

# Picot edge a scarf

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**PICOT:** A picot is a loop of thread created for functional or ornamental purposes along the edge of lace, ribbon, scarf etc. It is easy to picot the edges of chiffon or georgette or any other sheer material with any sewing machine which has a zig-zag stitch.

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## Step 1



1. DIVIDE AND CUT THE FABRIC: Divide and cut/rip the fabric in two or three equal parts length-wise depending upon what width of scarf you like. I usually wear 19-20 inches wide scarves so I divide a 44" wide fabric into two.

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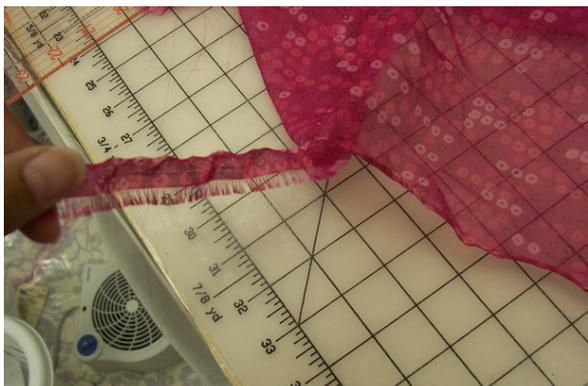
### Step 2



2. STRAIGHTEN THE GRAIN OF THE FABRIC: The material cut at the fabric stores is not cut on a straight grain. To straighten the grain, cut a little snip in the center and rip the both portions apart. No it will not hurt the fabric. It will cut into two pieces with the precise straight length.

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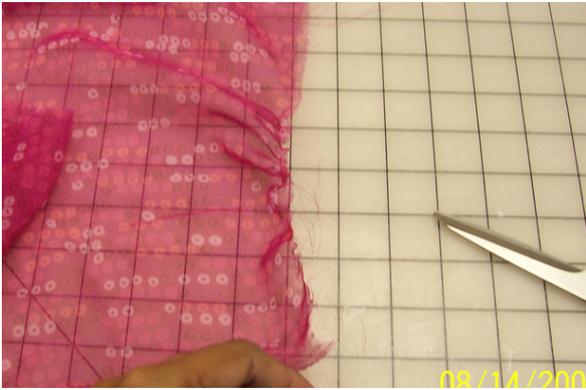
### Step 3



Ripping the Fabric

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### Step 4



Well if you are afraid to go for this method, after nipping the fabric in the center, length-wise, pull a thread.

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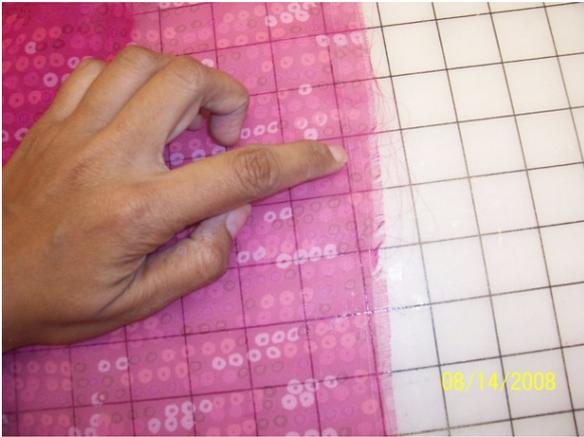
### Step 5



Keep on pulling it until you are able to pull it out completely. Then cut on the "empty thread" line left by the pulled thread. See the photo below.

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### Step 6



If the thread breaks before reaching the other end, do not fret. Cut the fabric with the scissors until you reach the broken thread part. At that point, pull another thread till you pull it out completely.

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### Step 7



Cut the selvage (The uncut edge of the fabric which is on the right- and left-hand edges as it comes out of the loom. It does not fray and feels thicker than the rest of the fabric.) edges the same way.

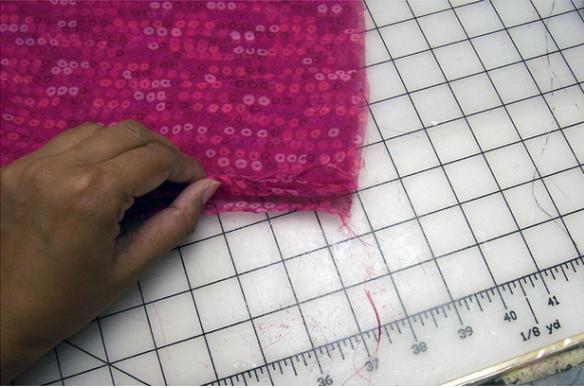
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### Step 8

Now it is time to straighten the widths or cross-wise grain of the scarf. Cut it by ripping them apart or pulling the thread. The width is straight when the thread pulled from one edge can reach completely to the other edge.

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### Step 9



Fold the scarf once length-wise and once width-wise. Match the corners.

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### Step 10



Fold the scarf one more time diagonally.

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### Step 11



Cut the corners in a small curve by cutting them one inch by one inch on length and width.

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## Step 12



Insert the narrow rolled hem foot and set the zig zag stitch at 3.5 length and 3.5 width. You might have to experiment for the width and length for your machine. Use the matching threads on top and bobbin.

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## Step 13



Start sewing by leaving a few edges from a corner. Do not start directly at the curved edge. When you are done stitches an inch or so, manipulate the fabric into the curved part of the foot. Keep the fabric a little towards left, so it feed into the foot easily. Keep your middle finger under the fold, as you feed the fabric in the machine.

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## Step 14



Also keep on pulling slightly from the back of the foot.

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### Step 15



If you have ripped the fabric, do not worry about the rough looking sides. You can either iron them or just leave them like that. When the fabric is rolled the rough edge is zigzagged and you cannot see it. **PLEASE SEE THE TOP PHOTO FOR A COMPLETED PICOT EDGE, OR IN THE SAMPLE PICTURE SHOWN AT THE BOTTOM**

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## Step 16



A picot edge is used in crochet, knitting and tatting. It is also used to cover the raw edges of fabrics like georgette, chiffon, knit, satin, silk etc. When done by hand, it is done in two steps. The edge of the fabric is rolled and whip stitched (the ZIG part). Some space is left between the stitches. In the second step the edge is whipped stitched again but the stitches are in the opposite direction (The ZAG) and in the space left between the two stitches of the first step. The edges of the fabric look almost the same on wrong and right side of the fabric. Picot edge can be used on scarves, lingerie, ruffles, sheer skirts or dresses etc. It is a very easy substitute for a narrow hem. Picot and narrow hem have different feet for a machine. They look the same from the top but the groove under the narrow hemmer foot is a little bit wider and flatter. However, I have used the narrow hemmer foot for sewing the picot edges without any difficulty. **Narrow Hem by Machine**

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## Step 17



**Picot Edge by Machine**

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