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"ROSE RUFFLED BLOUSE"



The latest from Italy and famous designer, the Rose Ruffled Blouse! The original is selling for \$690.00. You can make it for just the cost of the silky satin.

Skill Level: Beginner

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Supplies:

- Baby Lock Sewing Machine and Serger
- Simplicity pattern 2599 (or similar pattern)
- Fashion fabric; yardage per pattern, plus 1 1/2 yard for ruffles
- Monofilament fishing line 30 lb. test
- Tear-a-way stabilizer
- Thread

Instructions:

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2599

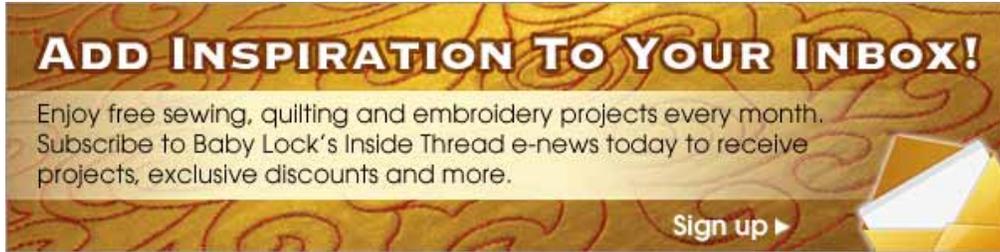
Simplicity



1. Select the pattern pieces for view C; do not include the pattern pieces for the ruffles or facings.
2. Alter the pattern pieces as follows: at the shoulder seams on both the front and back pieces, measure from the neckline out 2 ¼" mark. Now draw a smooth curved line from this marking to the underarm. Cut away the outer section of shoulder from the pattern pieces. This will allow for the halter appearance of the blouse.
3. For the placement of the ruffles on the front pattern piece, extend the original outside placement line for the ruffles to the hem line; disregard the other ruffle placement line on the pattern. Cut the pattern apart at this line. Add 5/8" seam allowances to each side of these pattern pieces. There will now be a front side pattern piece (cut 2) and a center front pattern piece (cut 1 on the fold).
4. Cut the pattern pieces from the fashion fabric. Remaining fabric will be used later to make ruffles and rose.
5. Stitch the shoulder seams, back and side front pieces, press. The center front of the blouse will remain open.
6. For the ruffles, measure and mark eight strips along the bias of the fabric. Four strips will measure 2 ½" x 50" and four strips will measure 3 ½" x 50".
7. Set the serger for a 3-thread rolled edge. Place strips of the same widths right sides together. Prepare to stitch one long edge of each of the four doubled strips. Use the tear-a-way stabilizer between the feed dogs of the machine and the fabric.
8. Place the monofilament fishing line under the presser foot so the line will be caught in the stitches of the loopers; stitch a few stitches to hold the line in place.
9. Align the fabric edge with the edge of the presser foot. Begin stitching, finishing the edge of the fabric while incasing the monofilament line in the hem. Repeat this for the remaining three strip units (ruffles).
10. Next, finish the short ends of all four ruffles. Do not use the monofilament line in these edges. Just stitch with the 3-thread rolled edge.
11. Layer one smaller width ruffle on top of one wider width ruffle, unfinished edges matching, pin. Near the unfinished long edge, through all layers, stitch rows of gathering stitches. Repeat for the second set of ruffles. Set aside to prepare the body of the blouse.
12. The ruffles will be placed on either side of the side blouse fronts, up to the neckline and around the back of the neckline, stopping at the dots at the center back.
13. Gently draw up the gathering stitches and ease the gathers to fit evenly from the front to the back of the blouse.
14. Stitch the ruffles to the blouse.
15. Pin the center front piece to the side fronts, incasing the ruffles in the seam.
16. Cut bias strips from the remaining fabric 2" wide. Fold the strips in half and gently press. Finish the neckline and center back opening according the pattern, using the bias strips instead of the large facings.
17. Cut additional bias strips 2" wide for the facings of the armhole.



18. Pin and stitch the bias strips right sides together to each armhole. Trim the seam allowance, turn the bias to the wrong side of the blouse, and gently press. Pin and stitch the bias to the blouse.



19. Stitch the side seams, finish the hem and add a chain loop/button for the closure at the back opening.
20. To make the rose, mark and cut a bias strip 6 1/2" x 30".
21. Fold the fabric in half lengthwise, right sides together. Again, using a 3-thread rolled edge, finish the raw edges of the fabric. Gently round the ends of the strip so that they fade into the folded edge.
22. Along the folded edge, stitch two rows of gathering stitches. Draw the gathering stitches up tightly.
23. Begin wrapping the ruffle tightly around itself to form the center of the rose, continue wrapping the entire ruffle.
24. Thread a hand needle and stitch the rose ruffles into the desired shape. Tack the rose to the front of the blouse. Off center, near the neckline edge.

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