



## “Easy Let Down Shorts Tutorial”

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**Description:** This tutorial is a simple way to extend the life of a pair of shorts for a growing child or make a new pair more modest. No pre-printed pattern pieces are necessary. Full color pictures and instructions are included



*Original Shorts*



*Modified Shorts*

Materials needed:

**Pair of Shorts with a turned up hem**

**Seam Ripper**

**Matching Thread**

**Cute embellishments like Ribbon**

**Ironing Board and Iron**





The first thing you want to look for is a pair of shorts that has a turned up hem. When manufacturers sew these type of shorts, they will often finish off the hem twice. This makes it very easy to let them down because most of the work is already done for you. When you have found the shorts you want to modify, grab your seam ripper and carefully work around the perimeter of the shorts to take out the first seam. As you can see from this picture the original seam makes the length in the stride very short. This will be a more comfortable pair of shorts to move around and sit down in once the length on the legs is taken down a bit.



You can already see quite a bit of extra material available in the length! Also, note the very bottom is already finished off so if you wanted to stop here, you could wash dry and iron the shorts and be done





These shorts are already looking a lot better. You will see a crease in the material and that is normal due to the commercial pressing when these shorts were originally sewn. You can use your steam iron and get most of that crease out. It may also take a couple of washings to remove the remainder.



To customize our shorts , we took some decorative ribbon and top stitched it around the perimeter of both legs.





We also added a little ribbon to the back pocket.



Now our shorts will be good for another season and also more comfortable to play and sit down in.





Here is a comparison to another pair of shorts that we transformed also. It is amazing how much extra length is gained when doing this simple modification.



Another customized easy change. We simply added factory trim to the bottom of the legs by sewing to the inside perimeter.



*ENJOY!*