
Put on the cuffs

Make this really pretty ribboned cuff in a colorway to go with your favorite party outfit: in fact, if you have sewn the outfit then use the same fabric for your cuff for the ultimate in coordinated jewelry. You only need little scraps of trim, so raid your stash and add buttons and beads to your cuff if you wish.

You will need...

2 pieces of fabric and a piece of iron-on mediumweight interfacing each measuring the circumference of your wrist plus $\frac{1}{4}$ " (2cm), by 3" (8cm)

Scissors

Tape measure

Iron

Ironing board

Scraps of ribbons and rickrack, each at least 3" (8cm) long

Seam gauge

Pins

Hand-sewing needle

Basting thread

Sewing machine

Sewing thread to match fabric and ribbons

4 small eyelets

Eyelet setting kit

1 piece of organza ribbon measuring 8" (20cm) long

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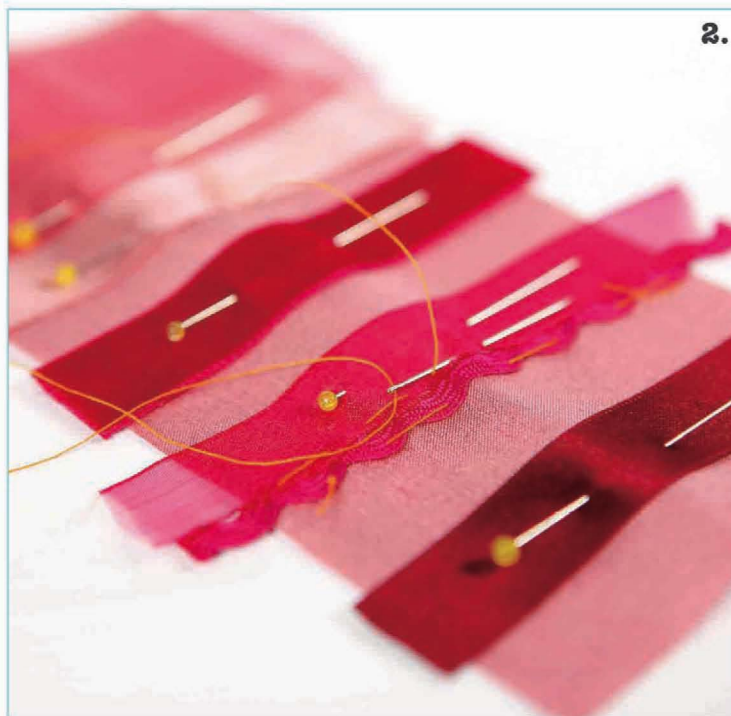
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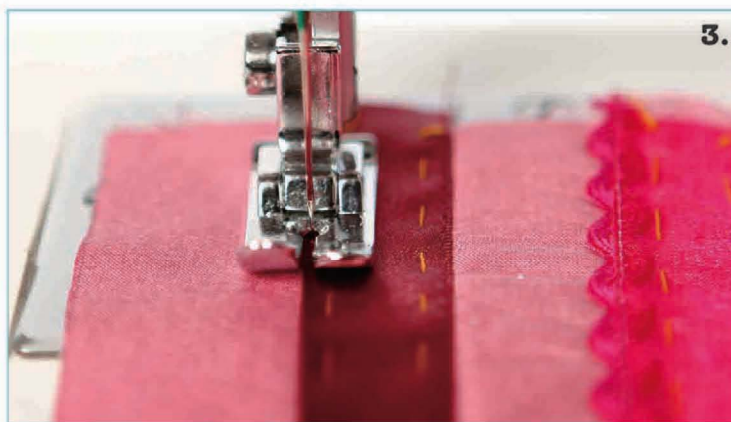




1 Iron the piece of interfacing onto the back of one of the pieces of fabric; this will be the right side of the cuff.

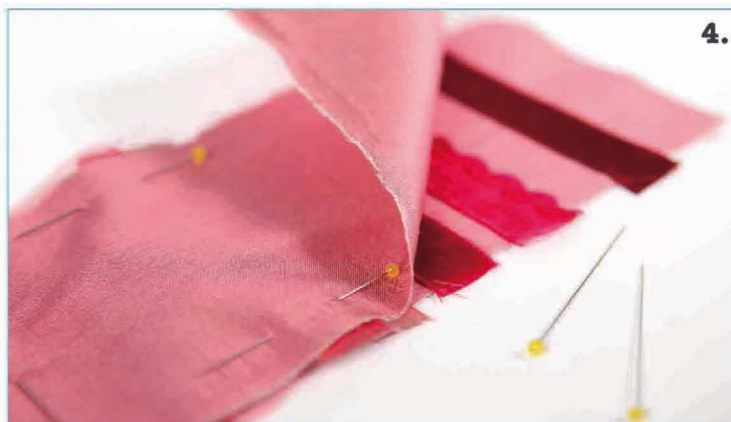


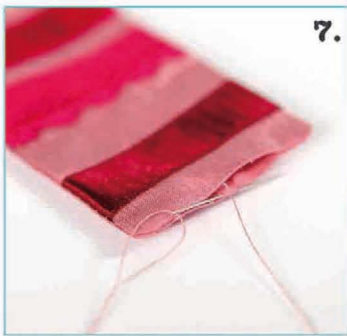
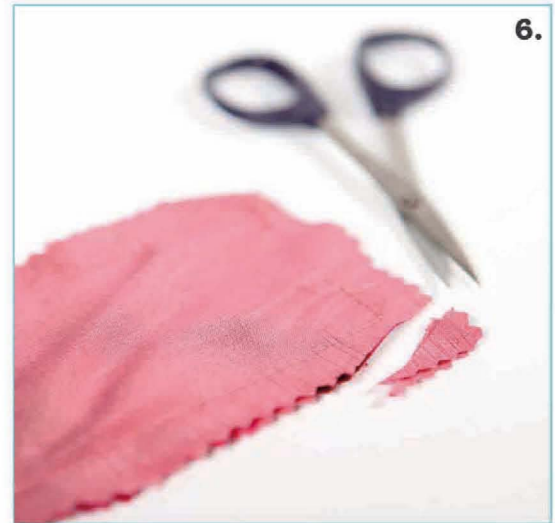
2 Arrange the ribbons and rickrack on the interfaced fabric, keeping them 1" (2.5cm) from the short ends. When you are happy with the arrangement, pin and then baste all the ribbons in place. If you want to overlap pieces of ribbon, as here, you will need to baste and machine-sew the lower layers before basting the top layers.



3 Machine-sew each length of ribbon to the fabric. Remove the basting stitches.

4 With right sides facing, lay the other piece of fabric on top of the beribboned piece, matching the raw edges. Pin the layers together.





5 Machine-sew around the edges, taking a $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1.5cm) seam allowance and pivoting at corners. Leave a 1" (2.5cm) opening in one short side.

6 Clip corners, trim off any protruding pieces of ribbon, and turn the cuff right-side out.

7 Press the seams and slipstitch the gap closed.

8 Following the instructions on the eyelet kit, put two equally spaced eyelets into each short edge of the cuff, the spaces left free of ribbon in Step 2.

9 Lace up your cuff with a length of organza ribbon.

Choosing fabric

You need a lightweight fabric for this project. If you choose anything heavier, the additional bulk in the seams created by the interfacing and the ends of the ribbons and trims will result in very lumpy edges. Dupioni silk, crisp cotton, or fine-weave linen will all work well.