

Make ribbing

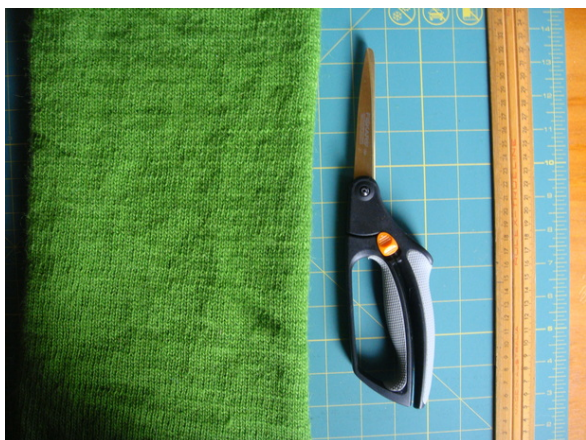
By: Passiona Cottee

<http://www.burdastyle.com/techniques/make-ribbing>



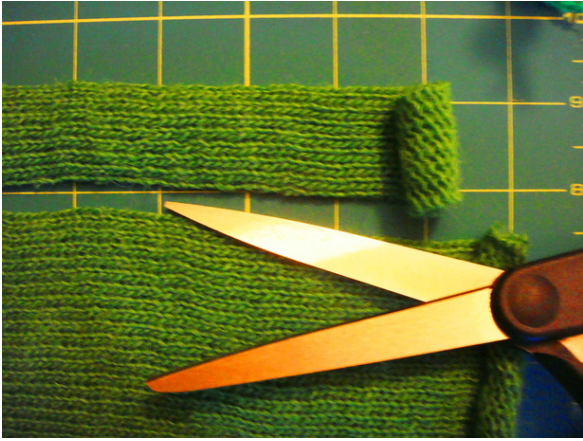
Can't find the ribbing you need? Or, want to recycle Grandad's old sweater? (if so be sure to check out katwise on etsy, too) Or, do you have a piece of wild and woolly knitted fabric (like I do in this tutorial) that you want to give some structure?

Step 1 — What you need



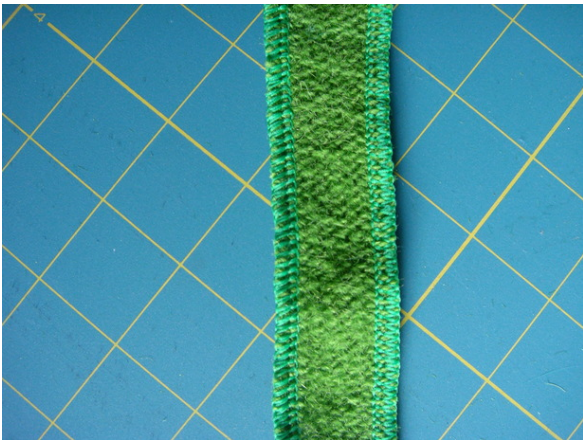
Ruler; Scissors; Knit/Jersey fabric; Sewing machine (serger is optional)

Step 2 — Cut fabric into strips



Measure the width of rib you want and cut along the grain. If you follow the line of the knit you won't need to draw a line. The width will depend on your fabric and how chunky or fine you want your rib to look. For this tutorial I cut mine in alternating widths one-and-three-quarters of an inch for the facing strips; and one-and-one-quarter of an inch for the contrast.

Step 3 — Secure the edges of your fabric strips



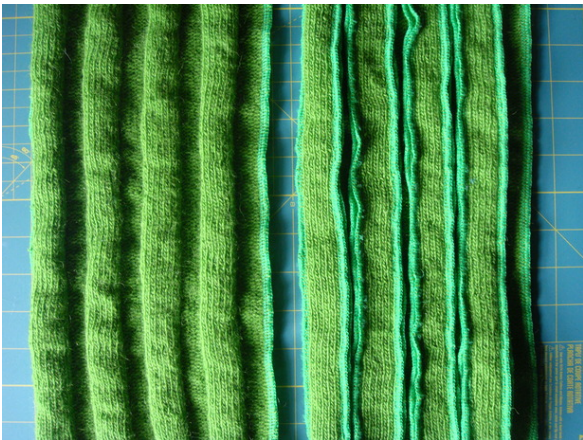
Sew down the length of each side of your strips - either with a mock overlock on a sewing machine or with a serger.

Step 4 — Assemble your strips



Lay your strips side by side. Alternate the strips so the front of the fabric faces up on the first and the back of the fabric faces up on the second and so on. Pin your strips right sides together - well, because you have alternated, it will be one front and one back facing together) and sew down the length with a sewing machine - be care your securing stitches don't poke through. Repeat for all your strips.

Step 5 — All done



Now you have your very own ribbing. Like a bird that fluffs its feathers up in the winter to keep warm, the ribbing allows you to keep warm pockets of air closer to your body for a cosy fall. Here you can see the right side (LHS) and the wrong side (RHS) of the finished ribbing.

BurdaStyle

Make ribbing