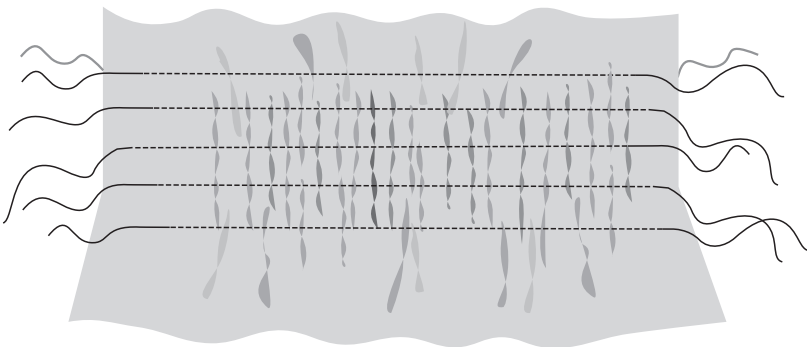


These are general instructions for making elasticized shirring.
When shirring a garment section, follow also the sewing instructions
in the magazine for that garment.



You need to use elastic thread (a.k.a. shirring elastic) in the bobbin of your sewing machine.

- Wind sewing machine bobbin with elastic thread by hand, stretching thread slightly.
- Stitch with regular straight stitch, adjusting stitch length to 2.5...3.5 and decreasing needle thread tension slightly.
- Stitch rows of shirring from right side of garment, placing them 8...10 mm apart.
- Leave long tails of both needle thread and elastic thread at the beginning and end of each row of stitching.
- Pull fabric taut when you stitch each row to make sure that rows will be

straight and parallel.

- If the shirred area seems to be too loose, you can make it tighter by gently pulling both ends of elastic thread in each row. At the same time, distribute shirring evenly by running the fabric between your thumb and forefinger.
- To finish off, secure thread ends carefully.
- Note that shirring will not show straight after the first row of stitching and that the shirred area is gathered to its final width only after steaming it lightly with an iron.
- Experiment with shirring on a scrap of fabric before starting!

TIP!

- You can create more shirring and consequently make the shirred area narrower by increasing the stitch length slightly and by winding the elastic thread a little tighter on the bobbin.
- When shirring cotton fabric, the elastic thread can be wound more tightly on the bobbin and the stitch length can be shorter than when shirring lighter fabrics, such as viscose fabric.

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