

Block 4 - Gathering & Smocking



Fabric	Colour	Size (inches)	Preparation
Background	Green	8 ½ x 8 ½	
Frill	Button	2 ½ x 30	Roll hem edges Press in half lengthwise
Notes:			

Gathering

Needle Plate: Standard 	Foot: Zigzag A 	Thread: White 	Needle: Janome Blue Tip
Stitch: Sewing Applications 	> Sewing Tab 	> Smocking (page 3/3) 	> Gathering



1. Finger press the frill in half lengthwise



2. Sew 4 stitches forward, hold down reverse and sew 4 stitches back. Sew the length of the strip, stopping ¼" from end of fabric



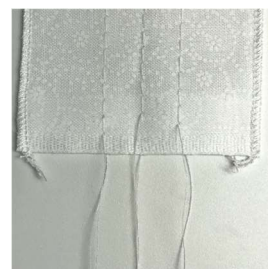
3. Do not cut the threads! Lift the needle, lift the foot and pull threads out the back, leaving a 10cm/4" thread tail at the end



4. Stitch another row of stitches, either side of the centre line



5. Make sure to secure the threads at the start of each row



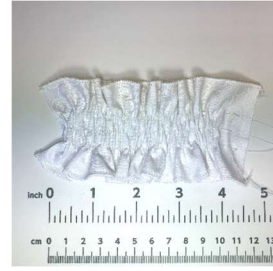
6. And leave a tail at the end of each row



7. Separate the three bobbin threads and start to pull up slowly

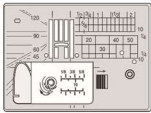
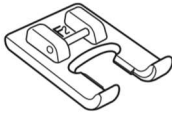







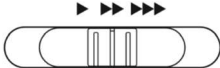


8. Ease the fabric along the threads in small movements



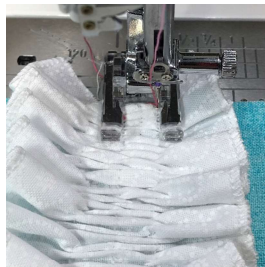
9. Gather to approx. 9" in length

Decorative Stitches

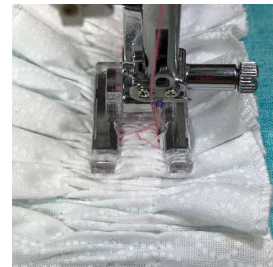
Needle Plate: Standard 	Foot: Satin Stitch F2 	Thread: Pink 	Needle: Purple Tip 
Stitch: Sewing Applications 	> Sewing Tab 	> Smocking 	> Smocking Stitch 6 
Settings: Decrease Foot Pressure to -5 		Speed Slider to normal (half way) 	



10. Centre onto block base and glue in place to hold



11. Line up the inner edges of the F2 foot with two rows of gathering stitches



12. Slowly sew across the gathered strip



13. Repeat with a second row of stitches. Trim block to 8" square.