

Bleu Door Annual Stash Swap 2008
"Summer Fun"
A Prettiful Design by Margie Robison

The Rumba top works best when an all-over pattern or solid color is used. Because there are no shoulder seams the back is not aligned with the straight of grain. This would throw off a directional print!

Use 1/8-inch seams throughout. If you like, you can add additional seam allowance before cutting out pattern.

Rumba Top

Cut 1 Top and 1 Lining

Line up right sides together and starting at the underarm edge-

Stitch Back Hem, CB opening, around Neckline, CB Opening and across Back Hem.

Break off thread and stitch both armhole seams.

Break off thread and stitch front hem.

Clip Curves

Turn Top right side out through side opening and press

Stitch both underarm seams. The ruffle will cover any uneven match at hemlines.

Ruffle: Make self ruffle or use 16 inches of lace.

Turn under and press $\frac{1}{4}$ " on upper and lower edge of ruffle and top stitch.

Turn side edges $\frac{1}{4}$ " press and top stitch.

GATHER one edge with two rows of stitching.

Pin ruffle edges to lower hem and distribute fullness. Pin in place and stitch.

Pull out gather stitches to reduce bulk.

Finish with two snaps at back opening.

Capris:

Without Slit

Turn hemline up 1/8" twice, press and stitch.

For Optional Side Slit:

Mark side slit with pencil line

Cut out strip and zig zag finish upper edge if desired

Pin strip to lower edge of pants right sides together and stitch across hem and slit. Clip opening and clip corners if necessary to allow for a smooth edge.

Turn and press. Top stitch in place. Use decorative stitch if desired.

Stitch Center Front seam and clip curve.

Fold under Waistline and Topstitch.

Mark elastic to fit waist plus seam allowance and insert in casing.

Stitch in place at beginning and end of casing opening

Match Center Back seams and stitch.

Line up hemlines and crotch seam and stitch.

Variations: You can add 2 inches to lower edge of pants for regular length or shorten as desired for shorts or underpants.

To make a dress: Cut out rectangle of fabric $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x16". Finish back edges as desired, gather and attach to top. Hem to desired length. You can also shorten top to just under arms for an empire waistline summer dress. Finish with snaps and trims of your choice.

Enjoy!