

- ___ 13. Set the stitch length to 4 and stitch the seam allowances open – this will help keep the elastic from getting stuck in the center seam allowances. These stitches will be removed. RESET the stitch length.
- ___ 14. Fold under ¼-inch to the INSIDE, press. Fold the upper edge of the pants down 1-½-inch; this forms the actual casing. Edge stitch the casing, leaving a 2-inch opening to insert the elastic.
- ___ 15. Cut a piece of elastic the length of your waist measurement, plus 1-inch. Pin a large safety pin to one end of the elastic.
- ___ 16. Insert the safety pin through the opening in the casing and thread the elastic all the way through until it emerges from the other side of the opening. Overlap the elastic ends and hold them with a safety pin. Try on the pants and adjust the elastic to fit, if necessary.
- ___ 17. Stitch the overlapped ends securely.
- ___ 18. Pull the elastic until all of it is INSIDE the casing. Stitch the opening closed. Remove the basting stitches.
- ___ 19. Turn the pants RIGHT side out. Try on the pants and see where you want the finished hem.
- ___ 20. Press the hem, fold under ¼-inch on the raw edge. Stitch hem in place as close to the inner pressed edge.

YOU ARE FINISHED!

**CONGRATULATIONS AND ENJOY WEARING YOUR PANTS KNOWING THAT YOU MADE THEM
YOURSELF!**