

Shirring a scarf

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This is really easy. It's super quick project and perfect for people who haven't tried shirring yet but want to! There are more easy sewing projects on my blog: Thisblogisnotforyou.com

Step 1 — Wind the elastic thread on the bobbin



Wind an open bobbin with your elastic thread, not too tight and not too loose. Machine winding with your sewing machine might wind it too tight. If you're too impatient winding it by hand, you can do it with your machine, holding the thread in your hand. That way you're able to control the tension and it doesn't get too tight.

Step 2 — Tension settings



Insert the bobbin as usual. You can make the bobbin thread tension tighter, if your machine has that option. I just left mine how it was and it worked fine. Pull the bobbin thread up manually. Make sure it doesn't pop back into the machine (this happens when you don't pull up enough thread). Set the machine to a straight stitch and a long stitch length (like a basting stitch).

Step 3 — The sewing



Sew two parallel rows, both the same distance from the side edge. Don't start directly at the upper edge, but a few inches below. While sewing, hold the fabric behind the needle with your left hand and pull slightly. Don't let it ruffle until you're done. With your right hand keep the fabric straight while sewing.

Step 4 — finishing the ends of the thread



Before cutting the thread make sure you pull enough elastic thread out, otherwise it will pop back into the machine and youâ€™ ll have to pull it up again. You could also backstitch, but I didnâ€™ t want it to show on the scarf. Cut the thread and use a needle to pull the upper thread through the fabric. Knots several times on the left side of the fabric before cutting the ends off.

Step 5 — Try it out yourself!



You could also sew the two rows of shirring closer together to get an even more fluffy scarf. Try it out with a few old scarf or scraps of fabric to see what works best for you.

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