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Trendy topper - Turn a Pashmina scarf into a topper you can dress up or down.

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Exactly what is a topper? Well, my definition is this: A topper is a cross between a jacket and a shawl. Essentially it is a loose fitting, "one size fits most" garment that can substitute for a jacket when you want something light and easy to wear. Perfect for traveling, it provides an added layer of warmth without being heavy, it's easy to pack, and can dress up both daytime and evening outfits to extending your wardrobe options! This idea is great for those "souvenir" pashmina scarves you couldn't resist while on vacation! In fact, you can turn most any fringed pashmina scarf into a chic and trendy topper. Let me show you how!

Materials and Supplies featured in this episode:

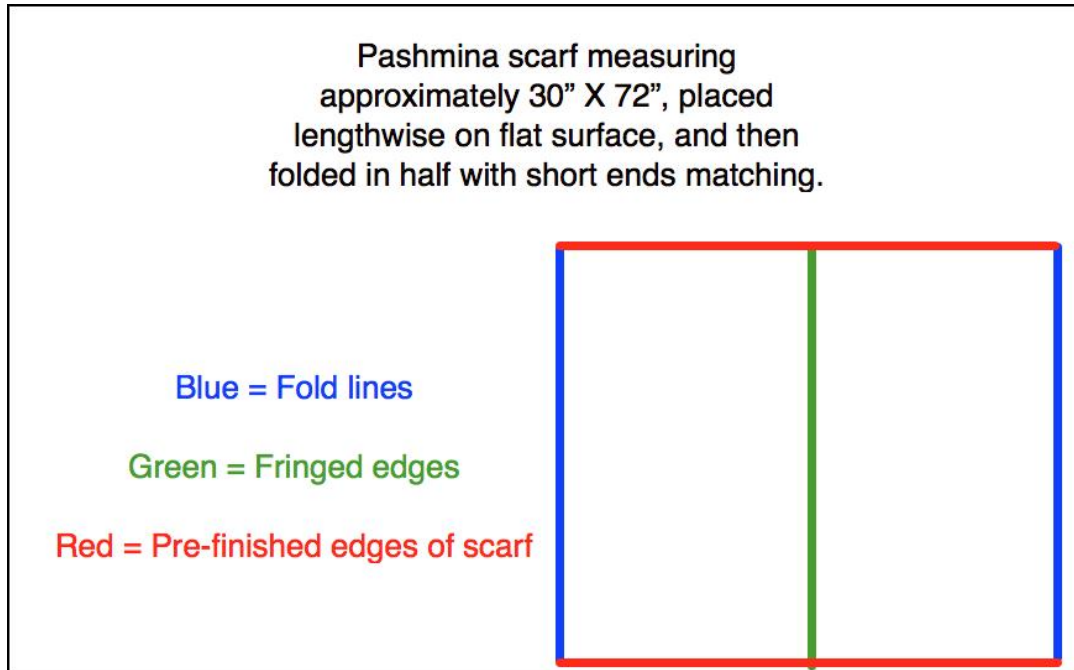
- [Brother Sewing Machine](#)
- [Walking foot](#) - Choose a closed toe version for your machine
- [Dritz fine, glass head pins](#)
- Ruler or tape measure
- Fine silk pins
- Sharp scissors or rotary cutting supplies
- One Fringed Pashmina measuring approximately 27-30-inches wide by 72-inches long.

Steps for Creating this Topper

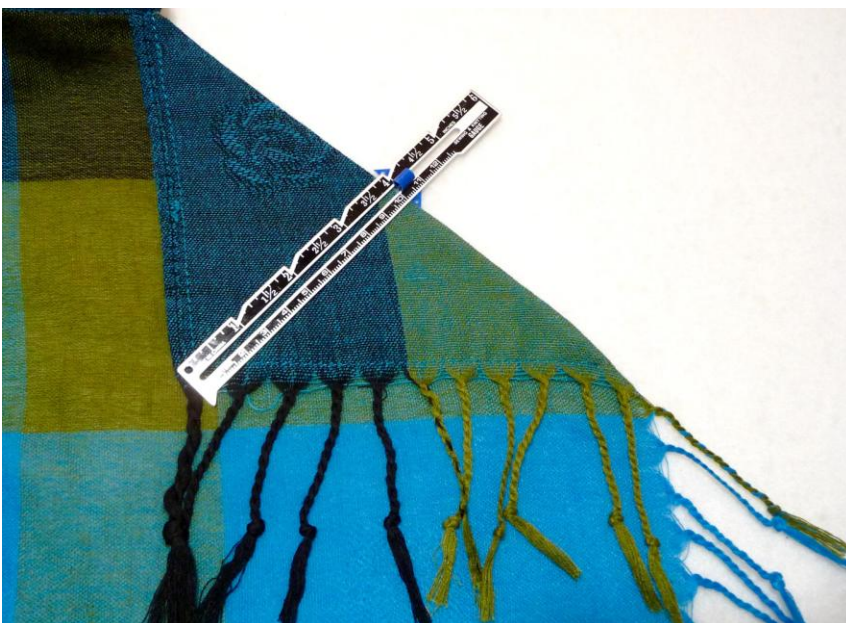
1. Set up the machine for sewing with the walking foot. If your pashmina is multi colored select a prominent color to use for sewing thread in the top and bobbin.

Tip: A dual feed or walking foot is known for helping quilt enthusiasts sew through shifty layers of fabric. I find this foot to be ideal for many sewing situations where the fabric is a bit tricky to sew. You can use this foot for garment sewing, home décor, crafts, and quilting!

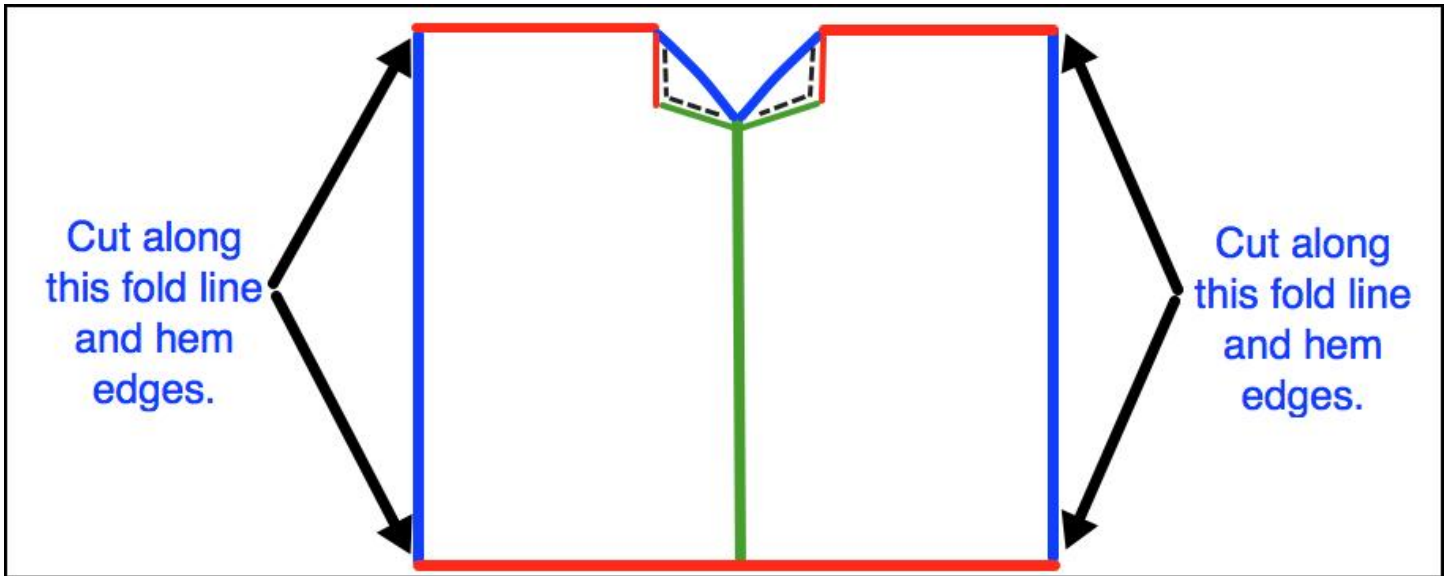
Place pashmina scarf on a large flat surface. Begin by folding the pashmina in half with right side facing up and fringed, short edges facing one another in the center.



2. Carefully cut the pashmina along the folded sides (see blue lines above). Next, fold down the top edges at a 45-degree angle forming lapels that measure 4-inches from the point to the edge of the fold. Pin the lapels in place, pinning through just the top layer of fabric. Edge-stitch close to the hemmed and fringed edges that form the lapels. This will become the front of the topper. See below:



3. Separate the layers and hem each of the four cut edges using a double turned 1/2-inch hem. Tie off your threads by hand and bury the thread tails between the layers to hide them.



4. To form shoulder seams pin the two front halves to the back piece with right sides together and hemmed edges matching. Stitch shoulders together using a 1/2-inch seam allowance, stopping the stitching when you reach the fold line of each lapel. Press this seam open and tack down the loose ends of the seams with small hand stitches.

Tip: You'll find it easier to handle the fabric layers if you place pieces back on a flat surface for pinning.

5. Place fabric on a flat surface once again and smooth the layers so that the hemmed side edges are matching. To create a loose opening for your arms, measure 10"-12" down from each shoulder. Anchor the layers together by sewing a line of stitching along the side, stitching one inch from beginning to end. See example below stitched in contrasting thread:



You are finished. Wear your trendy toper open or secure with a pretty pin. Enjoy!



Additional Resources:

- Visit the Brother web site at www.brother-usa.com for additional Free embroidery designs, project instructions, tutorials, and more! Sign up for their monthly newsletter and you'll get notifications for special offers, free embroidery designs and other valuable information.
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Happy Sewing!

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