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# EYELET PEPLUM REFASHION





















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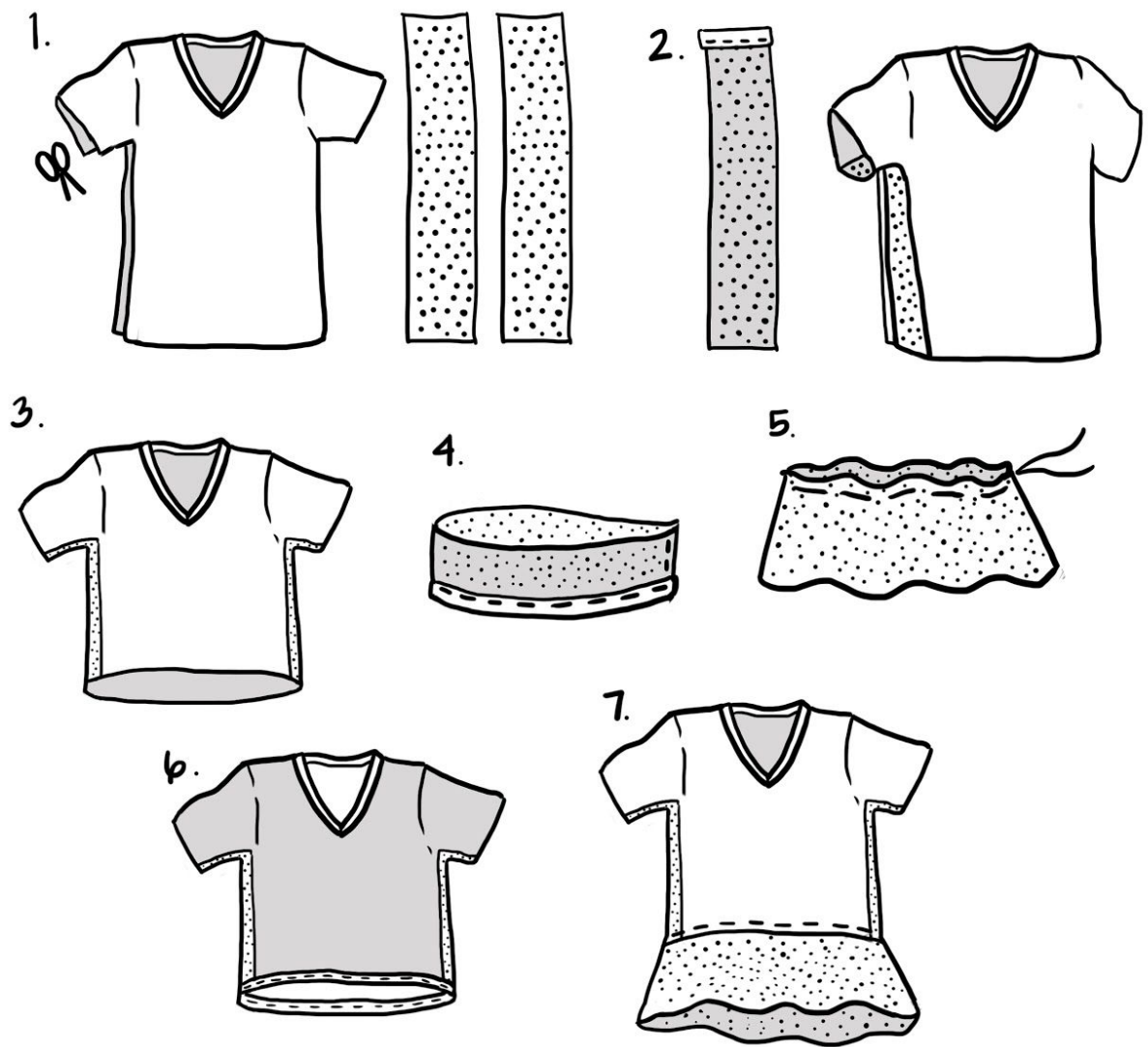
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A few weeks ago I spotted [this top at Nordstrom](#). You probably know by now that I'm completely and hopelessly obsessed with eyelet, so of course I loved it. But I also realized it would be a pretty simple sewing project -- and even easier, a quick refashion!

With a simple [Target tee](#) and [some eyelet fabric](#), I whipped this up the other day and I'm *in love* with it. I originally planned to just do the peplum, but since the top needs to be a little boxier to make the peplum hang correctly, I ended up adding the eyelet panels in the side to add width and I'm so glad I did because I think it makes the entire shirt. Also I chose [a v-neck tee](#) because I like them best.

What you'll need:

t-shirt -- can be from anywhere, and can be v-neck or crew neck (I used [this one](#))  
1/2 yard [eyelet fabric](#)  
matching thread



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*sewing tutorial*

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Step 1. Try on your shirt and decide how much extra width you want to add. My side panels were about 5" wide each. Now cut your shirt open at the side seams, and cut two strips of fabric

5" wide (or however wide you decide), and long enough to go all the way down the side of the shirt and the sleeves.

Step 2. Hem one short end of the eyelet panel. Repeat for the second panel. Match that hemmed edge up with the original sleeve hem, and then with right sides together, sew the panel into the side of the shirt from the end of the sleeve, up and around the armpit, and down to the bottom of the shirt. Repeat for the other side of the shirt.

Step 3. Now try on the shirt and decide how short you want to cut it. I cut mine right at my belly button, but angled it to be longer in the back. Mark with tailors chalk, and then cut as desired. Remember, you'll be hemming it, so cut it about 1/2 an inch longer than you want it to be.

Step 4. Measure around the hem of your shirt and then multiply that circumference by 1.5. Use that measurement as your length to cut a long strip of eyelet about 8 inches wide. Hem the bottom of this strip of eyelet, and then sew it into a loop.

Step 5. Now do a basting stitch around the top of the eyelet loop, leaving the threads long so you can gather them. Now pull the strings to gather until the circumference of the loop matches the circumference of the tee.

Step 6. Turn your tee inside out and hem the bottom of your t-shirt up 1/2 an inch. Do this carefully, with a wide straight stitch. If you pull the fabric as you stretch, your hem will become wavy, so just go slowly and let the machine guide the fabric through -- don't pull!

Step 7. Now pin the gathered eyelet under the hem, pin in place, and then sew all the way around the bottom of the t-shirt again, attaching the eyelet.

Press all your seams, and you're done!