

Neckline finish for a knit top

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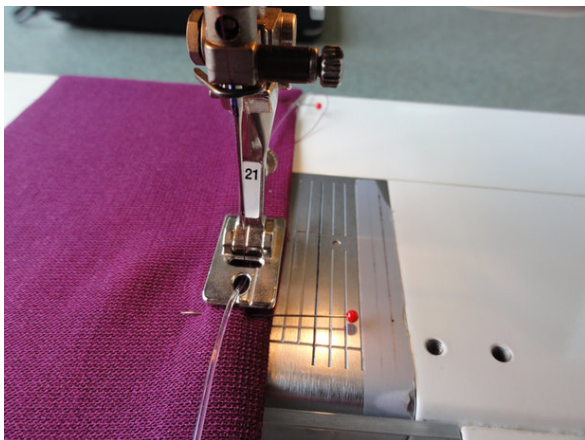
Iâ— ve been experimenting with how to make knit tops for awhile now. One of the challenges Iâ— ve faced was how to finish the neckline so it looks decent. Recently I discovered a technique that is not only simple, but looks elegant.

Step 1 — Prepare the pattern and construct the tshirt



Since this technique involves folding under the neckline seam allowance, you'll need to provide a little extra fabric in the seam allowance so it lays smoothly. On the front and back pattern pieces, angle the shoulder seam out about $5/8$ at the neckline seam line. Construct the tshirt as you would normally, angling out the shoulder seam at the neckline.

Step 2 — Prepare the neckline



Fold under the $5/8$ seam allowance on the neck edge and press. Feed the Stretch Magic through the hole of the couching foot and pull it underneath the foot to the back. With the garment right side out, find an inconspicuous spot to start (usually center back). Line up the right hand side of the couching foot with the folded edge of the neckline.

Step 3 — Stitch the neckline

Stitch the Stretch Magic to the garment using a close, narrow zigzag stitch that covers the Stretch Magic (width: 2.5mm, length: .5mm -- you may want to first experiment with scraps of your fabric to see which settings work best on your machine.) Stitch around the neckline. As you approach the beginning of the stitching, cut off the Stretch Magic so that the cut end just meets the existing stitching. Keep the Stretch Magic lined up so you create a smooth transition to complete the circle. Continue for a few more stitches over your previous stitching.

Step 4 — Finish and trim the neckline



Remove the garment from the machine, pull all your threads to the wrong side and knot them. Bury the threads by threading them onto a needle (1 or 2 at a time) and take a single stitch just through the under layer of the seam allowance. Cut off the threads. On the wrong side of the garment, trim the excess seam allowance very close to the stitching with the applique scissors.

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