

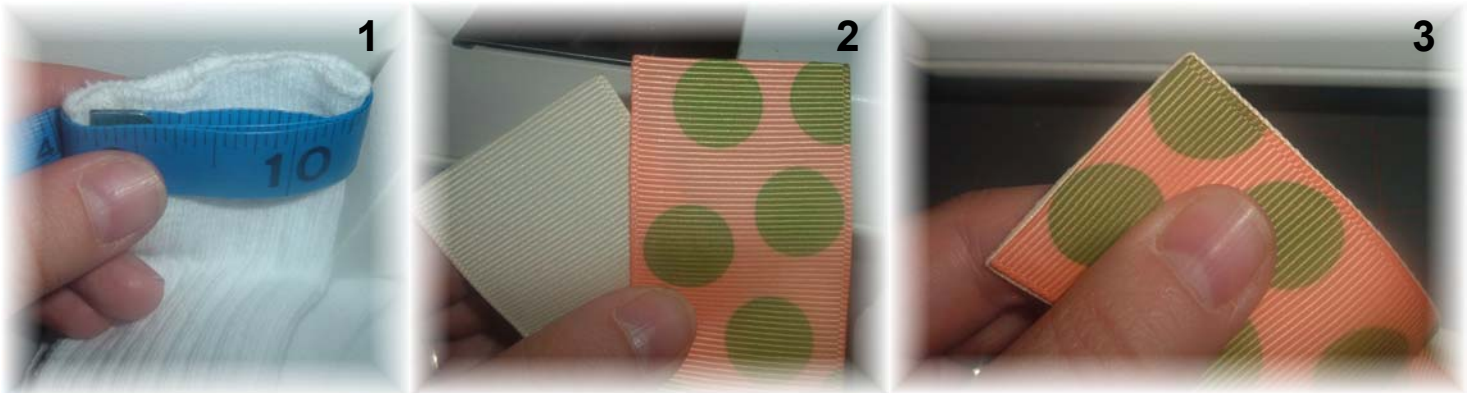


~ ~ Ruffled Socks ~ ~

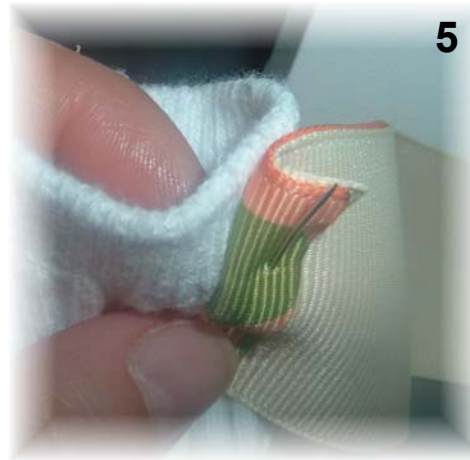


I want to reiterate again what I said above regarding the Ribbon Belts – I am not a master seamstress. This is how I make my ruffled socks. I'm sure there are other ways to make them that may even be better, but this method works great for me. Good Luck! ☺

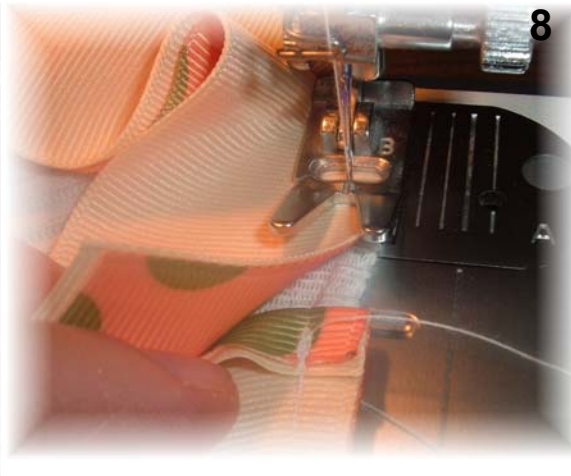
SUPPLIES NEEDED: A pair of socks (of course), ribbon, sewing machine, thread, tape measure.



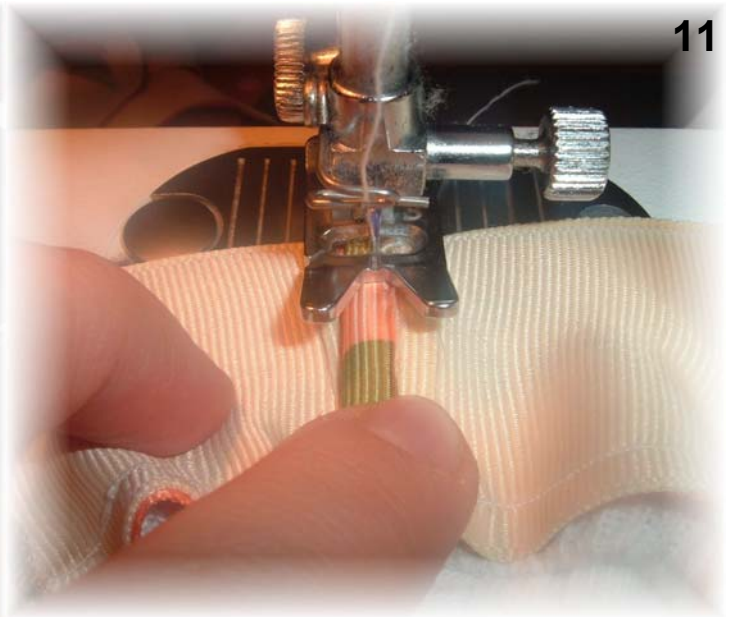
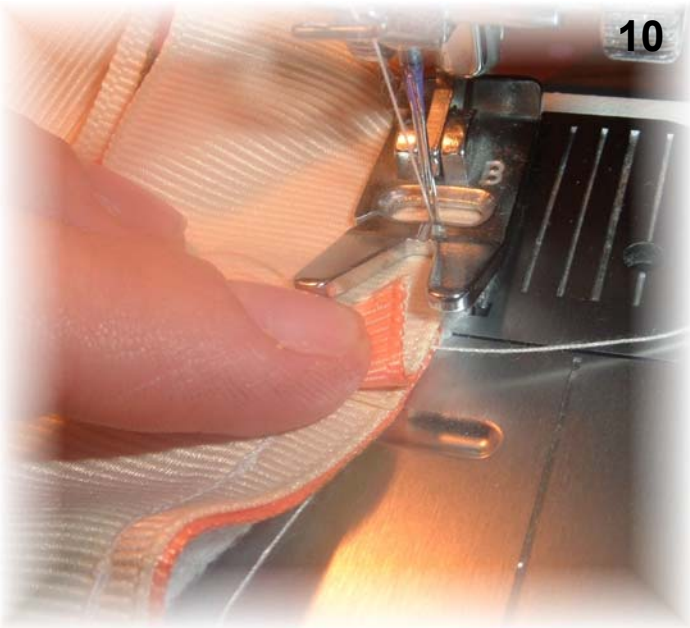
1. To figure out how much ribbon you need, take a tape measure and wrap it around the top portion of the sock 3 ½ times. This should give you the amount of ribbon that you need. If you're worried about not having enough, then just cut a few extra inches.
2. For this example I'm using two different ribbons cut to approximately 14 inches.
3. Place the two ribbons together. You don't need to adhere them together with glue.



4. In this example, the apricot/celadon ribbon is the RIGHT side of the ribbon and the cream is the WRONG side of the ribbon. Please keep that in mind as we go along. Turn your ribbon so that the WRONG side is facing you. Fold over one end about 3/8 of an inch as shown.
5. Turn your sock INSIDE OUT. Pin the ribbon to the sock so that the RIGHT side of the ribbon is touching the WRONG side of the sock (because the sock is now inside out).
6. Place the sock and ribbon under the presser foot so that the ribbon is on top and the sock is on the bottom. Before you start sewing, place the needle through the material and maybe even take up a few stitches manually. You will be using a straight stitch.



7. This part can get tricky. But the key here is to make your sock look “ruffley”. So, to accomplish this, you need to pull the sock with your RIGHT hand pretty tightly while sewing but not so hard that you break your needle. ☺. With your left hand you will manage the ribbon to make sure that you are sewing a straight edge. It’s very helpful to sew a few inches, stop, make sure that no other part of the sock has creaped its way under the presser foot, and then sew again.
8. Stop sewing once you get about 3/4 of an inch away from where the two pieces of ribbon meet at the end. Make sure your needle is down and into the material.
9. Lift the presser foot and turn the ribbon and sock slightly clockwise (or to your left).



10. You are going to want the two ends of ribbon to match almost exactly. So, you may need to cut off some excess ribbon at this point. Please take into account that you'll still be stretching the sock a little bit for that last inch. Fold the ribbon up about 3/8 of an inch, just like you did in Step 4. Turn the sock back to its original straight position and lower your presser foot. Sew a straight line until you pass where the two ends of ribbon meet. You may even want to do a backstitch for a more secure hold. Remove the sock from under the presser foot and cut the excess thread.
11. Now we are going to sew the two ribbon ends together. Place the ribbon under the presser foot as shown and sew either a straight stitch or a decorative stitch. Start at the top and sew all the way to the end of the ribbon.



12. Turn the sock right side out, fold the top part of the sock down, and you now have a Ruffled Sock. Now of course you need to do another one so that you have a matching pair. ☺