

# Trim on a Whim

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I know at some point we have all designed something beautiful, only to find that when it is finished...well it looks a little boring, and needs a bit of pep to take it from “eh” to YEAH! This sweet trim is quick, easy, and I've shown only 3 variations of the endless possibilities you can do to take your creations up a notch or two. Once you have come up with your favorite piece, apply it to collars, waistbands, headpieces, and practically anything else you like, its that versatile!

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## Step 1 — Pleated Ribbon



Begin with a section of ribbon longer than you think it needs to be, first create box pleats all the way to the end, making each little pleat 1/2". Pin these down and sew them in place, if you are wanting to do a ruffle trim leave it unpressed, yet if you are going to try a more crisp look then do press them.

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### Step 3 — Ruffle Trim



For this cute version, sew down the trim onto your surface in a matching or contrasting thread. Next pin each pleat in the middle evenly, making small yet fluffy ruffles.

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### Step 4 — Finish Ruffle Trim



To finish simply sew a little handstitch right where the pins were, making sure to get them both even for a more centered ruffle.

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### Step 5 — Arrow Trim



For this variation, start by sewing your pressed trim onto the surface, pull down the top middle of each pleat all the way down. Once you press them down you have two triangles of fold, making a look of arrow that you can use to add emphasis to a certain part of your creation.

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### Step 6 — Pyramid Trim



So far this version is my favorite! Start by pressing your pleats, then with each individual pleat corner, press it towards the middle of the trim.

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### Step 2 — Box Pleat trim



With this one you only need to sew the piece straight down the middle onto the piece, leave it unpressed for extra spunk like on my *\_Oh Baby Baby\_* project!

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### Step 8 — Knife Pleat Trim



This one is sooo easy! Just make a series of knife pleats in the same or incremental sizes, sew them into a seam(on one end) for a crisp addition. I used this in my *\_Sunlandic Twin No 1\_* project and won a spot in a local boutique's window!

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### Step 7 — Finish Pyramid Trim



To finish, sew trim down onto garment surface carefully, and repress each little pyramid for extra crispness. I used this trim on my *\_Charlie Brown Party\_* dress and love the contrast it brings!

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