



Beads and Bangles Belt

Express your personal taste and style!



Level: *Intermediate*

Estimated time: *Less than 3 hours*

Supplies:

Medium to heavy weight fabric
Fusible interfacing
Tear-away stabilizer
Pattern paper
3 heavy decorative threads like Pearl Crown Rayon ®
2 m (2 yds) ribbon for ties
Monofilament thread
40 wt. decorative thread
60 wt. cotton thread for bobbin
Multi-cord foot
Pearl/bead foot
Iron

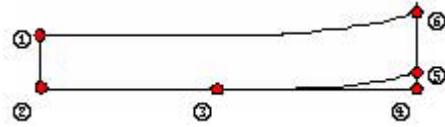
Machine:

An Elna sewing machine with zigzag and 3-step zigzag stitches.

Pattern Creation:

On pattern paper, draw an 8-10 cm (3 1/4"- 3 1/2") center back fold line (points ① and ②).

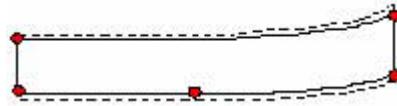
Measure just below waist width. Divide that width in half. Draw a line that measurement on pattern paper perpendicular to center back fold line (points ② and ④). On that line mark the halfway point ③ (point ③ is 1/4 the original hip width).



Draw a perpendicular line at end of waist width line and mark point ⑤ 2 cm up from point ④.

Mark point ⑥ up 8-10 cm (3 1/4"- 3 1/2") from point ⑤.

Draw a curved line from point ① to point ⑥ that is parallel 8-10 cm (3 1/4"- 3 1/2") from points ①, ② and ③.



Add seam allowance to outside edges. Finished belt width should be 8-10 cm (3 1/4"- 3 1/2") wide.

Sewing:

Fold fabric in half. Place pattern over fabric and cut out a front and back belt. Press interfacing to underside of belt back fabric.

Use a washable fabric marker to draw 5 parallel sewing lines on right side of front belt. Lines 1, 3 and 5 will be guidelines for pearl application. Lines 2 and 4 will be guidelines for creation of customized soutache trim.

Create Soutache Trim

Machine set-up:

3-step zigzag

Stitch width 5 and length 1

Multi-cord foot

40 wt. decorative thread in needle and bobbin

Thread tension – Auto or 4-5

Place tear-away stabilizer under belt front. Insert 3 strands of cord (Pearl Crown Rayon) into multi-cord foot. Create soutache trim by sewing over cords using lines 2 and 4 as guidelines.

Pearl Application

Machine set-up:

Zigzag

Stitch width 2 or 3, and length 1.5

Pearl/bead foot

Monofilament thread in needle and 60 wt. cotton thread for bobbin

Thread tension - Auto or 4-5

Sew pearls onto belt front using lines 1, 3 and 5 as guidelines.

Remove excess tear-away stabilizer.

Cut ribbon for ties into four equal lengths. Sew ribbons to edges on right side of belt front.

Place belt front to belt back with right sides together. Sew around belt, leaving approximately 5 cm open. Trim away any excess seam allowance and clip corners. Turn belt right side out.

Close opening by machine or whip stitch by hand.

Tie your beautiful new belt around your hips and get ready to receive glowing compliments!

