Dog Kennel Curtains

Cost: Couple bucks
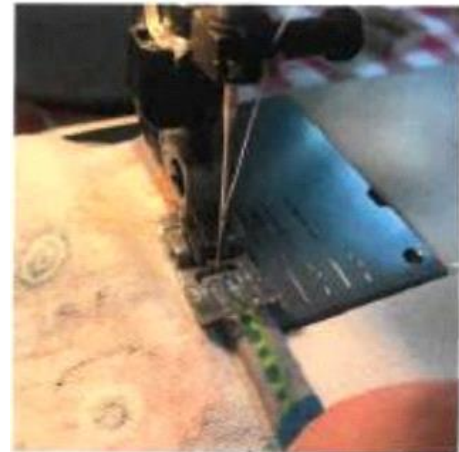Time: 1 hour
Skill Level: Basic sewing knowledge

Materials

- Fabric (44" or wider): cotton is easy to work with but any material will work (second hand sheets, old dresses, mumus, etc.)
- 1 1/4" flat elastic - 25"
- 1/4" flat elastic - 12"
- Two buttons (3/4" to 1" work well)
- Scissors, Sewing machine, Tape measure

1. **Cut.** Cut fabric (44" wide by) 50" long.
2. **Hem.** Hem all raw edges. For each single curtain, fold under the edges of the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4" so no raw edges can be seen along interior edge of fold. Alternatively, serge the raw edges, then fold the fabric 1/4" then again 1/4".

3. **Create a sleeve** for the elastic by folding over the top edge (one of the 44" sides) 2"
Sew a line of stitching at the edge of the material (away from the fold). Sew a second line of stitching 1 1/2" away from the first.
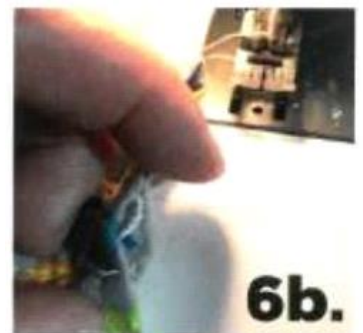This will be the sleeve for the elastic.
4. **Cut the elastic.** Use 1 1/4" flat elastic. Cut a piece 25" long.

5. **Pull the elastic through the 2" sleeve made in the top of the curtailment.** Use large safety pin to attach and then work the elastic through the sleeve. (Note: Be careful not to pull elastic completely through the sleeve. When the opposite end of the elastic piece nears the edge of the curtailment, sew it in place - see step 6 - then continue to work the elastic to the opposite edge.)

6. **Sew the elastic in place.** At ~3/4" (pic 6a) inwards from the edge sew up and down over the elastic held inside the sleeve (go over it a few times so it will not pull loose.) You will leave a little pocket at the edge for later (pic 6b). Do this for both sleeve ends.

6a.

6b.

7. **Cut elastic.** Cut 1/4" elastic to two 6" lengths. Then:
   1. Fold in half
   2. Slip the ends of elastic into the pocket made in step 6.

8. **Sew elastic in place.** Sew over the open edge of the pocket making sure to catch both sides of the material along with the elastic.
9. **Button time!** On the front side of the curtain, sew a button to each end of the 2" sleeve - 1 1/2" in from the edge.