

Le Semaine de Suzette, 1909 #52 **Pantalon Fermé**

At the general request, we again give the first pieces of the trousseau of Bleurette, but in styles a little different from the previous, so that everyone is content.

These pantaloons are closed, because the open pantaloons are appropriate only with long skirts. Figure 1 shows you the finished pantaloons; figures 2, 3 and 4 are the various parts of which it is composed.

Fig. 2. - Half of the pantaloons. For this half, one needs a piece of *calicot* [a cotton fabric less fine than percale] or percale being 12 centimetres in height and 24 in width. Fold this piece in two, in order to have a square (of 12 x 12).

Copy the pattern (fig. 2), and after having cut it out, place it on your piece of fabric as it is placed on the gray background in the drawing. Maintain it with two or three pins, and cut around, except the side where a dotted line is and these words: "fold of the straight-grain fabric", and on the two lines "seams of the front".

Thus cut, your pantaloons are equal height front and back; but it does not need to remain thus. Make a second copy while following at the top the line *a*, *b*, and the slanted line which goes from *b* to the point of the pantaloons; then the lines of the bottom and side. In a word, all the lines of contour, except the line which on top goes from *a* to *c*, then descends at the right from *c* to the point of the pantaloons.

Open your fabric and, on one on the two sides, place this new copy and cut away the fabric that exceeds the lines *a*, *b* and *c* to the point of the pantaloons.

To cut the second leg of the pantaloons, you will have only to pose the first on another piece of percale.

Close each leg initially separately, by making the curved seam which goes from the point of the pantaloons to the hem. Make the hem and decorate it with small lace, if you have some. If you do not have any, do not be concerned: the simpler the lingerie is, the more it is as it should be. Gather on the dotted line carrying the word "gathers (*fronces*)". These gathers simulate the flounce. If this were the pantaloons of a small girl, one would need for your needle a little more ceremony; one would make, separately, a straight-grain flounce; but, for a doll of the size of Bleurette, the process that we have indicated is sufficient.

Both legs are assembled then by the two seams *c* (front) and *c* (back).

Now split the pantaloons for 4 centimetres, starting from the top, along the dotted line "fold of the straight-grain fabric", finely border each side of this slit with two plackets made of a small straight-grain band, of which one will pass under the other and pose the belt.

The belt is in two parts: one which goes from a slit on side to the other slit across the back; the other which goes from one slit to the other across the front.

The front belt has buttons; that . . . [remainder of instructions are off the page].