

Necktie Feathers Pressing Tutorial

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Pressing neckties to feather shape for making brooches/fabric flowers and other tie details to your clothing.

Step 1



Many have asked me how I did my tie-dress. Here is a tutorial on what happened to the secondhand neckties before I pinned into shape on the dummy and formed my dress top. It does not matter if the ties are of different widths or they are slightly dirty. You will not notice this after they have been scrunched and pressed.

Step 2



Open the tie from the back and take out all insides.

Step 3



Rip the lining out from both ends of the ties.

Step 4



Open the neckties and iron all creases out.

Step 5



When all the ties are ironed open, you can try again to organize them by color. The garment will look more harmonious (and the viewer does not notice the ties so easy) if you have used only a few colors organized in a harmonious order. For example dark to light or red to violet to blue.

Step 6



Fold the ties from the middle right sides facing out.

Step 7



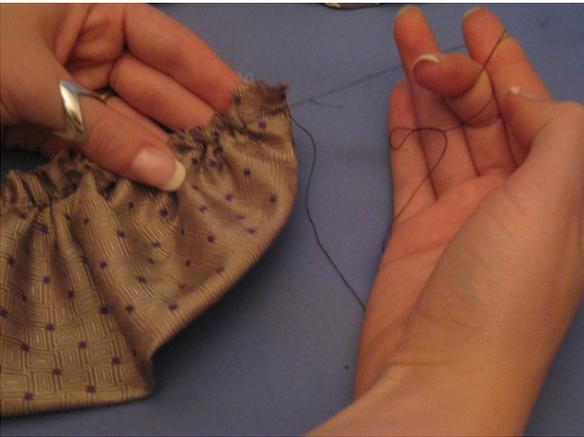
Sew about 1/4 inch of the edge a straight long stitch.

Step 8



Do not reverse in the beginning or end, leave seam ends open.

Step 9



Tie the sewing thread from the other end. Scrunch the tie by pulling the under-thread. Tie a knot in both ends.

Step 10



Pin the scrunched ties to your ironing board.

Step 11



Press with loads of steam (iron hot). Use a pillowcase or pressing cloth to prevent burning the ties if your iron does not have a teflon surface.

Step 12



This is what the tie looks like sewed before and after scrunching. It will be about 1/3 shorter when scrunched.

Step 13



After steampressing with iron. The pattern on the fabric will look different after pressing.

Step 14



Try the color order again and adjust it if needed. After pressing the surface colors and forms will change.

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Step 16



Now they are ready to be pinned on the dummy. Use a piece of lining underneath or pin the on a garment. After you have the desired form take the piece off the dummy and sew together by hand (duse denim thread).

Step 17



Pressed neckties make also great fabric flowers and they can be adjusted to many forms because of their flexibility.

Step 18



If you make the necktie-piece with lining, it can be added to different dresses/outfits with safety pins.

Step 19



You can make an entire ball gown with just 60 ties and a corset! Plus fabric for the train.
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