

# How to make ruffles

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When I uploaded my bolero with ruffled front people inquired how I made the ruffles. So I thought I might make a tuto on ruffles. This simple how-to shows two easy techniques. The Intro picture shows one of my older creations with a ruffled bib.

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## Step 1



To make ruffles you need strips of fabric. Remember that the length and the width of the strips is important and it is in dependence of the project you are making (i.e. how long/wide/big or small you want your ruffles to be) and that when making the ruffles the strip will get smaller.

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## Step 2



First hem (serge) the strip on all four sides.

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### Step 3



Place the strip with the foot in the center of the piece and start sewing by gathering the fabric under the foot (i.e. by pushing it under the foot) with both hands. Be careful not to wiggle around, but try to sew straight down.

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### Step 4



When you come to the end backstitch it.

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### Step 5



Here it is! Your ruffle!

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### Step 6



The second method is also very simple. Take a strip of fabric and hem it on all four sides. Then adjust the thread tension to zero and set your machine to the longest, straight stitch you have and sew. This is also called a running stitch.

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### Step 7



Sew all the way down.

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### Step 8



Then take the upper thread and pull it while holding the piece with the other hand. You can adjust the ruffiness because the thread is loose.

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### Step 9



You can do the same with the thread on the other end of the piece of fabric. Just pull and adjust. (It is advisable to sew a normal stitch over the newly acquired ruffle to make it static).

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### Step 10



That's it! Another easy ruffle. I hope you like this how-to and that you'll enjoy making ruffles.

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