

Sun and Mercury Collar â ¼

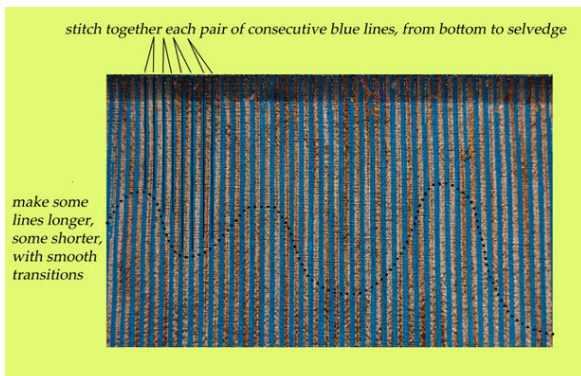
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For my Sun and Mercury Dress <http://www.burdastyle.com/projects/sun-and-mercury-dress-%E2%98%BC> I wanted something dramatic, but not overwhelming. View it at one glance on my blog <http://magdamagdadesignstudio.blogspot.com/2011/04/sun-and-mercury-collar.html>

Step 1 — That's all {repeat at least 100 times!}



I did not know how much fabric I need, so rather than approximate this time and cut, I preferred to stitch along the edge of the bulk fabric and cut only after I got enough to roll it around the neckline. I straight stitched together 2 consecutive blue stripes, the golden stripe between them forming a taller rib. Then stitched the next 2 blue stripes and got the next golden rib. The length of the stitches varies between 9-5 cms. I noticed the process develops better when I stitch from the inside of the fabric piece to the edge. But it must have taken about 2 hours to finish or at least felt like it, there are about 100-150 stitches that also need the threads cut at both ends:)

Step 2 — Finishing



When the edge of my ribbed area measured as much as my neckline I cut the future collar 16 cms in width except for the end part which gets narrower and narrower and gets a round shape. I serged the edge, folded it about 1/2 cms, put the yellow trim on top and chose the 3-step zig-zag stitch with yellow for upper thread and blue for bobbin. Et voila! If you want to try something similar you will need some fabric with 2-3 mms wide stripes. No stripes would also work, but it would be more challenging- you could also apply some fabric paint on the ribs after stitching! You can test a piece to see how much it will contract after the parallel stitches and make a calculation for how long your collar strip needs to be, add something extra just in case and cut. Care to try?:)

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