

Fabric Roses



Handbag trimmed with a fabric rose.

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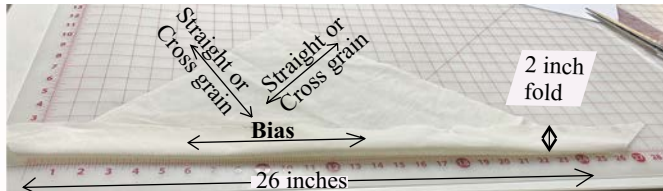
Hat trimmed with a fabric rose.

Supplies

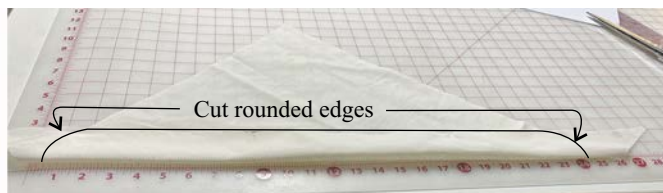
1. Muslin fabric to make fabric rose mockup¹
OR a precut 28 by 4 inch of fabric cut on the bias
2. Thread - 2 yards
3. Needle
4. Small scissors to cut thread
5. Ruler, pencil, and scissors if cutting the fabric.

¹ Mockup - test in paper or fabric to learn a new skill and/or to test a pattern.

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01: Fabric folded 2 inches wide on the bias.



03: Cut a rounded corner at each end of the folded two-inch width.

Cut a bias strip

1. Fold the fabric on the bias (diagram 01).

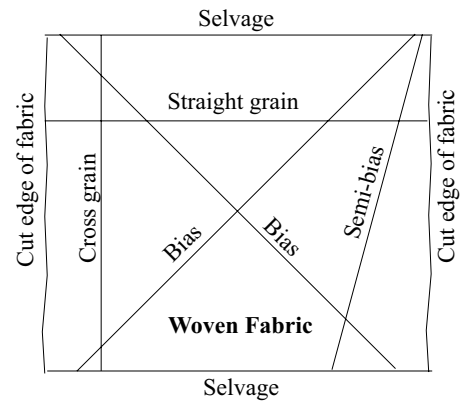
Refer to diagram 02 to learn how to determine a fabric's bias direction.

2. Cut a 28 inch length by 4 inch wide bias strip with rounded edges from the fabric¹ (diagram 03).

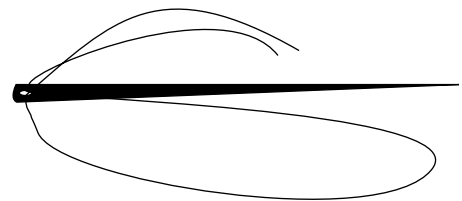
Thread the needle

1. Measure thread from your nose to the end of your outstretched arm's middle finger. Cut.
2. Thread both ends of the thread through the needle (diagram 04).

¹ Woven fabric's bias is 45 degrees to the straight and cross grain. Knit fabric's bias is on the cross grain.



02: Bias is the direction of the fabric's greatest stretch.



04: Thread both ends of the thread through the eye of your needle.



06: Sew a *why knot* into the fold at one end of the cut fabric.

Gather the raw edges of the strip with hand basting

1. Sew a *why knot* into the fold at one end of the cut fabric (diagrams 05 and 06).

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2. Starting from the *why knot* at the tip of the curve, hand baste the two layers together the entire length of the strip (diagram 07).

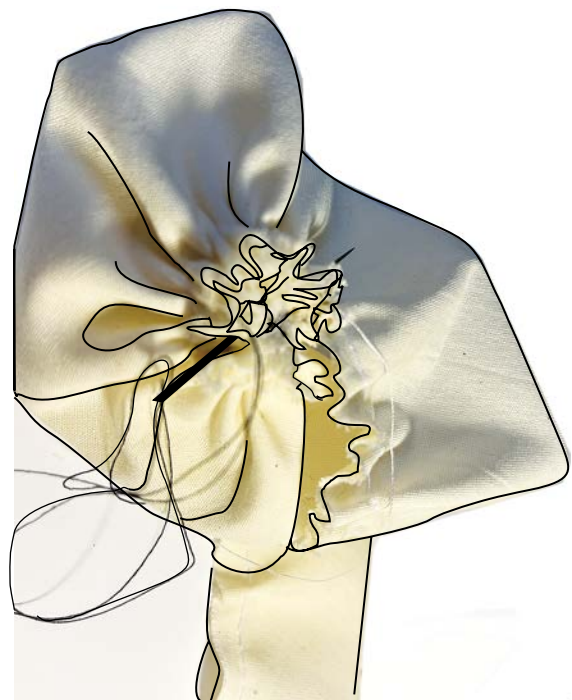


07: Starting from the why knot at the tip of the curve, hand baste the two layers together the entire length of the strip.



08: Gather tightly.

3. Pull the basting tight as you sew (diagram 08).



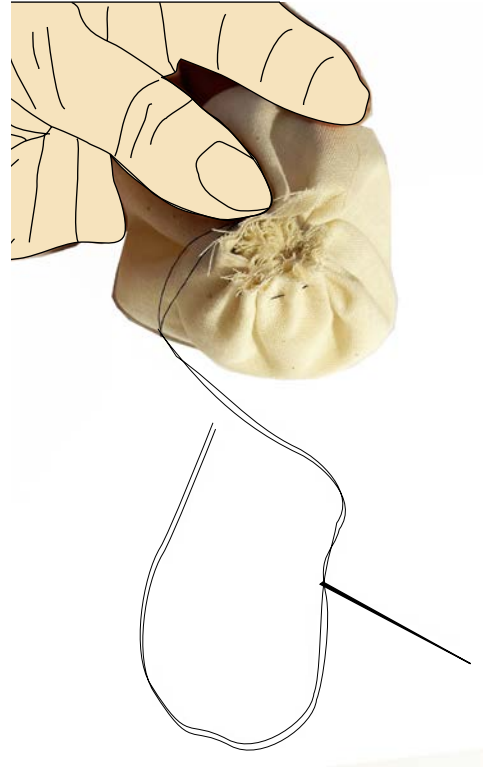
09: Sew the cut edges together as the length is gathered.

Sew the gathering into a tight circle

1. Sew the cut edges together as the length is gathered (diagram 09).



10: How the rose should look now.



11: Gather the entire length of the cut edge.

2. Check your work!

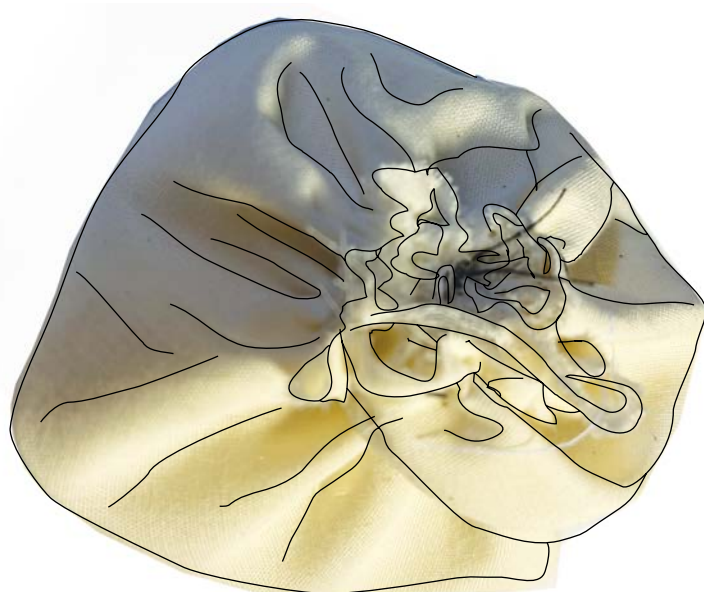
Turn your work over. It should look like a rose (diagram 10).

3. Gather the entire length of the cut edge (diagram 11).

4: Stitch all of the gathered cut edges together, making sure all of the raw edges are at the back of the rose.

5. Check the work! Turn over. Make sure no raw edges show in the front of the rose. If they do, tuck them into the back of the rose.

6: Secure the thread. Sew the thread into the back of the rose with a couple of tight stitches. Cut the thread.



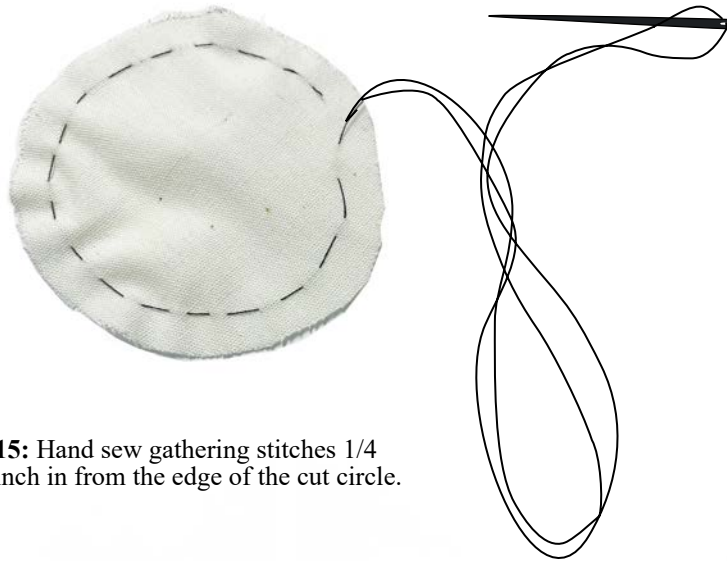
12: Finish sewing the raw edges together. Make sure no cut edges show in the front of the rose. Finish by sewing the thread into the back of the rose with a couple of tight stitches.



13: Lay a round object, such as a washer shown above, on a piece of fabric left from cutting the rose. Trace around the object. Cut out the circle.



14: The cut circle.



15: Hand sew gathering stitches 1/4 inch in from the edge of the cut circle.

Cover the back of the rose

- 1.** Trace a round object that is slightly larger than the back of the rose's gathered area, such as the washer shown in diagram 13.
- 2.** Cut the circle out (diagram 14).
- 3.** Hand sew gathering stitches 1/4 inch from the edge (diagram 15).



16: Sew the circle over the gathering, tucking in the circle's edges as you sew.

- 4.** Sew the circle over the gathering, tucking in the circle's edges as you sew.

The circle should now hide the gathering (diagram 16).

- 5.** Turn the rose over. **Your rose is finished!** (diagram 17)
- 6.** Your rose can now be attached with a safety pin or sewn to clothing.



17: The finished rose.

