

“Hip Belt Accessory”

Update your wardrobe with a “hip” new belt. One buckle can do it all, with a variety of great fabrics.

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Supplies:

Baby Lock sewing machine
½ yard of print fabric
½ yard of contrast fabric
Two 3” to 4” decorative rings
4” Hook and loop tape OR five ½” buttons
Thread

Instructions:

1. From both the print fabric and the contrast fabric cut a strip of fabric 5 7/8” wide x 43” long. This is for the main belt piece.
2. Place the print and contrast strips together with right sides facing and cut a slight angle to the end of the strip.



3. From both the print fabric and the contrast fabric cut a rectangle of fabric 5 7/8” wide x 7 1/4” long. This is for the belt extension piece.
4. Stitch the belt extension to the belt, right sides of fabric together. Do this for both the belt’s printed fabric and contrast fabric. Press the seams open on both belt sections.

5. With right sides of print fabric and contrast fabric facing, pin the belt sections together. Stitch, leaving a four inch opening for turning the belt right sides out. Clip the corners at an angle and turn the belt right sides out, press.
6. Near the edge, stitch closed the opening used to turn the belt.
7. Cut the hook and loop tape into four 3/4" pieces. Space four pieces of hook and loop tape (loop side) evenly across the straight edge of the belt. Stitch securely to the belt. Slip the decorative rings over the end of the belt and mark the placement of the remaining halves of the hook and loop tape. Again, stitch the hook and loop tape securely to the belt.
8. OR, mark the placement of five 1/2" buttonholes, along the straight edge of the belt; stitch the buttonholes.



9. Slip the decorative rings over the end of the belt and mark the placement of five 1/2" buttons. Stitch the buttons securely to the belt; either by machine or by hand for shank style buttons.

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