

# Finishing Guipure Lace

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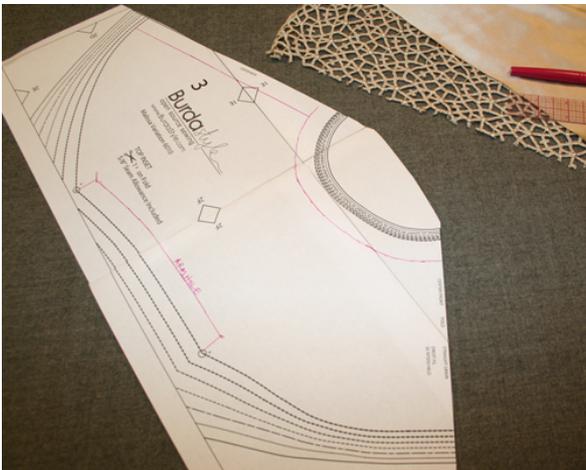
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We used Guipure lace (also known as Filet lace, according to Wikipedia) for the inset of Gail, our BurdaStyle variation of the Malissa. This heavy, loosely weaved lace requires special methods for finishing. If you are adventurous and ambitious enough to give Guipure a try, this How To is a must. However, even if you are using a more traditional type of lace, still give this How To a look, as the methods are still applicable. Here, I am just demonstrating on the neckline. If you are following this to make the Gail dress, start with casing the neckline, then apply your buttonloops, then do the center backs (after applying buttonloops), then the armholes.

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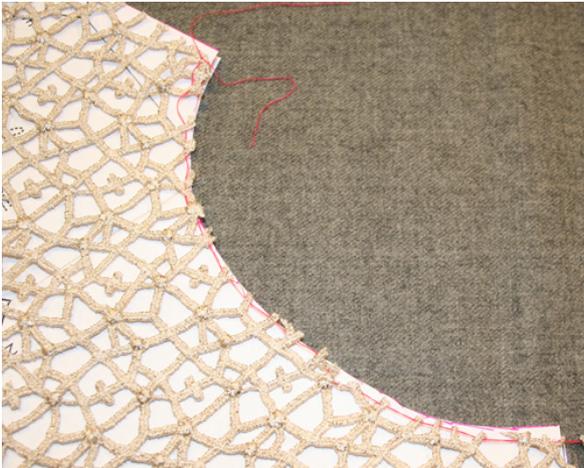
## Step 1



**PREPARE.** We are covering the edges of the dress with bias binding. These edges need no seam allowance, mark 5/8" off the pattern at neckline, center back, and armholes. Cut out the pattern piece, on the fold. Cut long 1" bias strips, enough for neckline, both sides of the center back, and both armholes. \*Note: I'm only doing half for the purposes of demonstration. I'm also using hot pink thread for the purposes of demonstration!

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## Step 2



FRAME. The Guipure will want to shift around while you are working with it, unless you take some precautions: Adjust your sewing machine stitch length to 3 1/2. Sew the Guipure at about 1/8". Lay the fabric on the pattern, and check that the fabric is the same shape and length as the paper pattern, adjusting if necessary by pulling the bobbin thread, and tie off the threads when correct. Because of the loose stitching, it may be hard to tell which is the bobbin thread, so you may want to use a slightly different thread color. \*Note: Here, I am just doing the neck. If you are working with the whole piece, do separate stitching for the neckline and center back so you can adjust them separately.

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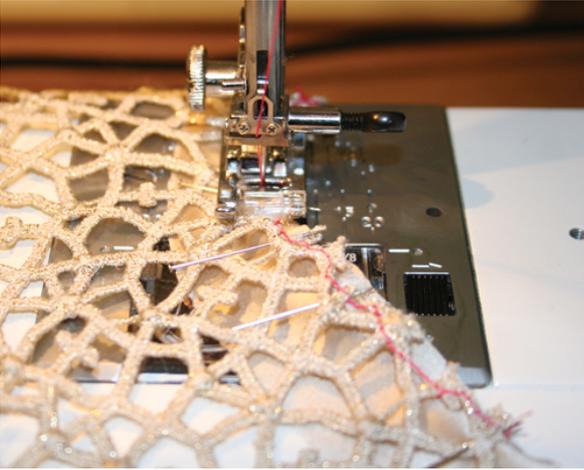
## Step 3



PIN, right sides together, the lace to the bias binding. You want to sew with the Guipure on top, so pin it from that direction, as shown.

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## Step 4



SEW bias and Guipure together at 1/4". Go slowly! It's a little tricky to sew exactly straight over the Guipure, so be patient.

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#### Step 5



PRESS bias away from the lace.

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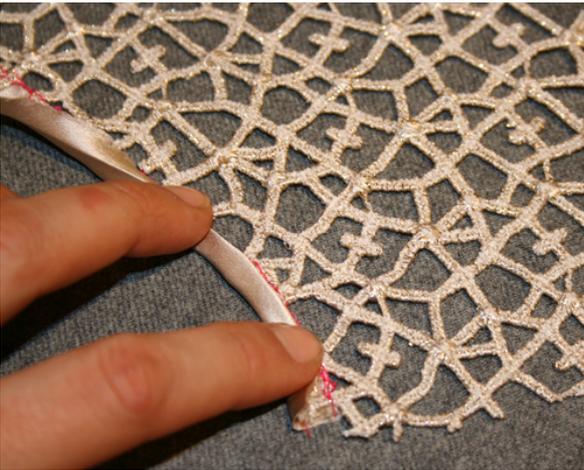
#### Step 6



Flip the lace over, PRESS the raw edges of the bias together.

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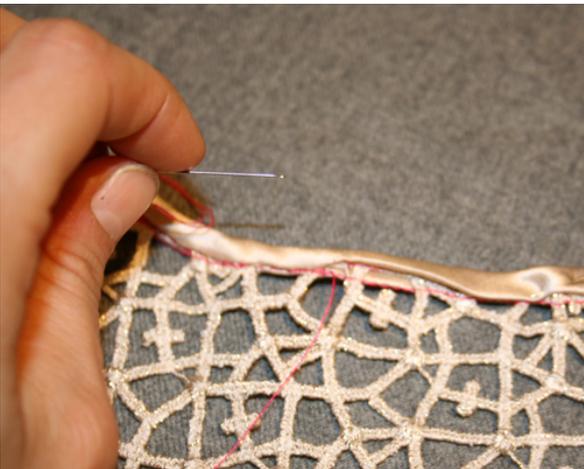
### Step 7



FOLD bias over again, so the loose folded edge meets the stitch line. PIN in place.

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### Step 8



HANDSTITCH using an [Even Slipstitch](#).

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## Step 9



Now you know how to case this beautiful lace. Continue with your project and give us a look when you're done!

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