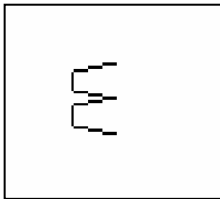


Shell Tucks

Shell tucks create a delicate edge finish for both lightweight knits and woven fabrics. Heirloom and lingerie sewers use this stitch on armholes and necklines because of its soft finish.

Ruched flowers, which give a 3-D effect, can also be made by incorporating this technique.

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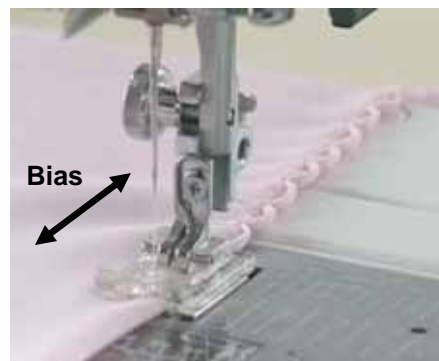


Foot: Satin Foot F

Needle Thread: All-Purpose Thread

Bobbin Thread: All-Purpose Thread

1. Fold hem along the fabric bias.
2. Place the fabric under the foot. Position the fabric so that the right side swing of the needle drops off at the fold of the fabric.
3. Lower the foot and start sewing.

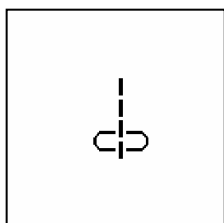


Ruched Flowers

1. Cut different sized bias strips from fabric scraps 2.5 cm (1") larger than you want the finished flower to be.
2. Select the Shell Tuck stitch. Adjust stitch width, stitch length, and thread tension for each size as follows:
 - * LargeStitch width 7.0, stitch length 2.0, thread tension 8.2
 - * Medium.....Stitch width 6.0, stitch length 1.8, thread tension 8.6
 - * SmallStitch width 5.0, stitch length 1.5, thread tension 8.6
3. Fold down top and bottom edges 1.2 cm (1/2"), and press.

4. Sew a line of shell tucks along the top edge on the right side of the fabric.
5. Pull the bobbin thread and gather the fabric evenly, creating a petal effect.
6. Sew the ends of the fabric together to make a ring

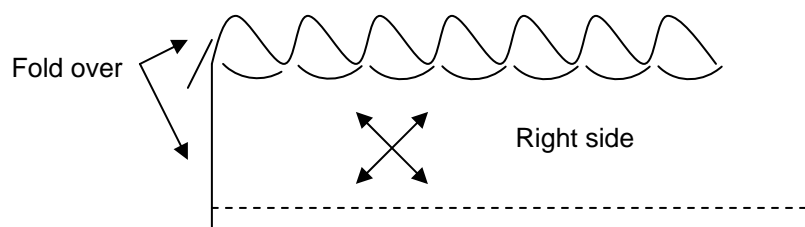
Machine Settings:



Needle Position: Center

Stitch Length: 3.0

Thread Tension: 5.0



7. Set thread tension to 5.0, and stitch length to 3.0
8. Sew a line of straight stitches along the folded edge.
9. Pull the bobbin thread of the line of straight stitching to gather.
10. Flatten out the flower.
11. Arrange the gathers to even up the shape.