

Projects

Wedding Veil with Serged Braid Trim



With all the different combinations of a headpiece, tulle, and pattern views available, customizing your wedding veil can be the easiest part of planning your wedding ensemble. Serge the veil edge for a truly one-of-a-kind wedding veil that you will be proud to say, "Yes, I made it myself!"

Skill Level: Beginning

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Supplies:

Baby Lock® Ellisimo Gold
Baby Lock Evolution serger
Butterick Pattern B4487 - View E or similar pattern
2 yards of 108" wide soft tulle (consult pattern envelope for other fabric widths and proper yardage for your view)
Floral band
4 yards nylon cording
Clear hair comb
3 cones of Madeira Aerolock Premium serger thread (matching your gown) for a serger braid finish
Fabric glue

Serger Settings:

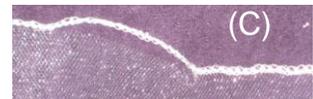
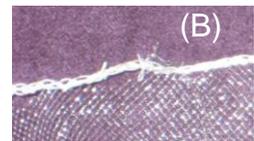
To create the veil as shown in the sample, Madeira serger thread was used. If you use a different thread, results for the braid may look tighter or looser.



- Upper looper - Madeira serger thread
- Lower looper - Madeira serger thread
- Right overlock needle - Madeira serger thread
- Width - 5.0mm (widest setting)
- Length - 3.0mm
- Differential feed – N
- Stitch Selector - D

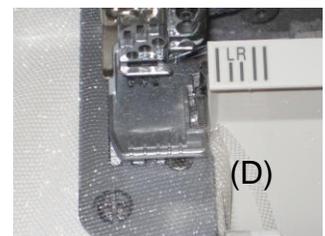
Sewing Tips & Pointers:

- Allow plenty of space to the left of your serger for fabric support.
- Feed fabric into the serger generously, do not pull or push your fabric.
- While serging, do not watch the needles.
- Watch that the fabric edge is always 1/8" to 1/4" to the right of the cutting blade, even when serging curves.
- If you find there are whiskers beyond the stitching
- Check that your width is set at the widest setting. (B)
- If the stitching does not catch the edge of your fabric (C), be sure your width setting is set at the widest and your fabric support is in place so the fabric is not being pulled off to the left.



Getting Started - Hem:

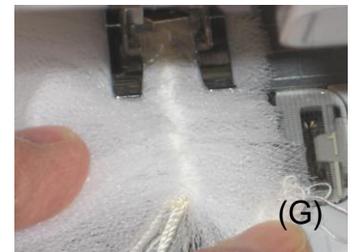
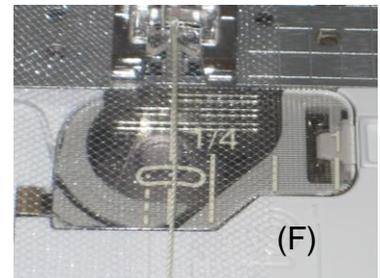
1. Stitch around the veil cutting between 1/8" and 1/4" from the edge (D).
2. When you get back to where you began stitching, stop stitching and disengage the cutting blade.
3. Stitch about an inch over the beginning stitches.
4. Stop, turn the hand-wheel toward you to raise the needle out of the fabric, and raise the presser foot.
5. Carefully, move your veil to the back so that the stitching comes off of the stitch finger.
6. Lower the presser foot.
7. Stitch a couple stitches to knot the thread.
8. Remove the veil and cut excess threads.



- Now the beginning and ending stitches of your braid trim will be nearly invisible.

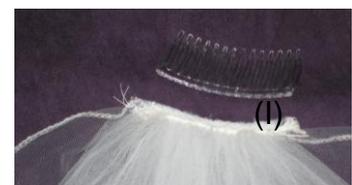
Gathering the Veil:

- Tie one end of the piece of nylon cording to a safety pin.
- Approximately 1-2 inches in from the safety pin, pin the cord to the beginning of the gathering point on your veil. (See pattern piece for gathering starting and ending points.)
- Put a safety pin in the tulle at the end of the gathering line.
- Set up your Ellisimo Gold sewing machine as follows:
 - "N" presser foot
 - Stitch 1-09
 - Length 4.0mm
 - Width 5.0mm
 - Tie-off engaged
- With cord on top of the veil at the gathering line, position the stitching to be 5/8 inch in from the edge of the fabric (E).
- Slowly and carefully, zigzag over the cord until you reach the end of the gathering line (F).
- Tie off and cut zigzag thread, be careful not to cut the nylon cord or veil.
- Pull nylon cord to gather the veil to the desired length according to the pattern piece. (The safety pin at the beginning will not pull through zigzag stitching.)
- Change sewing machine settings to secure the Gathering to the following:
 - "N" presser foot
 - Stitch 1-09
 - Length 1.5mm
 - Width 1.5mm
- Hold the netting apart to expose the cording (G).
- Stitch the new zigzag setting over the cording twice.
- Confirm that the gathering is secured and then cut off the excess nylon cord.
- Carefully trim excess veil netting from seam allowance (H). Be careful not to cut any zigzag stitching.



Attach veil to Head Piece:

- Glue the right side of the veil to inside curve on the comb with fabric glue (I).
- After glue is dry, whip stitch the veil to the comb with white or invisible thread (J).
- Glue will hold the veil onto the comb, however stitching will just add an extra level of security.
- Turn the comb over so no stitching is visible.



5. With hairpins, put the floral band or headpiece on the bride, and then slide the veil comb into hair from the top down.
6. Flip the veil over into position and you are ready to go.

Note: Don't forget about the flower girl, junior bride, those celebrating their First Communion and the Halloween bride costume. Decrease the size of the veil, use the same techniques, and the veil is perfect for little girls, too.

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