



# Shell

## SCALLOPED PANTS

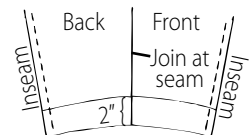
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1. Tape front and back pants legs together matching side seam (not inseam).
2. Cut 2 inches off bottom hem. If pants hem is curved, follow curve (fig. 1).

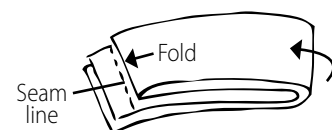
FIGURE 1

Pants pattern

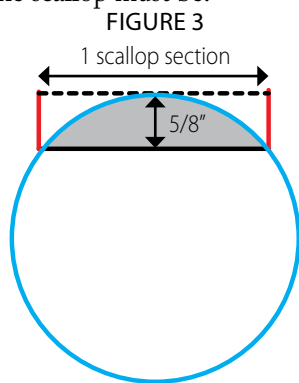


3. Set pants aside to work with 2-inch border. Mark inseams on each end. Fold border in half. Now, fold again placing first fold on inseam line (not cut edge of pattern) (fig. 2). Fold once more placing second fold to inseam line as well. Unfold to reveal 8 even sections between seams.

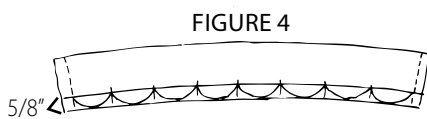
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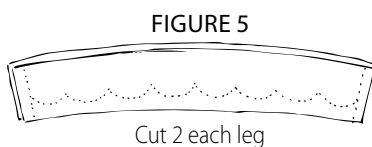
4. Make a scallop template: Transfer marks of one section to heavy paper (like a file folder). Mark a line  $\frac{5}{8}$  inch above straight edge of paper; refer to figure 3.
5. Use a circle template or circular object like a jar lid or drinking glass to draw the scallop. Find a circle that will give you a scallop close to the depth you marked while touching the ends of the sections width marks (fig. 3). There is no rule for how deep the scallop must be.



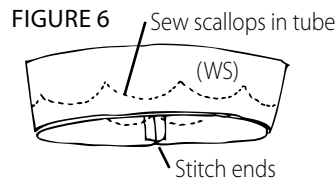
6. Draw a line from bottom edge of 2-inch border pattern the same depth as your scallop ( $\frac{5}{8}$  inch for example). Trace a scallop in each section starting and ending at inseam lines (fig. 4).



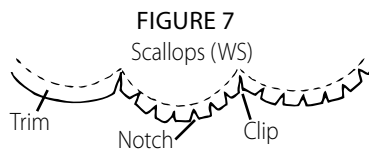
7. Pin border pattern to two layers of fabric with wrong sides of fabric facing out. Trace scallops on one layer (wrong side). Cut out top and sides and approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch below scallops (fig. 5). Repeat to cut out border for other leg.



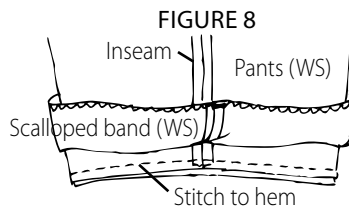
8. Sew ends of each border with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch seam (this will be matched to inseam of pants later). You should have 4 rings of fabric. Pin two rings with right sides together (scallop lines facing out). Stitch along scalloped edge with a 1.5 stitch length (you will be sewing in a tube) (fig. 6).



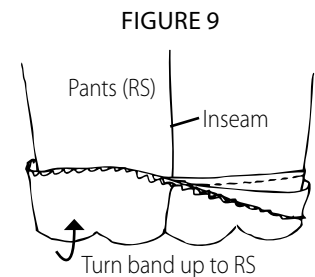
9. Trim  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch from scallop stitching and notch each curve and clip each point (fig. 7). Turn right side out and push scallops out with a point turner or the edge of a spoon. Finger press the scalloped seam, then press with an iron.



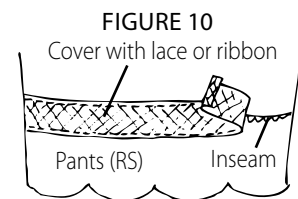
10. Construct pants completely as directed in chosen pattern, except for hem.
11. Pull border layers apart along top raw edges. Finish one raw edge with a serger or machine overcast stitch. Pin remaining raw edge to pants hem with right side of border to wrong side of pants. Match inseams to border seams and stitch a  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam (fig. 8).



12. Press border down and seam up. Glue-baste or machine baste remaining finished edge of border over seam on right side of the pants (fig. 9). It may seem odd to have the edge exposed on the right side of the pants, but this will be covered with Cluny lace or ribbon or trim of your choice.



13. Glue-baste or pin Cluny lace or trim over edge of border on right side of pants. Edgestitch or zigzag trim in place (fig. 10). Now you have a clean finish on the inside and out.



NOTE: You may work this application in opposite order to finish the right side without trim. Simply apply right side of border to right side of pants, then flip to inside, then edge stitch along seam to catch finished edge on wrong side of pants. —SB