

Project: Fabric Rosette Embellishments

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Update a purchased plain-Jane cardigan with fabric rosettes to give it a fashion-forward look. These fabrics are from the Innocent Crush Voile collection by Anna Maria Horner for FreeSpirit Fabrics ([freespiritfabric.com](http://freespiritfabric.com)).

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### Materials

- 9×22" piece (fat eighth) each light blue, navy, and yellow prints (rosettes)
- Purchased blue cardigan

**Finished rosette:** approximately 2½" diameter

**Quantities** are for 44/45"-wide, 100% cotton fabrics.

**Measurements** include ¼" seam allowances. Sew with right sides together unless otherwise stated.

### Cut Fabrics

From each light blue, navy, and yellow print, cut:

- 1—5×19" strip

### Assemble Rosettes

- 1.** Using a long running stitch (**Photo 1**), gather one short edge of print 5×19" strip.
- 2.** Lightly twist fabric strip while holding down gathered end on a solid surface (**Photo 2**).
- 3.** Twist and fold over gathered end to make rosette center (**Photo 3**).
- 4.** On back of rosette center, tack fold in place (**Photo 4**), being careful that stitches do not appear on front.
- 5.** Continue twisting and wrapping fabric strip around rosette center, tacking at each turn (**Photo 5**), until only a 1" tail remains.
- 6.** Tack tail to back (**Photo 6**) to complete rosette.
- 7.** Using remaining print 5×19" strips, repeat steps 1–6 to make three rosettes total.

- 8.** Referring to photo on page 1, position rosettes on lapel of cardigan; pin. Hand-stitch in place, being careful that the stitches do not appear on the front side of rosettes.

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PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2

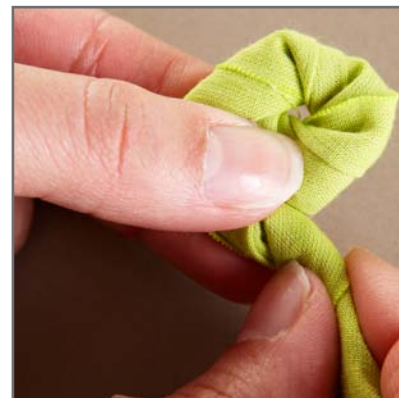


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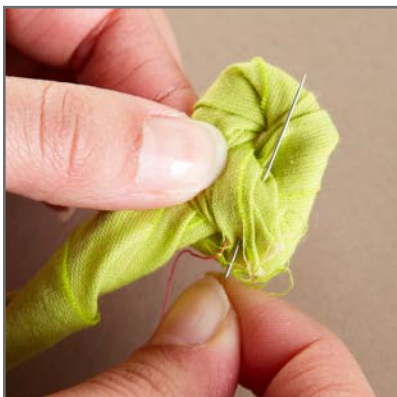


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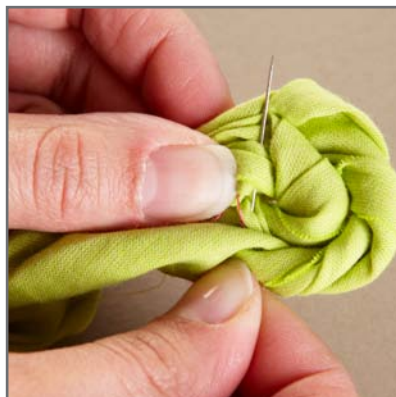


PHOTO 5



PHOTO 6

### More Ideas for Using Rosettes

Now that you know how to make fabric rosettes, use them to embellish other items in your home and wardrobe.

#### HOME

- Adorn the rim of a lampshade.
- Top napkin rings made of wood or fabric.
- Arrange a cluster at the corner of a picture frame.
- Jazz up a purchased tea towel.
- Adhere to a magnet or flat-head tack.

#### WARDROBE

- Glue a single rosette to a headband or barrette.
- Stitch multiple rosettes to a length of ribbon to fashion a necklace, bracelet, or belt.
- Embellish the collar of a crew-neck T-shirt.
- Attach to a pin back to make a brooch that can be worn on the lapel of a coat or on a purchased or handmade tote bag.

### ATTACH IT!

To apply fabric rosettes to hard surfaces or items that aren't easily stitched, use a hot-glue gun and glue sticks or permanent fabric adhesive, such as Fabri-Tac by Beacon Adhesives, Aleene's Fabric Fusion by Duncan, or Liquid Stitch by Dritz. To prevent adhesive from seeping to the front of a rosette, hand-stitch a scrap of felt to the back of the rosette and apply the adhesive to the felt.