the Front and Back



Close the centre back and centre front and overlock (serge) the seam. Make sure you disable the knife as it is easy to cut into the fabric when you are serging around the curves. Iron the seams to one side. Ensure both the font and the back are ironed in the same direction. This would be to your left when you are looking at the centre back seam from the outside of the shorts.

Topstitch the centre back. Make sure you are choosing a longer stitch length again, so it won't look odd. Topstitch about 2 mm off the seam and then again foot width. Now topstitch the centre front seam too. To topstitch the faux zipperfly, turn the front over. Line up the presser foot with the serged edge and sew foot width to the edge.



Turn the trouser with the right side facing up and stitch another line 3-4 mm (just under foot width) lining the presser foot up with the first stitch line. Finally stitch foot width from the crotch up to the faux zipperfly.
Sew across the end with a zig-zag stitch.