

WHAT YOU WILL NEED

Janome Sewing Machine (we used the MC15000)
Beading Foot (wide)
Janome Needle #12 Sharp
Janome Plastic Bobbins up to 6
Erasable Fabric Marker
Scissors
Circular Quilting ruler
Fabric Spray Starch (we used Mary Ellen's Best Press)
Ironing Board & Iron

FABRIC & NOTIONS

Garment (we used Linen Full-Length Skirt)
Polyfuse Stabilizer (fusible water soluble tearaway)
1 x Reel of Sewing Thread (match garment colour)
3 to 5 x Reels Embroidery Thread (*can blend colours, use metallic or variegated thread*)
2 x Balls of Crochet Cotton (*we used 2 different coloured balls of Milford Metallic Yarn*)
Crochet Hook 4mm
Alternatively - 3m x Cotton Piping (4mm)

PREPARATION

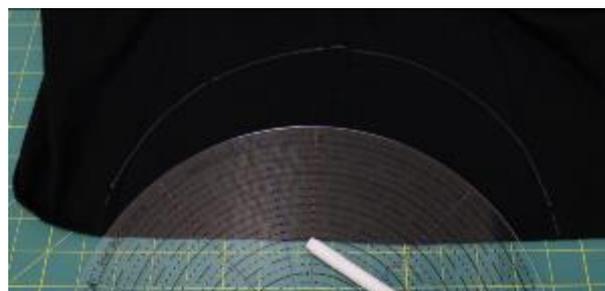
1. Iron the skirt using the Best Press fabric starch, follow the manufacturers instructions on using the product.
2. Wind bobbins with sewing thread and chosen embroidery/decorative threads you need to create your creative cord. You require the same thread top and bottom.



Step 1 - Marking the design

Following the manufactures instructions attach the Polyfuse to the wrong side of the skirt, in the area that the decorative cord will cover.

Using the erasable fabric marker and the circular quilting ruler, lay the skirt down so the side seam is flat. Draw a guide for the first stitch line.



Step 2 - Prepping cord

Option 1

Using the crochet hook and Milford Metallic Yarns, crochet a chain using a strand from each yarn ball. Depending on your design size, as to how long the crocheted chain needs to be. See below image.



Option 2

Using the 4mm piping cord, no prep required.

Step 3 - Set up machine

Thread the machine and bobbin with the first chosen colour of machine embroidery thread.

Attach the Wide Groove beading foot.

Set the machine on Utility Stitch 9

(Zig Zag stitch - middle/centre needle position)

Set stitch width: 4mm stitch length: 1.9mm



Step 4 - Creating a decorative cord

Option 1 - Place the crocheted cord in the groove under the beading foot. Stitch along the cord wrapping the embroidery thread around the cord with the use of the Zig Zag stitch.

Option 2 - use the 4mm piping cord.

Continue the process, adding layers of different coloured embroidery threads, to create the decorative cord.

Option 1



Option 2



Step 5 - Stitching decorative cord on to garment

Thread the machine and bobbin with the sewing thread that matches your garment. We are using the same zig zag stitch but change the width to 5.0mm.

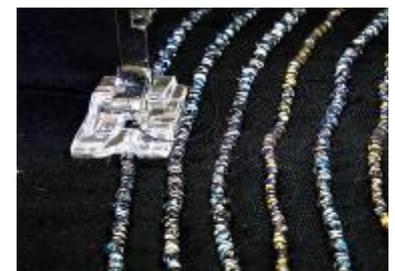
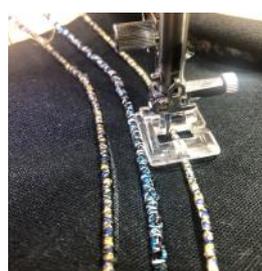
Tip: Increasing the width will help prevent puckering.

Line the foot up with the start of a drawn guide line on your garment. Place your decorative cord in the groove of the beading foot, leave a small tail at the back of the foot (2cm/1"), then stitch along the guide line until you reach the other end of the drawn line. *Make sure the cord is being stitched down, stop & adjust as required.*

Once you reach the end of the drawn line, use the reverse button to reinforce the end of the stitch and leave a tail of approx. 2cm (1").



Start the second row of cording by lining up the outside of the foot with the previous stitch line, leave tails. Continue until all lines are stitched.



Step 6 - Finishing off the cord tails

Wrap a tail under the garment hem and reinforce the cord on the wrong side of the garment using the same stitch and foot.

Step 7

Finish off by removing the stabilizer from the wrong side of the garment. Press, as required.

FINISH.