



Garter Tutorial

You will need:

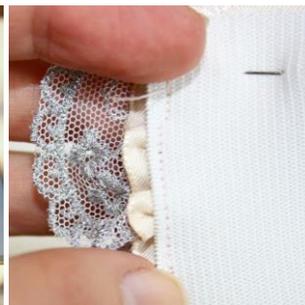
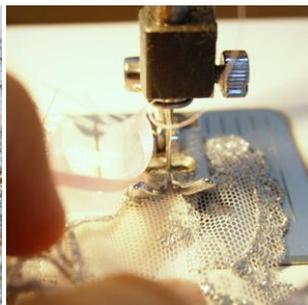
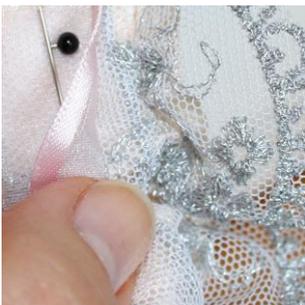
- ▶ your stitched design
- ▶ interfacing (to the same dimensions as the stitched design)
- ▶ some matching ribbon and lace
- ▶ some 2/3cm wide elastic band

Step 1 : getting ready.



Prepare some lace and ribbons to decorate the garter, some elastic band, and some neutral coloured ribbon to hide the elastic band. Work out how long your elastic band needs to be, and allow about twice that length for the lace and ribbons. Layer all these starting with the elastic band, and use pins to keep all the layers together. (Remember to stretch the elastic band while pinning the other layers to it)

Step 2 : putting it together.



Start by sewing together the elastic band, the protective ribbon and the lace. Fold the top ribbon aside to avoid stitching it by accident, and machine stitch all the other layers together on one edge of

the elastic band. Remember to stretch your elastic band to allow the ribbon to lie flat during the stitching.



Do the same for the other edge of the elastic band. Then machine stitch all the layers of elastic, ribbon and lace together using a large zig-zag stitch in the centre. Again, keep your elastic band out-stretched while sewing, so that you get some nice frills when finished.

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Check the size of your garter (it will probably have stretched a little bit, and may need shortening). Put both ends together, right sides touching, and machine stitch them together with a straight stitch.

Trim off excess material, and zig-zag over it to avoid fraying. With a few hand stitches, tack the seam to the inside of the garter.



Iron your stitched design, and mark the folds with pins. Trim your design leaving a 1 cm border all around. Turn it over, and fold the borders. Cut your interfacing to the correct shape and size, and iron it onto the back of the fabric to glue and hide the folds.

Step 3 : adding the finishing touches.



Position your stitched design so as to hide the seam on the garter. Attach it at each extremity with a large bead, for instance.

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