

FABRIC TREES

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Supplies Needed:

- Janome Serger
- Janome Sewing Machine with Ultimate Ruffler Accessory foot

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- Foam Cones Various sizes
- 1/3 Yd Fabric
- Scrap fabric to wrap cone
- Wooly nylon serger threads
- 2 coordinating thread for Serger
- Sewing Threads
- Spray Adhesive
- Fabric glue (Fabri-Tac or/ 3 in 1 By Beacon)
- Chalk, marking pen etc.



Cutting directions:

1. Cut the fabric that you are planning to use for the tree to 2" wide x width of fabric. You will need 1 strip for each inch of the cone. For example, I'm using a 9" cone so I cut 9 - 2" wide strip.



Serging Directions:

1. Set Serger to a rolled hem and load the wooly nylon onto the upper looper. Refer to your manual for set up and test stitch on scrap fabric.
2. Put a rolled hem on each strip of fabric on one edge.
3. The other edge will be left raw.

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Ruffling Directions:

1. Set the ruffler to 1 on top, and the depth I have it



set to the bottom line of 6.

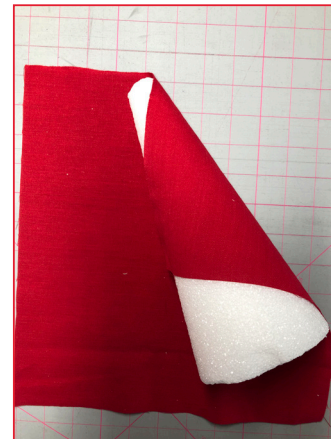
2. On the sewing machine I have the length set at 5.0.
3. Put the foot on the machine and adjust the needle to where it comes down to the center of the hole. After lowering the foot check to see to make sure the needle is still in the center, if it is too close to the edge it will cut the thread.
4. With a screwdriver tighten the needle on the needle clamp just a little to keep the needle from falling out while gathering the fabric. If you are doing a lot of ruffling check it often to make sure it hasn't come loose from the vibration.
5. Insert the fabric into the ruffler and the back of the strip is threaded through the back guide. This will keep the ruffling straight.



6. When you put the fabric in the ruffler make sure that it's pushed up far enough that the first stitch will come down into the fabric. Gather all the strips separately. When you get to the last 2 strips change the stitch length to 2.20 and this will give you closer gathers.

Attaching layers to cone:

1. Spray cone with spray adhesive lightly. Place cone on a piece of fabric diagonally and roll fabric onto cone until you have it covered.



2. On the raw edge of the fabric apply a little fabric glue along the edge and glue down. Trim bottom fabric along the edge of the cone. If you are using this as a standalone decoration glue a piece of fabric onto the bottom and trim around the edge.
3. Starting at the back seam, measure up 1" from the bottom, make a mark at 1" apart all the way up to the top.



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4. Rotate the cone and do this all the way around. This will be used as placement line markings.



5. Glue ruffle on by placing a line of fabric glue along the marked lines starting at the bottom and going up. Place the gathered edge on the glue line all the way around. When you come back to the starting cut excess fabric approx. 1" from starting and fold raw edge in and glue down.



6. For the 2nd row, place the raw edge on the glue line, and continue doing this all the way up. When you get to the last 3 rows use the 2 strips that have the tighter gathers. You should have enough from these 2 strips to do all three rows. You will not use the entire strip for each row.
7. Once you have all the ruffles attached let the glue completely dry and decorate the tree with different sizes of ornaments and other decorations that is used on miniature trees. Battery operated lights can be added to the tree also.

Have fun making your tree, try using leftover scraps, also you can gather flat lace or even use strips of tulle. For larger trees cut your strips wider. Have the wider strips on the bottom and make them smaller as you move up the tree. You can also play with the distance between the tears. Have them further apart at the bottom and closer as you go towards the top. The possibilities are endless. The only thing I would suggest is not to go less than 2" wide due to it being harder to manage during the ruffling process.

Also don't forget to play with the depth on the ruffler you will find it will react to different weights of fabric. Also, you can also see how close you want the tears before gluing them on by using pins to hold them in place to see if you like it.

If you prefer not to glue the fabric onto the cone you can use Sequin Pin and they are only 1/2" long.

