

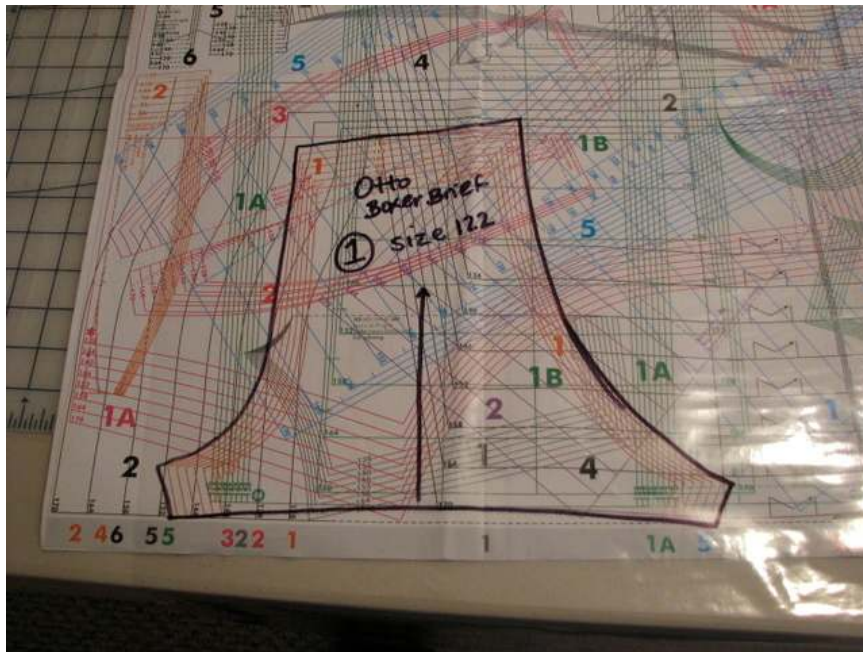
I started with Ottobre issue 4/2004 and some rib knit for the sides/butt and a patterned knit for the cod peice. The boxer briefs pattern is orange on Sheet E.

For this pattern, I like rib knit best for the sides/back- I think it provides a sleeker silhoutte. I do often use PRR or some other jersey for the cod peice. In this case, I used a camo rib knit.

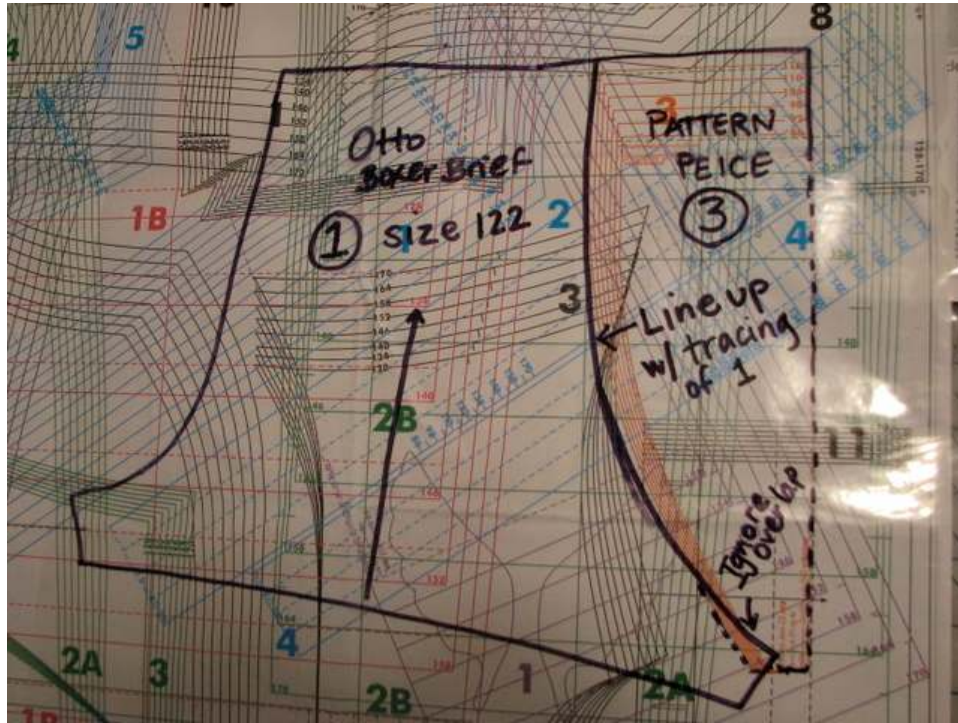
For the purposes of the sew along, I used clear sheeting to trace the pattern so that you all could see what I was doing... The serger is using a 4 thread overlock with white thread, the sewing machine is using red thread and a triple stitch for everything except the last step which is a zigzag.

Trace-A-Long:

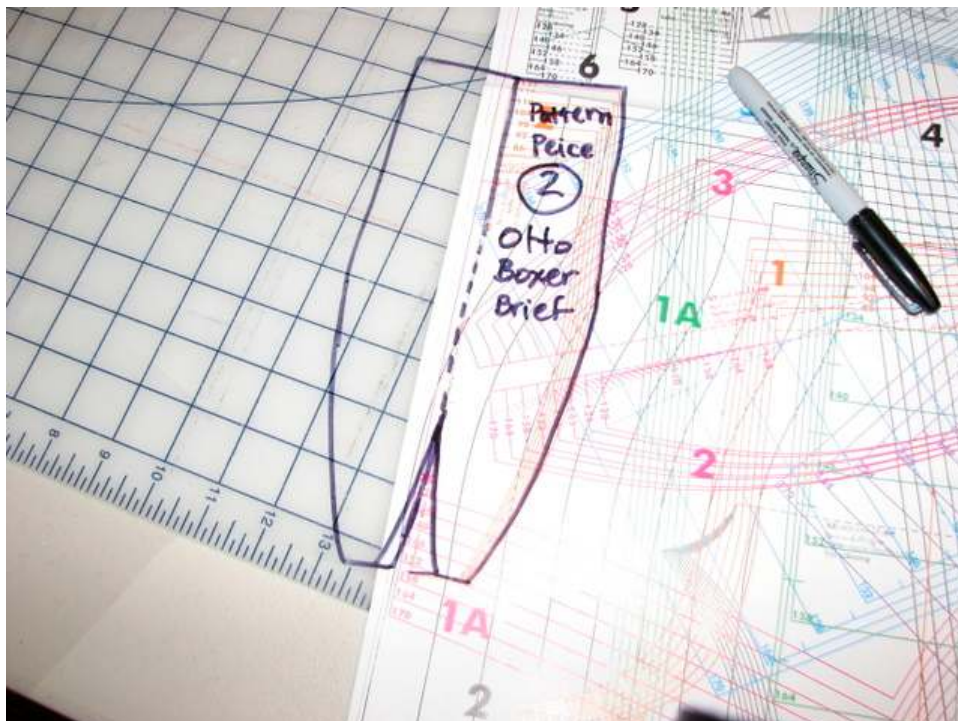
So, here we go tracing the side leg...



Then you take that tracing and slide it over to the pattern for the butt piece. Butt the patterns together (pun intended). You don't want to allow for seam allowances since there won't be a seam. Let the bottom area overlap - it'll work out in the end, I promise.



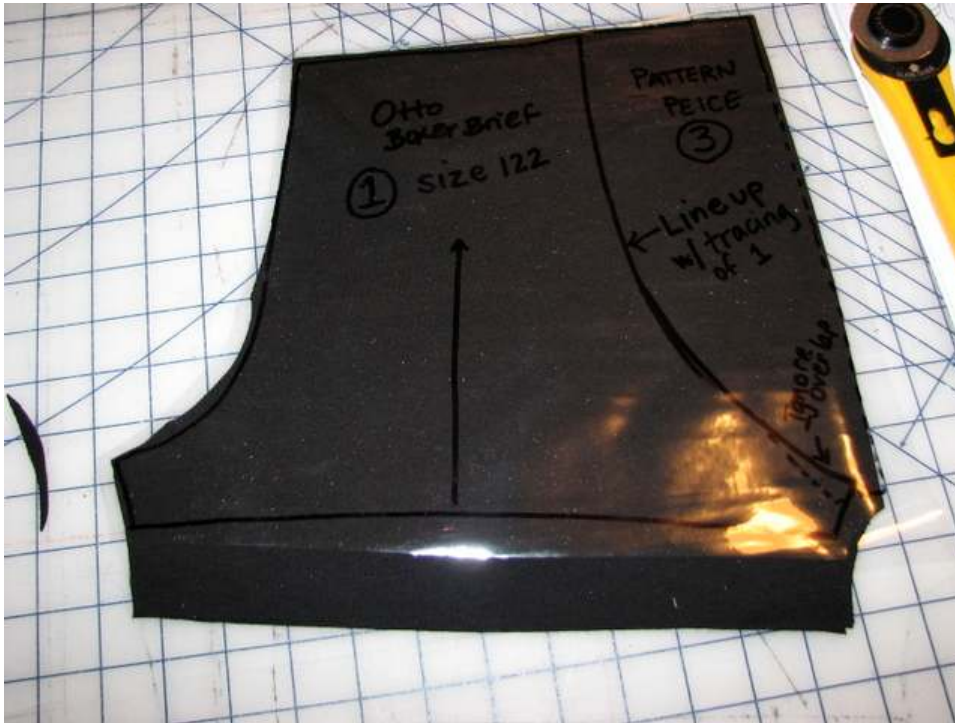
Then trace your "cod piece". I traced it, flipped it and traced the other half so that I can then use it for ease when fussy cutting to get a certain design to show up on that pattern piece.





Ignore the fact that you should do a "dart". Just let the fabric be a little wider. Who wants seams on their Pee-pee?

Then line up your butt/side panel pattern with the fold of fabric (the right hand side in this case) and cut it... I usually add an extra inch or so on the leg length as I like that look a little better than the super short legs.



And cut out the cod piece, ignoring the dart issue altogether:



Next, serge wrong sides together. This is often counter-intuitive for experienced seamstresses (can't tell you how many times I've done it wrong!)--- you want that seam on the outside - not rubbing against the family jewels.



When you get towards the crotch, you will have more of the side/butt panel fabric than the cod piece. Don't worry about it.



Then using a sewing machine with the triple stitch, sew down the seam so that it will lay flat. I like to sew it so that it ends up folded towards the leg panel. Stitching in red thread.



Here's what you should have at this point:





Then, put the other wrong sides together and serge the other side of the cod peice to the side/butt panel.

Showing you the wrong sides are together:



and then serging wrong sides together:



Now go for that triple stitch again, but be careful how you hold the fabric - you don't want to catch part of the boxer briefs in that stitch:



Holding carefully:



I then serged the bottom of the legs - I don't like a folded over or rib finish, I think it's too bulky under clothing - and a serged edge is just fine for unders, IMO. Normally I would do this step earlier in the process (LIKE FIRST Thing) so that I don't have to do any sewing in the round.



Then do a nice curve along that crotch seam (again on the OUTSIDE of the fabric)





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And you get this:



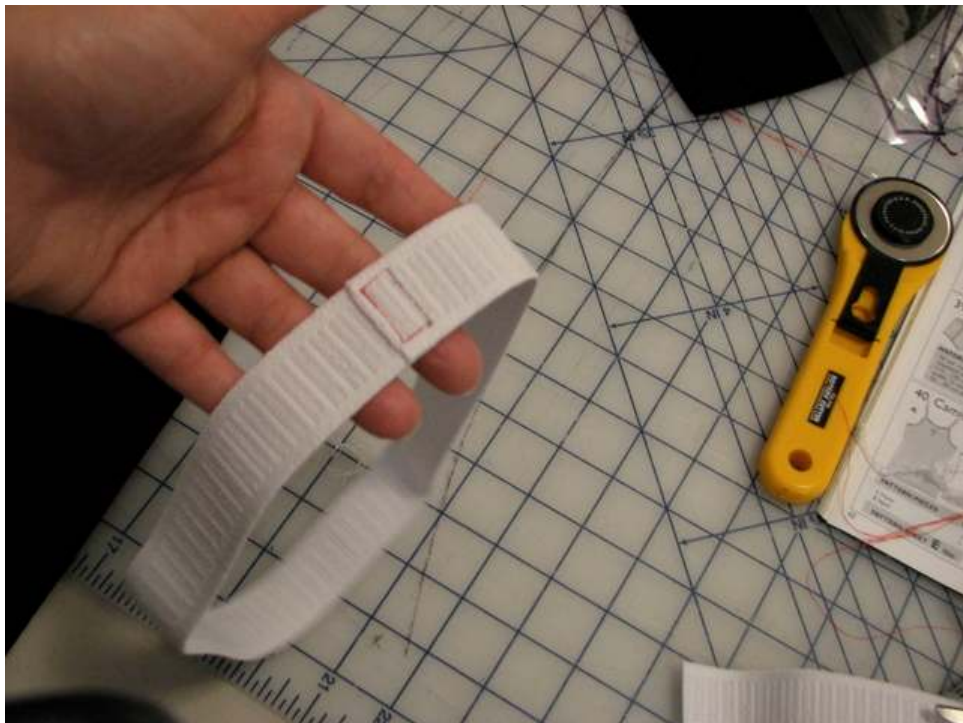
I like the crotch seam to also be flat, so I carefully position it on the sewing machine and do a triple stitch across the seam... it's a little tricky but not too hard.



Then you have this:



Now you just prepare your elastic-



Serge it on:



Then you have:





Fold the waist band down and zigzag around the waist... and Voila! Ouchless Boxer Briefs!



If you can imagine black serger thread and black sewing machine thread, you can see that you'd get a great looking pair of boxer briefs!

I hope you enjoyed this extensive sew along!

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