

## Designer Roman Shade

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You can dress up any room in your home with this simple Roman shade. My daughter and I had fun doing just that after we painted the kitchen in her new home.

Skill Level: Confident Beginner  
Sewing Time: 4-6 hours

### Janome Supplies Required:

- Any Janome model sewing machine
- Presser foot A, AcuFeed foot, or standard walking foot
- Sew on button foot T
- Red tip needle

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- Basic sewing and cutting tools
- Thread to match your shade fabric
- Roman shade lift cord
- Roman shade cord lock and screw eyes for stringing the cords
- Small plastic rings
- 3/8" metal dowel for bottom weight
- 3/4" square mounting board the width of the finished shade

*Note: Most of this can be found in the home decorating department of your fabric store or in a home improvement center in the hardware department.*

### Fabric Required:

#### *Decorator Fabric*

Measure window length and width then cut the two pieces below:  
For exterior piece add 4" to the width and 3" to your window length, then cut.  
For bottom facing cut ONE 5" high piece x window width plus 2" for the facing

*Lining Fabric:* Finished width of window and finished length plus 3".

### Pre-Sewing Preparation:

1. Press the decorator shade fabric under 1" on each side the length of your shade.
2. Fold it in again and press to finish off each side. (See figure on right.)



## Making The Shade

3. Lay lining on top of shade fabric and press smoothly in place. Your lining should lay on top of the inner crease you made with your iron.



4. Fold the shade fabric in on each side. Pin the shade and lining together.  
5. Slip the fabric facing piece under the shade with right sides together, pin together leaving 1" extending on each side.



6. If you are using one of our Janome models that has AcuFeed this is the best foot to use. AcuFeed is the most accurate system for keeping multiple layers of fabric together. Your desired stitch length feeds perfectly on both top and bottom no matter how fast or slow you sew.  
7. If you do not have AcuFeed on your Janome, attach your walking foot or the A foot.  
8. Select a straight stitch, set your stitch length on 3.

### Sewing Instructions:

1. Straight stitch the facing to the shade with a 1/2" seam allowance along the bottom edge. Press the facing to the wrong side of the shade.



2. Fold and press side extensions in so they don't show from the right side of your shade.  
3. Turn and press the top edge of the facing down to make a 3" hem. Straight stitch along the top edge.  
4. Measure down 1" down from that stitching line and straight stitch again. This will form the rod pocket.  
5. Realign the shade on your work surface, lining side up. Mark placement of small rings- keeping rows even and parallel. The first row is placed at the top of the weight bar and 1" in from the side edges so side hems are held in place by rings.

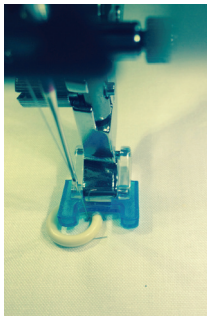


## Attaching Hardware

6. Depending on the width of your shade draw very lightly with a pencil or use a fine disappearing marker and lay ruler vertically and mark rows 4" to 8" apart. After all the lines are completed in one direction, lay your ruler in the opposite direction and make a mark at the intersection of each line.

### Machine Set Up:

1. Attach the sew on button foot. Lower the feed dogs. Many of our Janome sewing machine models have a sew on button setting in the button hole mode or the sewing applications mode. This is the perfect stitch to use with your sew on button foot, this stitch will lock to begin and sew over your ring 5 or 6 times, this stitch will lock it off automatically. (If you do not have this stitch built in select the zig zag stitch with a stitch width of 3.5. And a stitch length of 0. Also drop the feed dogs.)



2. To ensure that your set up is proper make a sample before starting on your shade. Make sure your needle clears the width of the ring, adjust if necessary.

3. Place a small piece of double stick tape on each intersection where your ring will go, just enough to keep the ring in place while you stitch it on.

4. Sew over the ring 5 or 6 times and press your lock off key at the end. If the Janome model you have has a scissors key press that and repeat this until all the rings have been sewn on.

5. Peel off the tape from under the rings when you have finished.

### Finishing Your Shade:

1. Remeasure your shade from the bottom, turn the top over on the mounting board. Before you staple it to the board trim off any extra fabric.

2. Staple the shade to the mounting board.



3. Attach the shade cord lock with the brass ball inside the lock facing toward the outside of the shade. Place a screw in the right side screw hole. Line the other screw hole up and screw the small screw eye above the last line of rings.



## Finishing Up

4. Screw in the other small screw eyes above each row of rings.



5. To string the shade start with the row of rings the furthest from the cord lock, cut it long enough to make sure you have enough to go up the shade and across the top and excess at the side for pulling. Tie the cord securely to the bottom ring, thread through rings and screw eyes and lock.

6. Tighten so tension is equal on each cord.



7. Secure each cord and string through the same way. I hope you enjoy making this shade and using all the wonderful features your Janome machine has to offer. So many times we find ourselves going back to the same comfort zone even when we have a new machine with so many new accessories and features to make our projects easier and faster with great results. Have Fun and Happy Sewing!



Finished Shade