



## "Bee Costume"

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Create this little bee costume in a day, thanks to the ease and speed of the Enlighten serger! Learn to make serger ruffles on knits for any spring garment

### **Skill Level: Beginner**

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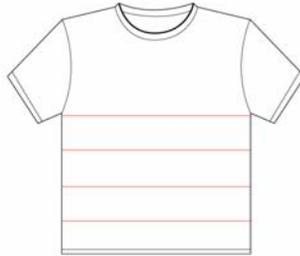
### **Supplies:**

- Baby Lock Enlighten Serger
- Baby Lock Sewing Machine
- Ruffling foot (BLE-RF)
- 4 Cones of Maxi-Lock serger thread
- Yellow T-shirt in size needed
- Yellow T-shirt 2 sizes larger than needed

Black T-shirt 2 sizes larger or ½ yard of black knit fabric  
1 Spool of Madeira Cotona #4 color 2400  
1 Spool of Madeira Décor #6 color 1525  
1 Spool of Madeira Monofilament thread  
Purchased Bee Wings  
Black knit shorts or leggings

### Instructions:

1. Press the t-shirt (if needed) and place it flat on a work surface.
2. Draw a line across the shirt right below the underarms.
3. Measure from this line to the hem. Divide this number by 4. This will give you the space between the ruffles. Draw three more lines across the t-shirt evenly spaced according to your measurement.



4. Cut the shirt along these lines. Keep the strips flat and in order.
5. From the larger yellow and black t-shirts, cut strips ½” wider than your measurement in step 3 for the ruffles. You will need four strips the width of the t-shirts from each color shirt.
6. Take two of the ruffle strips and serge them together to create a long strip. Repeat for the remaining pairs until you have two long strips for each color.
7. To create the layers of ruffles, set-up the serger for a 4-thread stitch and attach a gathering foot. Set the differential feed to 2 and stitch length to 4.
8. Place the ruffle fabric under the foot and one of the top fabric sections in the slot at the front of the foot.
9. Serge at an even speed to evenly guide the layers. This will gather and attached the ruffles in one easy step.
10. When you reach the end of the circle, overlap the ruffle strip and cut off any excess ruffle strip.
11. Continue to serge the remaining ruffle strips to each band of the original t-shirt. Make sure to alternate the colors.
12. Align the bands and sew the t-shirt back together. A ruffle should be inserted into each line.
13. Finish the edge of your ruffles with a narrow rolled hem, 3-thread or the Exclusive Wave stitch.



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14. For the Wave stitch, thread the serger loopers with Décor and Cotona threads from Madeira.  
Note: You will need to use alternate threading methods for heavy-weight threads. See your owner's manual or go to [www.babylock.com/sergers/decorative-serging](http://www.babylock.com/sergers/decorative-serging)
15. Overlap the ends of the ruffle strip and catch both edges in the hem.
16. To form the Wave trim around the collar, cut a 1" x 22" piece of knit fabric from the remaining extra yellow shirt. Serge the edge of the fabric with the Wave stitch.
17. Trim the excess fabric off, cutting close but never through the edge of the wave stitching.
18. Thread the sewing machine with monofilament thread. Select a small zigzag stitch. Sew the wave trim around the rib knit of the neckline edge.

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