

Fringed Top

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SUPPLIES

- Sewing machine with free-motion foot (sample was made with *artista* 640 and the BERNINA® Stitch Regulator)
- Simple knit top in a strong color such as black, red, teal, etc.
- 8-12 lengths of assorted ribbons and fibers – about 2 yards of each: select a color family with a strong contrast to the color of the top and look for a variety of textures
- Polyester or cotton thread to match the color of the top (for bobbin)
- Polyester or cotton thread in the same color family as the fibers (for needle)
- OESD tear-away or cut-away stabilizer, about 3" x 12"
- HRFive temporary spray adhesive
- Assorted beads

Add color, style, and movement to a plain knit top with some funky fibers and a few simple free-motion stitches.

INSTRUCTIONS

Determine the desired placement of the fibers. The sample shown has the fibers stitched over the left shoulder with the free ends extending down the back and also in the front.

Spray one side of the stabilizer with temporary spray adhesive. Place the sticky side of the stabilizer on the wrong side of the fabric under the areas where the fibers will be stitched.

Place the fibers side by side and find the approximate center, positioning it on the shoulder seam of the top. Pin in place.

Thread the machine with the threads indicated in the supply list. Attach the BSR (BERNINA® Stitch Regulator #42). Select the BSR zigzag stitch. Lower the feed dog of the machine.

Stitch over the fibers, sewing about 6" down the back of the top and 6" down the front. Sew several rows of zigzag stitching, covering the width of the fibers.

On the front of the shirt, separate the fibers into two groups and tie them into a bow. Add assorted beads to the free parts of the fibers as desired.

The BSR (BERNINA® Stitch Regulator) for zigzag stitching is available on the following BERNINA® models: *artista* 730 (standard), *artista* 630 and 640 (optional) and the *artista* 200 (if upgraded).

Also available on the BERNINA 8 Series



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