

sequin fabric guide

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SEWING WITH SEQUIN FABRIC

There are two major types of sequin fabrics: Type A are sewn on and Type B are glued on (such as Confetti Dot).

TIPS FOR BOTH TYPES OF SEQUIN FABRIC

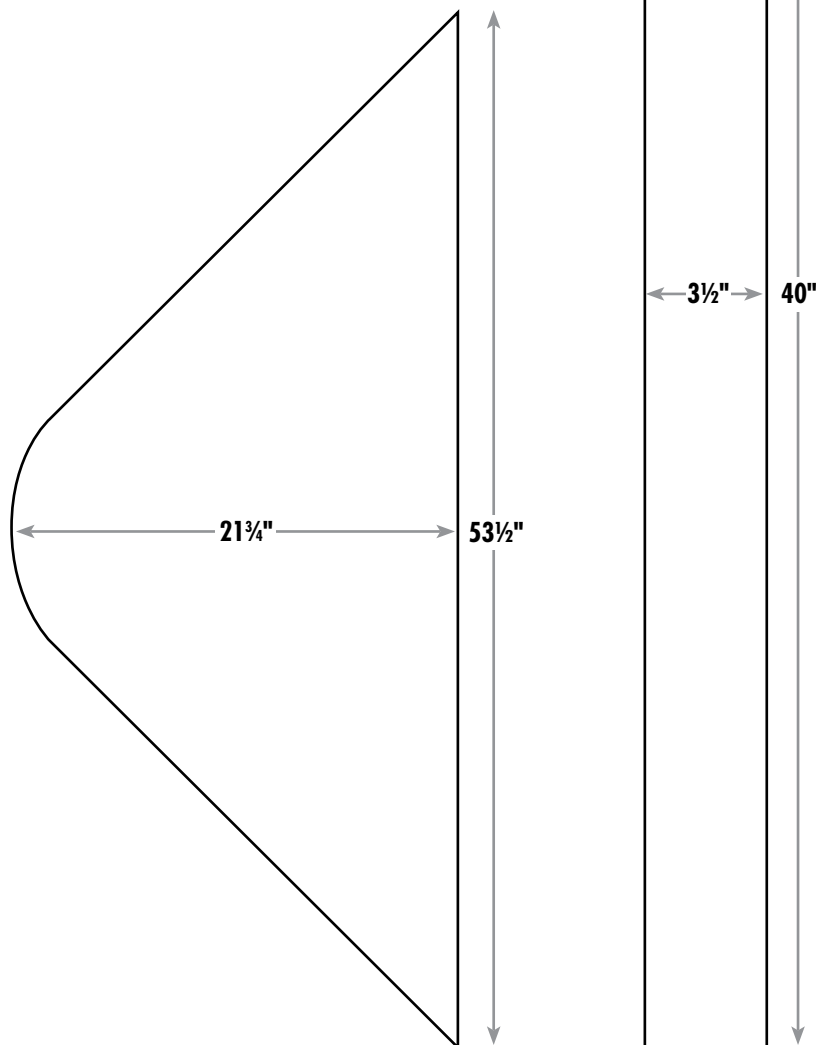
- Use a dedicated pair of sharp scissors. Sequins can dull scissors quickly.
- When selecting a pattern, choose a simple design without darts and with few pattern pieces. The focus of the garment will be on the fabric, not on complicated design lines.
- It is recommended to choose a different fabric for sleeves, such as chiffon or organza, as sequin sleeves may catch on the body of the garment.
- To cut out the garment, turn the fabric face down with the wrong side facing up. Pin the pattern pieces to the fabric, inserting pins between the sequins.
- Adjust the stitch length on the sewing machine to 10 stitches per inch. The longer stitch length will make the seams stronger. Sew the fabric using a straight stitch.
- Finger press open seams on the fabric. To prevent fabric damage; don't use an iron.

TIPS FOR TYPE A SEQUIN FABRIC ONLY

- Remove any sequins from the seam allowances of the fabric before sewing.
- After cutting out the garment, mark the seam line with dressmaker's chalk. Any sequin which overlaps the chalk line should be removed.
- Sequins are stitched to the fabric in a line. To prevent raveling and loosening of sequins, pull the thread aside with tweezers. Use tiny scissors to cut from the outer edge of the sequin to the center, avoiding the thread. This will remove the sequin while leaving the thread intact.
- When finished sewing, hand sew sequins to cover any bare spots along the seam line.
- Removing the sequins from within the seam allowance will allow the seam to lay flat.
- Since seam finishes are not easy on Type A sequin fabrics, line the entire garment.
- For hems, make a faced hem by cutting a bias strip of soft fabric, such as satin, 3" wide. Stitch right sides together to the hem of the sequined fabric. Turn under the facing and hem in place at the top of the facing with hand stitching. The same technique can be used at necklines or armholes with a 1" strip of bias fabric.

TIPS FOR TYPE B SEQUIN FABRIC ONLY

- Use a denim needle. Have spare needles ready in case of breakage or dulling of the needle.
- To reduce gumming of the needle as it pierces the glued-on sequins, cut wax paper into strips, place over the seam line and sew. Remove the wax paper after sewing.
- Do not remove sequins from the seam allowance. These sequins cannot be glued back on. These sequins are plastic and can be sewn through with the heavier needle.



SEQUIN WRAP

SUPPLIES & TOOLS:

- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yd Confetti Dot fabric
- 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ yd Casa Collection™ crepe fabric
- Basic sewing supplies
- Sewing machine
- Iron & pressing surface

DIRECTIONS: RS= Right sides. WS= Wrong sides. All seam allowances are 1/2".

CUTTING:

Sequin Fabric: Cut one on bias following wrap pattern. Following pattern, cut four pieces for ruffle.

Lining Fabric: Cut one on bias following wrap pattern. Following pattern cut four pieces for ruffle.

SEWING:

1. For ruffle sew sections of fabric sew together to form one long sequin piece and one long crepe piece. Pin the two fabrics RS together. Stitch one long side and the two ends.
2. Use hand needle & thread to gather ruffle using a basting stitch along the open side sewing between the sequins. Continue stitching loosely; periodically draw the thread tight to gather. Do not use a sewing machine to baste or gather the sequin fabric.
3. Pin gathered ruffle to RS angled back edges of sequined fabric wrap and baste into place.
4. Pin RS of sequin & lining together with ruffles tucked inside and stitch around wrap leaving a 4"-5" opening. Turn RS out; hand stitch opening closed. Trim corners of points before turning out.

TIP: To avoid damaging a sequin fabric, set iron temperature on low setting and lay a piece of muslin or cotton over sequin fabric to be pressed.

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Skill Level 3: Experience necessary

Approximate Crafting Time: 3 - 5 hrs

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