

BOY'S TANK TOP

Needs: 5/8 to 3/4 yard Cotton Knit fabric (FABRIC MUST BE NEW – NOT LAUNDERED) and thread. **Use**

5/8-inch seams

1. Stitch Front to back at shoulder seams.
2. Press under 3/8" hem allowance on neck and armhole edges.
Zigzag stitch close to inner edges of hems.
Stitch front to back at side seams.
3. Press up 1 1/2" hem on lower edge of top. Stitch 1/4 inch from raw edge of hem.
Zigzag hem close to inner edges of hem.
4. Sew a 1 1/2" strip of Twill or bias tape inside back neckline. Sew it on all 4 sides. Write size on tape with permanent marker.

BOY'S SHORTS

Needs: 1 to 1 5/8 yards cotton or cotton blend fabric (heavier knit is okay), 3/4" wide elastic, thread.

Use 5/8" seams, AND finish off seams in some manner (zig-zag, pinked, serged)

1. Sew center front seams together. Sew Center Back seams together. To reinforce seams. Stitch again over first stitching. Trim seam in curved area to 1/4". Zig-zag or serge seam, if not pinked.
2. Stitch front to back at inner leg seams.
3. Stitch shorts front to back at side seams.
4. OPTIONAL: To keep elastic from getting stuck in the seam allowances as it's inserted, use fusible web or machine-basting to anchor seam allowances to garment within the casing area. Be sure to remove basting after casing is finished.
5. Press under 1/2" on raw edge. Press an additional 1" on upper edge of shorts to INSIDE, forming casing. Stitch close to lower edge of casing, leaving an opening to insert elastic.
6. Cut a piece of elastic (length indicated below). Insert elastic through opening in casing. Overlap ends 1 inch and stitch together securely. Stitch opening closed. Distribute fullness evenly. Remove basting.
7. Mark depth of hem (1 1/2"); trim evenly. Press under 1/4" on raw edge. Stitch close to inner pressed edge.
8. Sew a 1 1/2" strip of Twill or bias tape inside back neckline. Write size on twill tape.

Cut elastic for shorts as indicated below:

Size 2 – 17 1/2 inches
Size 3 – 18 inches
Size 4 – 18 inches

Size 5 – 19 inches
Size 7 - 20 inches
Size 9 21 inches

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