

Decorative Detailing with Your Serger



This is a quick and easy way to use your serger to add some detail and extra color around the trim on your clothing sewn with knit fabrics. The patterns used for these items can be found at www.fishstickdesigns.com.

The Lap-Tee (from the Little One Layette pattern)

Pin trim to the wrong side of the fabric at the front neckline rather than pinning to the right side of the fabric.



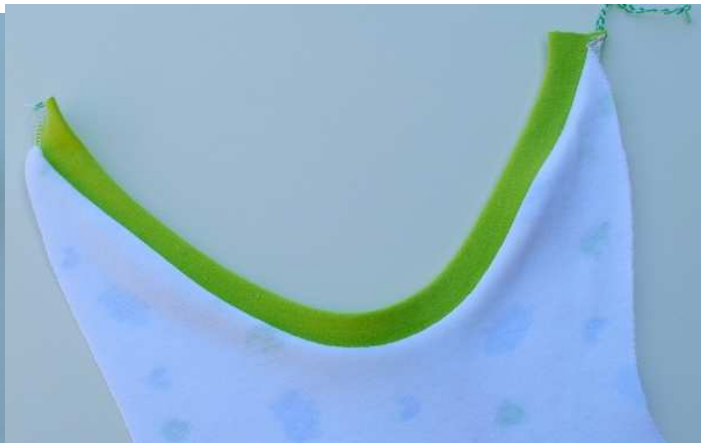
Serge using the pattern's seam allowance with the right side of the serging on the trim and the wrong side of the serging on the body fabric.



Flip trim up and press serging flat against the neckline as shown.

Front:

Back:



To finish, topstitch the serged edge so that it will stay flat around the neckline. I set the stitch line so that it lands just below the middle line of stitches made by the serger.



Repeat the above instructions when attaching trim to back neckline of tee.

Follow pattern instructions for completing tee.

The Basic Tee (from the Charlie Tee and Hoodie)

Follow pattern instructions for seaming shoulders and preparing neckband. With right sides of body facing out, pin the neckband inside. Serge using the seam allowance instructed by the pattern with the right side of the serging on the trim and the wrong side of the serging on the body fabric. Begin and end your serging in the middle of the back of neck at the neckband seam. Overlap in the back as neatly as possible.



Flip neckband up.



To finish, topstitch the serged edge so that it will stay flat around the neckline. I set the stitch line so that it lands just below the middle line of stitches made by the serger.



To add detailing to the sleeves, you'll have to sew the cuffs on before sewing the side of the body and sleeves together rather than adding them as the last step. Begin by folding the cuff fabric in half the matching up the long edges. Pin the raw edges against the wrist edge of the sleeve. (You will have to stretch the cuff more than usual to fit because the seam allowance on the sleeve has not been cut off yet. If you have trouble stretching it that far, you can make the cuff a little wider, keeping in mind that the cuff on your finished shirt will be wider, as well.)



Serge using the pattern's seam allowance with the right side of the serging on the cuff fabric and the wrong side of the serging on the sleeve fabric. (The seam will look a bit wavy until you add the topstitching.)



