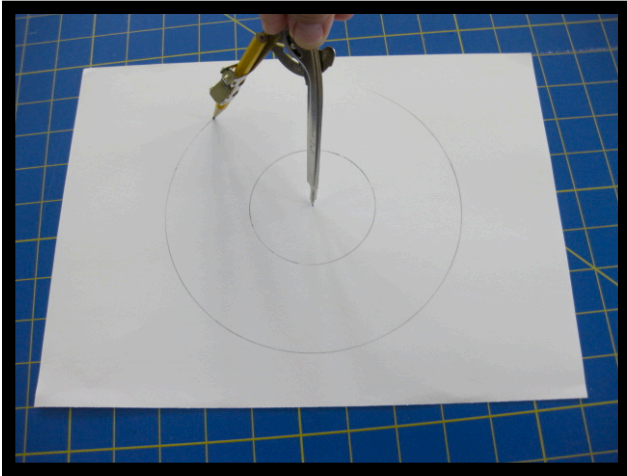


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Sewing Technique: Circular Ruffle

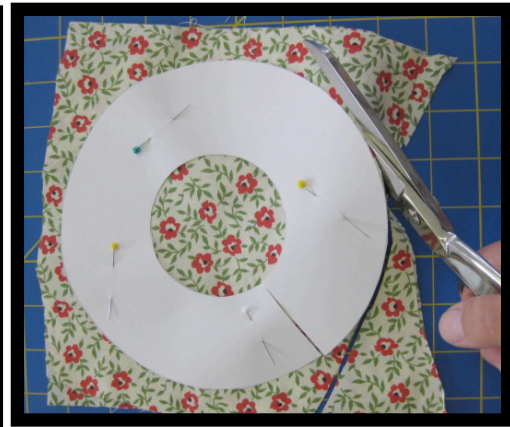
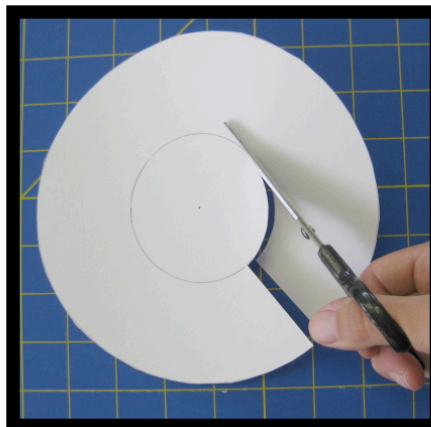
A circular ruffle is created from a circular piece of fabric rather than a straight strip. To make circular ruffles, the use of a paper pattern is recommended. The image below illustrates the overall appearance of the finished pattern pieced for this technique.



STEP 1: Measure the length of the edge of the fabric that the ruffle will be attached to. This measurement will result in the circumference of the inner circle.

HINT: The circumference is approximately the diameter multiplied by three. The width of the ruffle can vary depending on the application. The distance between the inner and outer circle will result in the width of the ruffle.

STEP 2: The width of the circle will be the desired width of the finished ruffle plus extra for the hem and seam allowance. Draw second circle. Cut out the center circle with one cut line from the outer to inner circle. The end result is a template that can be used to create the ruffle.



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STEP 3: If there are multiple circles, sew short ends with right sides together creating one continuous length.



STEP 4: Stay stitch around the inner circle at the seam line.



STEP 5: Clip inner edge until the circle can be opened and lie straight.



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STEP 6: Pin the ruffle to the garment edge, right sides together. Trim any excess ruffle length, if necessary. Sew ruffle to garment using a straight stitch.



STEP 7: Press the seam flat towards the garment and trim excess to reduce bulk as needed.



STEP 8: Hem the outer edge using preferred method.

Industry Standards for a Well-Constructed Ruffle

- Ruffle drape is pleasing to the eye
- Ruffle is dispersed evenly and smoothly throughout garment
- Ruffle is applied to garment with straight even stitches
- Ruffles were cut even and correctly
- Appropriate fabric was used
- Inner edge of ruffle is clipped to lie flat
- Stay stitching is not seen from the outside of the garment
- Accurate measurements are used to determine circle circumferences

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