

Decorative Finishing Trims by Christen Brown

Create your own inexpensive but fabulous trims with these simple techniques.

Braided Ribbons

1. Cut three equal lengths of ribbon; match the tails.
2. Tie a knot in the tails.
3. Tape the tails to the table with scotch tape.

Note: working from left to right the positions will be referred to as **A, B, C**.

4. Fold ribbon **A** over itself and to the right and down over **B** and under **C**.
5. Fold ribbon **C** over itself and to the left and down over **B** and under **A**.
6. Follow steps **4 - 5** until you have reached the end of the ribbons.
7. Follow step **2**. See **Sewing Instructions**.

Ruched Ribbon or Fabric

1. Measure 1/2" from the raw edge. With an erasable pen mark this point on the selvage edge closest to you.
2. Measure and mark **2RW** from the previous point. Continue this step down the length of ribbon.
3. Single thread a small sharp needle. Knot the thread into the first point marked in step **1**.
4. Fold the length of the ribbon in half between the 1st and 2nd points; finger press the fold.
5. Stitch a row of gathered stitches angling towards the opposite selvage edge, at the point created by the fold.
6. Reverse the direction of gather stitches towards the point on the opposite selvage edge.
7. Follow steps **5 - 6** substituting previous and next points for 1st and 2nd.
8. Gather in the ribbon every **7 - 8** complete triangles. See **Sewing Instructions**.

Sewing Instructions:

1. Single thread a small sharp needle with sewing thread.
2. Tuck the raw edge of the trim under 1/2", lay the trim on the fabric and pin in place.
3. Tack-stitch the folded portion to the fabric.
4. Continue down one side of the length of braid, tack-stitching under every other outer fold.
5. Follow step **2 - 4** for the remaining raw edge and length of braid. Knot and cut the thread.

Twisted Rattail and Mouse-tail Cord

1. Cut one length of cord and **1 - 3** lengths of decorative yarns or threads.
2. Tie a loose knot in one end and loop this over the hook of the **Spinster Mini Cord Maker**. Tighten the knot.
3. Turn the handle of the tool, twisting the group of yarns and threads together.
4. When the twisted group of yarns and threads begin to slightly kink, stop.
5. Fold the length of twisted cords in half bringing the ends together, holding your finger in the middle of the folded loop.
6. Hold onto the center of the loop, letting go slowly to allow the two halves of twisted cord to wind onto each other.
7. Untie the over-hand-knot, and re-tie both ends together; trim the ends.

Sewing Instructions:

1. Single thread a small sharp needle with decorative thread.
2. Tack-stitch the knot to the fabric. Couch the cord to the fabric every 1/2". Knot and cut the thread.

Have fun and Happy Trimming! ~Christen

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