

curved hems

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It's often quite tricky to hem anything curved or round depending on severity of the curve and type of fabric. Here are two tricks to make it a bit easier. The first works well for those slight curves and the second may be better for the more severe ones. forum

Step 1



At the bottom outside of the hem sew a line using large stitches $\frac{1}{4}$ away from the edge. You can use this one line, or, if you're really having trouble and to make it even easier, sew another line $\frac{1}{4}$ above that. The second line will help you to guide the fabric while trying to fold the hem and will also show up on the outer edge of the underside of the hem (this can be removed when you are finished).

Step 2



Press up the bottom $\frac{1}{4}$ " so that the stitches are slightly on the inside of the hem.

Step 3



Again, turn up the hem $\frac{1}{4}$ ", and press.

Step 4



It should look something like this after pressing. Now topstitch the hem.

Step 5



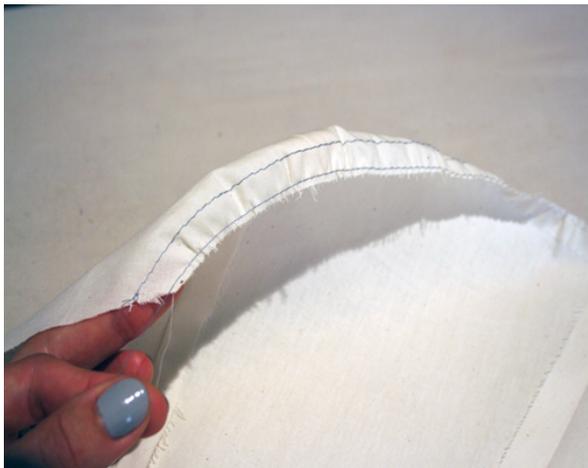
The underside of the hem should look something like this.

Step 6



The finished right side of the hem will look like this.

Step 7



Now for the second method. We'll show you once with a slighter curve, and again with a more severe curve. Using large stitches, sew a line about $\frac{1}{8}$ " above the very edge of the hem. Sew another row about $\frac{1}{2}$ " above that.

Step 8



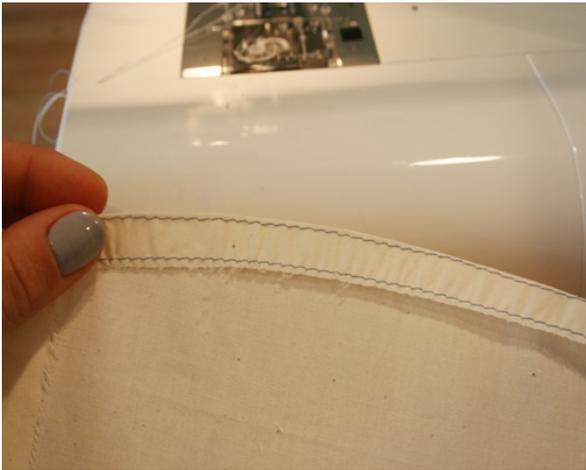
Pull the bobbin threads and gently work into a curve.

Step 9



Evenly spread out the gathering, and press.

Step 10



After pressing, topstitch the hem to finish.

Step 11



Your finished curved edge will look like this.

Step 12



Now for the more severe curve, using the same exact method. You may also want to finish the hem first, shown here with a serged edge.

Step 13



Sew your two large stitch lines along the hem, and gather.

Step 14



Once you've distributed the gathers, spread out with your fingers, press, and topstitch.

Step 15



Here's the finished right side of the curved hem.

Step 16



Three different types of curved edges, done!

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