

Serger #2 Class Info

Know Your Serger

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The above tutorials came from "[Make it Handmade](#)"

Serger Tension Made Easy

<https://coppercreekpatterns.com/en-ca/blogs/sewing-tools/serger-tension-made-easy>

Removing Serger Stitches Easily

Here is info on easily removing serger stitches:

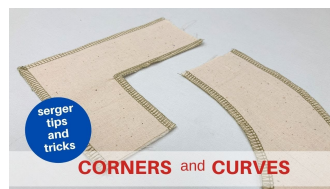
- <https://youmakeitsimple.com/2020/10/10/unpicking-serger-stitches-the-easy-way/>
- [how to rip out serger stitches](#) (a video this time).

Rolled Hem

Here's a reasonable description for a rolled hem:

<https://www.ageberry.com/rolled-hem-with-a-serger/>

Serging Corners and Curves



Gathering With A Serger

<https://overtheedge.blog/tutorials/how-to-gather-fabric-using-a-serger-overlock-stitch/>

Blind Hem with Serger

<https://weallsew.com/tips-for-sewing-a-basic-tee-serging-a-blind-hem/>

https://youtu.be/LCMIXOGHRF8?si=bWiWl16MZl_rmpn9

Sewing Elastic with a Serger

<https://overtheedge.blog/tag/attach-elastic-with-serger/>

To sew elastic with a serger, you typically use a special "elastic foot" attachment which allows you to easily guide the elastic while serging, ensuring even tension and preventing puckering; however, you can attach elastic without a special foot - just takes practice.

Key steps:

- Choose the right stitch: Select a wide, 4-thread overlock stitch on your serger for optimal stretch and fabric coverage.
- Attach the elastic foot: Most sergers have a dedicated elastic foot that helps guide the elastic smoothly.

- **Adjust tension:** Slightly loosen the tension on your serger's loopers to accommodate the elasticity of the fabric.
- **Position the elastic:** Place the elastic directly against the raw edge of your fabric, ensuring it is aligned with the desired placement.
- **Sewing:** Start sewing slowly, gently pulling the elastic to maintain even tension throughout the seam.
- **Test and adjust:** Sew a test piece to check the tension of the elastic and adjust your serger settings if needed.

Important considerations:

- **Fabric type:** Depending on the fabric you are sewing, you may need to adjust your needle type and thread choice to best accommodate the stretch.
- **Elastic width:** Make sure the width of your elastic aligns with the desired stretch and application on your project.
- **Gathering effect:** If you want to gather fabric with the elastic, you can use the elastic foot to create gathers as you sew.

Encasing Elastic:

<https://youtu.be/izuyFuXkYOk?si=nXCqPURTrX2Z3nLA>

This is really an extension of doing a blind hem

https://youtu.be/sl4qiynjps?si=d_KdrzEWAH8-UXIs

Sewing Knits - Anitabydesign

<https://www.anitabydesign.com/sewing-sweater-knit-on-a-serger/>

She provides several very useful tips - but you have to scroll about half way through the article

Serging with Knits

A handy beginners guide - lots of useful information

<https://coppercreekpatterns.com/en-ca/apps/downloads/orders/6099547554032>



When serging stretch fabric, prioritize a loose tension on all threads, a longer stitch length, and a higher differential feed setting to allow the seam to stretch with the fabric; typically, this means adjusting the tension to around a "3" on most machines, with a stitch length between 2.5 and 3.5, and a differential feed setting between 1.5 and 2 depending on the fabric's stretchiness.

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Key points to remember:

- **Needle choice:**
Use a ballpoint needle designed for knits to prevent fabric damage.
- **Thread selection:**
Opt for a quality stretch thread that will accommodate the fabric's movement.
- **Differential feed:**
This feature controls how the fabric is fed through the machine, and a higher setting helps prevent puckering on stretch fabrics.
- **Adjusting Presser Foot:**
You might try reducing presser foot pressure - to reduce pull on top fabric

- **Cutting blade adjustment:**

Depending on your serger, you might need to adjust the cutting blade to trim the fabric edge appropriately.

Serging a Knit Neckband

Measure neck edge, multiply by .85 for neckband measurement

Sewing With Silk

<https://www.seamwork.com/fabric-guides/the-ultimate-guide-to-sewing-with-silk?srsId=AfmBOoqFRK6s8emqkyh4xY3UiJY2LuMQ714pUTa4-8SpSy35ChnaG8xj>

A quick and easy Scarf

<https://babylock.com/quick-and-easy-serger-scarf?srsId=AfmBOorjDz5vFoWih1CG4gv-TuDrK2djA1RozU4LS530K16pFcAkt1uD>

Changing needles

[changing serger needles](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gow7Pt2GsFo), <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gow7Pt2GsFo>

Changing Serger Lightbulb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1DYSdHkjLw>