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Tricia Waddell shows how to attach feather trim to a skirt or jacket for an elegant party look.



Supplies

- 6 1/2" wide feather fringe
- Hand sewing needle
- Matching thread
- Fabric-marking pencil or chalk wheel
- Press cloth

Instructions

1. Mark a chalk line where the top of the fringe header (the satin ribbon or other material holding the feathers) will be placed. The feathers should extend just beyond the hem. Press a crease on this line with the fabric right sides together to form a tuck. Before stitching, you'll hide the header of your trim inside the tuck. Adjust as necessary to hide the header.
 2. Pin the fringe to the base fabric with the top of the header aligned with the crease, so that the header is completely hidden within the tuck; overlap the cut fringe ends to avoid a gap. Place the pins on the wrong side of the fabric. You'll need to place the pins at the lower edge of the header to avoid pinning into the adhesive that is holding the feathers in place.
 3. From the wrong side of the fabric, attach the fringe with long hand stitches (such as a backstitch) along the lower edge of the fringe, stitching through two layers of fabric and the fringe. Avoid stitching all the way through the outermost layer; those stitches would be visible from the right side of the garment.
 4. With the garment still inside out, press the tuck flat (make sure the folded edge of the tuck is facing towards the top of the garment), protecting the fabric with a press cloth and being careful to avoid pressing the feathers.
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