

*"SILK SERGER ROSE"*

A simple strip of fabric can come to life as a beautiful garment accessory with the help of the serger.

**Skill Level: Beginner**

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**Supplies:**

Baby Lock Serger

4 Spools Maxi-Lock serger thread

6" x 28" strip of silk dupioni

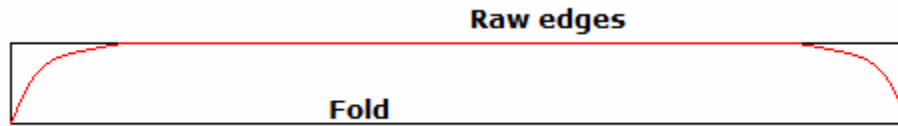
4" or 5" square of green fabric for leaf

Sew-on pin back (found in the beading supplies of a craft store)

Hand needle

**Instructions:****Rose**

1. Thread the serger for a four-thread stitch.
2. Set the stitch length to four and the differential feed to two.
3. Fold the silk strip in half lengthwise.  
**Note:** this size strip makes a fairly large fabric rose, adjust the strip smaller as desired.
4. Start serging at the corner closest to the folded edge and round the end, serge catching both raw edges into the seam and then round the other end the same as the first.



5. Your fabric should be gathering into a ruffle. To tighten the gathers, pull the two short threads on the end of the serger tail to add extra fullness.
6. Wrap the ruffle in a circle to form the rose.
7. Thread a hand needle and stitch the serged edge together to hold the ruffle in the desired position.



8. You can also show decorative serging on the rose by finishing the folded edge of the ruffle using a rolled hem before gathering the strip.

#### **Leaf & Finishing**

9. Fold the fabric square in half. Then fold in each corner to the middle using the same method as folding a prairie point.
10. Gather the lower straight edge.
11. Using the hand needle, stitch the leaf to the back of the rose and then sew on the pin back.

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