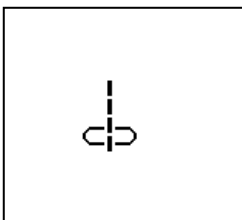


Smocking

To make gathering

Machine Settings:



Foot: Zigzag Foot A

Foot Pressure: 3

Needle Position: Center Needle

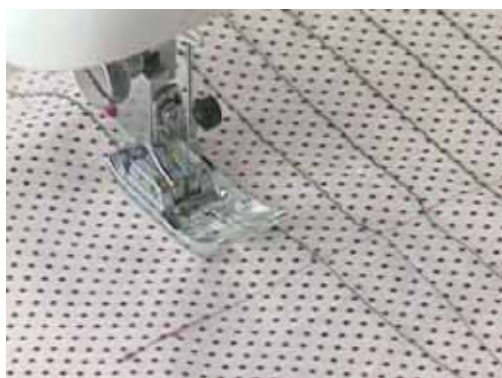
Stitch Length: 3.0 - 4.0

Thread Tension: 1.0 - 2.0

Needle Thread: All-Purpose Thread

Bobbin Thread: All-Purpose Thread

1. To gather the fabric, select the straight stitch. Set stitch length between 3.0 - 4.0, and tension between 1.0 - 2.0.
2. Place the fabric under the foot approximately 5 cm (2") from the edge of the fabric. Sew a row, leaving 10 cm (4") tails of thread at each end.
3. Sew several rows 2.5 cm (1") apart.
4. Tie the needle and bobbin threads together on one end to prevent thread from being pulled through when pulling from the other end.
5. Gather the stitches by gently pulling the bobbin thread. Try to pull all the threads at the same time to give a consistent look.

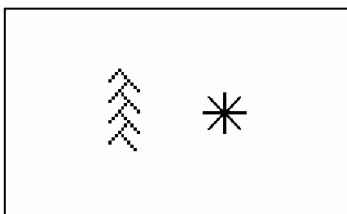


Continue gathering until fabric size is reduced to give approximately 10 cm (4") of smocking.

Tie off the ends to secure.

To sew gathering in place

Machine Settings:



Foot: Satin Foot F

Foot Pressure: 3

Needle Thread: All-Purpose Thread

Bobbin Thread: All-Purpose Thread

1. Align the center arrow of the satin foot on the first row of gathering stitches.
2. More stitches may be sewn in between the rows.
3. After all stitching has been sewn, pull out the gathering thread.



The following stitches are also recommended for smocking stitches.



Many other stitches can also be used for smocking. Experiment first on fabric scraps.