

"Floral Tank"

Take your plain tank tops up a notch by layering it with this cute floral top! All you'll need are two rectangles of fabric and a few simple pieces of elastic.

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Supplies:

Baby Lock Sewing Machine
1 yard 58" -60" wide lightweight knit fabric
1/4" wide elastic (waist measurement +10")
All-purpose thread
Tape measure
Scissors

Instructions:

1. Measure your waist and add 8 to 10 inches to allow for gathers to the measurement.
(For example: waist is 26" + 10" = 36")
2. Divide the measurement in step one by 4.
(For example: 36" / 4 = 9")
3. Cut two strips of material 60" wide x measurement from step 2.
(For example: 60" x 9")
4. Cut two pieces of elastic 5" long.
5. Cut one piece of elastic to fit your waist + 1".
6. Using the sewing machine set to a zigzag stitch; stitch the elastic to the center of each piece of fabric on the wrong side stretching the elastic to fit. This will become the shoulder seam.

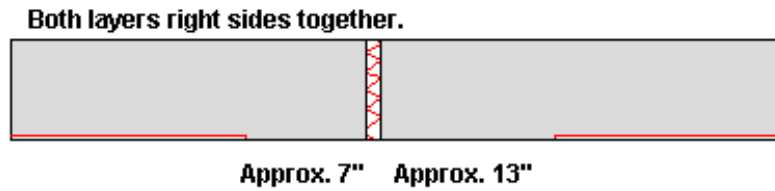


Stitch elastic to the center of 60" strip

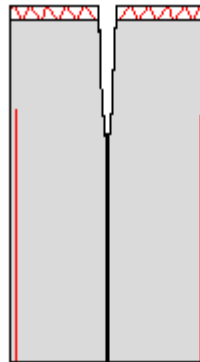


7. Take a body measurement to see how low you would prefer the V openings to be. Ours is approximately 13" from the shoulder in front and 7" from the shoulder in the back.

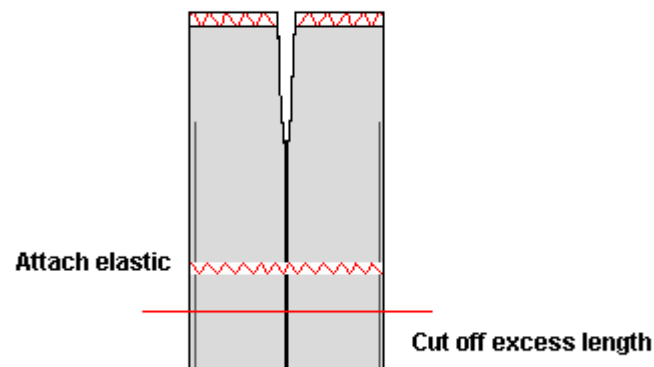
- Align the right sides of the strips together. Stitch the edges together leaving an opening to form the neckline V areas and creating a center front and center back seam.



- Now with the center front and back seams formed, unfold the pieces and fold along the elastic strips with right sides facing. Stitch the sides to form the side seams and armholes.



- Try the top on and mark the waist and the hemline. Remove the shirt and stitch the waist elastic to the wrong side of the shirt along the waistline stretching the elastic to fit.
- Trim off any excess length.



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