

Gathering Foot

A Gathering Foot is not only highly useful for making and attaching gathered fabric, it can be fun and gathered materials can have a lot of uses.

Using a gathering foot you are able to simply gather single layers of fabric VERY quickly or gather one layer and stitch it to a non-gathered layer in only one step!

Best Suited for light to medium weight fabrics. Straight stitch, (left needle position), stitch length 3 to 6. The longer the length, the more fabric will gather. Tighten upper tension for more gathering. Experiment on a sample of the actual type of material you will be using.

Example:

If the stitch length is set to 6.0 and upper tension tightened very high - a 36 inch length of material will gather to 12 inches depending on the weight of material and how much tension is used, give or take).

For gathered fabric single layers:

Place fabric under Gathering Foot and sew. Increase stitch length and upper tension for tighter gathers.

To gather and attach gathered fabric in one step:

1. Place fabric to be gathered under the presser foot right side up.
2. Place fabric to have gathers attached to it in the groove of the foot right side down.
3. Sew, guiding the under fabric but do not hold it back. Keep the top fabric in the groove moving it steadily as needed. Increase the stitch length and the upper tension for more gathers.

Ideas for using the gathering Foot:

Aprons, pretty cuffs, pillows, heirloom puffing strips, flower rosettes, curtain valences, etc.

That's just a few ideas. What can you think of?

