

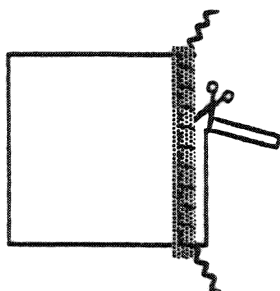


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MORE FUN SERGER TECHNIQUES

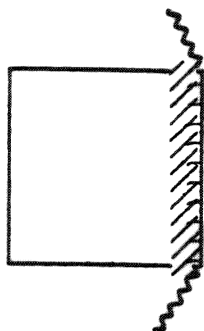
Directions: Follow the directions below and make the serger stitch samples. You will need several pieces of 6-inch by 6-inch fabric to complete the assignment. Attach your samples to these pages upon completion.

1. STABILIZE SEAM



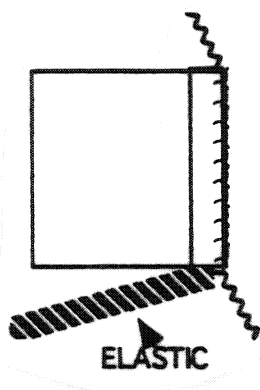
- A. Use two (2) pieces of knit fabric and one (1) piece of twill tape.
- B. Place knit pieces right sides together. Place the twill tape along the seamline.
- C. Stitch along the seamline (which is under the twill tape) so the left needle goes on the twill tape. This technique prevents shoulder seams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

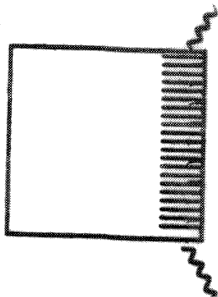


- A. Cut a piece of elastic 4 inches long.
- B. Serge elastic to edge of fabric (wrong side), stretching to fit.
- C. Fold elastic and fabric down to waistline (on wrong side of fabric).
- D. Turn fold back so elastic is at edge of fold, sandwiched between fabric and folded piece.
- E. Serge along the folded edge.



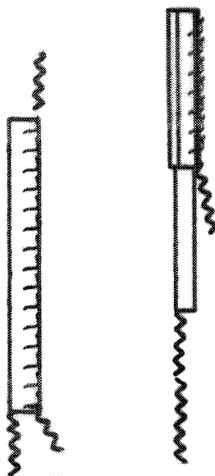
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4. RIBBING ON KNIT



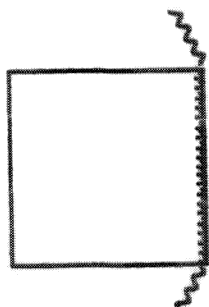
- A. Use one (1) piece of ribbing about 1 inch smaller than a piece of knit fabric.
- B. Place ribbing on right side of fabric, with all raw edges together.
- C. Secure the ends by stitching a couple of stitches to start and holding the bottom ends with your fingers.
- D. Serge along the raw edges, pulling 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.