

Top With Shirring

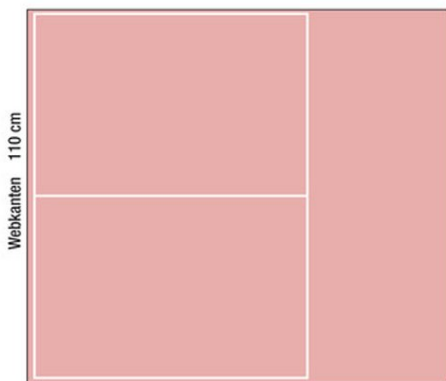
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Make a top from two rectangular fabric pieces and learn how to make shirring!

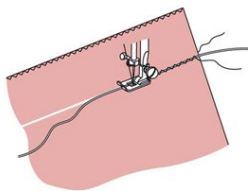
Step 1 — Cut out your fabric



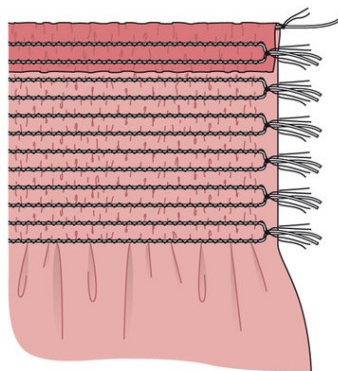
Draw 2 identical rectangles on fabric and cut out
(dimensions include allowances):
Size 34, 67 cm x 51 cm (26½" x 20¼"),
Size 36, 72 cm x 51 cm, (28½" x 20¼")
Size 38, 77 cm x 53 cm (30½" x 21"),
Size 40, 82 cm x 53 cm (32½" x 21"),
Size 42, 87 cm x 55 cm (34¼" x 21¾").

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Step 2 — Shirring

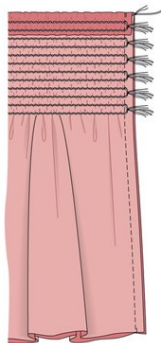


Finish one long edge of each fabric piece (= upper edge).
Use tailor's chalk to mark upper shirring line on wrong side of fabric, 4 cm (1 5/8") from finished edge.
Lay elastic thread along marked line and zigzag stitch over elastic thread.
The stitch must be wide enough to not catch the thread. At beginning and end, leave elastic thread hanging, approx. 5 cm (2") long.



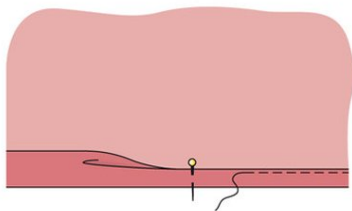
Fold fabric to wrong side along elastic thread. Below this fold edge, mark 12 shirring lines, spaced 1.5 cm (5/8") apart. On each line, zigzag stitch over elastic thread, beginning and ending 1 cm (3/8") from side edge. Pull elastic threads to gather each fabric piece to:
52 cm (20 1/2") for size 34; 56 cm (22 1/4") for size 36; 60 cm (23 3/4") for size 38; 64 cm (25 1/4") for size 40; and 68 cm (26 3/4") for size 42. Knot elastic threads.

Step 3 — Side seams and hem



Side seams:
Lay fabric pieces together, right sides facing. Pin side edges together. Stitch side edges together, stitching 1 cm (3/8") from fabric edges. At each seam, finish edges of seam allowances together and press allowances to one side. Turn upper corners of seam allowances under diagonally and sew in place.

Hem:
Press lower edge to wrong side, 1.5 cm (5/8") wide. Turn raw edge under so that hem is 7 mm (1/4") wide. Edgestitch hem in place.



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