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Specialty Serger Techniques

Sara Gallegos takes serging beyond finishing fabric edges to decorative applications. These class notes list the threads that she uses but we encourage you to experiment with a variety of decorative threads. Refer to your Quick Reference Guide and Inspiration Guide often for assistance with setting up your Baby Lock serger and other helpful information. To purchase threads and other accessories, consult your Baby Lock retailer. To find a Baby Lock retailer, go to www.babylock.com and click on *Where to Buy*.

Specialty Technique	Machine Set-Up	Threads/Supplies	Pro Tips
Wave Stitch	3-thread wave stitch	Decorative, contrasting threads in the upper & lower looper; all-purpose serger thread in needle *Madeira Decora *Madeira All-purpose serger thread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use by-pass thread guides when working with threads that are too heavy to go through the looper ports. • Thread nets will prevent slippery threads from pooling at the base of the spool and allow for better thread flow. • For a more attractive stitch, lengthen the stitch when working with heavier threads.
Wave Stitch Pintucks	3-thread wave stitch	Decorative, contrasting threads in upper and lower looper; all-purpose serger thread in	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin with a larger piece of fabric than what is needed for the project. • Use a wash-out pen to mark stitching lines.

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		the needle *Madeira Decora *Madeira All-purpose thread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serge and press tucks before cutting out the project.
Serger Crochet	3-thread wide	Decorative thread upper and lower looper; all-purpose thread in O1 needle *Sulky Blendables 12 weight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For a more ruffled effect, engage differential feed as you build rows of stitching. • Use a narrow zig zag stitch to mend rows that did not connect. • Weave thread tails back through row of stitching using a double-eyed needle.
Adding Decorative Trim	Cover stitch wide	All-purpose serger thread in chain looper and C1 and C3 needles *Madeira All-purpose serger thread	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thread trim through the slot from top to bottom and extend about 1" behind the presser foot.
Puffing Strips	Cover stitch wide	All-purpose serger thread in chain looper and C1 and C3 needles *Madeira All-purpose thread *Cover/Chain Stitch Presser Foot #BLE8-CCF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gently tug both sides of the fabric after serging to straighten and distribute the gathers.
Faux Smocking with Elastic	Chain stitch right	Decorative thread in chain looper; all-purpose thread in C3 needle *Madeira All-purpose thread *1/4" clear elastic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use narrow elastic. • Mark stitching lines on the fabric. • Stitch with the right side of fabric facing down against the bed of the machine. • Elastic will be on the wrong side of the fabric. • Use the knee lift to raise

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			<p>and lower the presser foot (Ovation) keeping your hands free to position and guide the fabric.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gently stretch the elastic from the back and front with equal pressure.
<p>Tassels</p>	<p>Chain stitch right</p> <p>Note: Sara uses a chain stitch right, but using the center needle (C2) may help to keep the thread chain straight.</p>	<p>Decorative thread in chain looper; all-purpose thread in C2 needle</p> <p>*Madeira Metallic *Madeira All-purpose serger thread</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin stitching on a small scrap of fabric. • Sit behind the machine to guide thread chain straight back from the needle. • Wrap the thread chain around a piece of cardboard cut to the length you would like the tassel to be.