MORE FUN SERGER TECHNIQUES

Directions: Follow the directions below and make the serger stitch samples. You will need several pieces of 6-inch by 6-inch fabric to complete the assignment. Attach your samples to these pages upon completion.

1. STABILIZE SEAM
   A. Use two (2) pieces of knit fabric and one (1) piece of twill tape.
   B. Place knit pieces right sides together.
   C. Place the twill tape along the seamline.
   D. Stitch along the seamline (which is under the twill tape) so the left needle goes on the twill tape. This technique prevents shoulder seams from stretching.

2. ELASTIC EDGE
   A. Use one 3-inch piece of elastic and one (1) piece of fabric.
   B. Place elastic under the presser foot of the serger. Stitch until you get hold of the elastic behind the presser foot.
   C. Raise the presser foot, leave needle down, and place the fabric under the elastic. The edges of the elastic and fabric should be even.
   D. Lower the presser foot.
   E. Serge along the top of the elastic, pulling the elastic slightly as you sew.
   DO NOT CUT THE EDGE OF THE ELASTIC AS YOU SEW.

3. MOCK CASING
   A. Cut a piece of elastic 4 inches long.
   B. Serge elastic to edge of fabric (wrong side), stretching to fit.
   C. Fold elastic and fabric down to waistline (on wrong side of fabric).
   D. Turn fold back so elastic is at edge of fold, sandwiched between fabric and folded piece.
   E. Serge along the folded edge.
4. **RIBBING ON KNIT**
   
   A. Use one (1) piece of ribbing about 1 inch smaller than a piece of knit fabric.
   B. Place ribbing on right side of fabric, with all raw edges together.
   C. Secure the ends by stitching a couple of stitches to start and holding the bottom ends with your fingers.
   D. Serge along the raw edges, pulling the ribbing slightly as you stitch so it is the same size as the fabric.
   E. Secure ends to keep ribbing from unstitching.

5. **THIN STRAPS/ DRAW STRINGS**

   A. Cut a piece of soft fabric 18 inches long and 1 inch wide.
   B. Make a chain of serger thread about 3 inches longer than your piece of fabric.
   C. Fold fabric lengthwise with RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER. Lay the chain between the layers of fabric next to the fold and place under the presser foot. Secure in place with a couple of stitches.
   D. Serge the seam along the fabric edges, being careful not to catch the chain.
   E. Chain off about 3 inches at the end.
   F. Hold the chain and carefully pull the right side out.

6. **ROLLED HEM**

   A. Check the user's manual for your specific machine for the proper settings.