



YLI Jeans Stitch



YLI Pearl Crown Rayon



YLI Designer 6



YLI Candlelight



YLI Multi's



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Bernina's Freemotion Couching Foot #43 is a wonderful, creative tool. Sometimes finding just the right color and size thread to couch can be a challenge but it's easy to create the cord you want for your project using the cording foot on your serger.



GUIDELINES:

1. The center hole in Freemotion Couching Foot #43 must be comfortably filled so that no matter which direction you stitch the needle will catch the cord being couched.
2. The cord must be soft and flexible enough to move easily through the foot.

Choose a filler cord and additional threads for the loopers on the serger. Some possible filler cords are Jeans Stitch, Multi's, Bunka, Pearl Crown Rayon, Designer 6, Candlelight, and RibbonFloss. None of these filler threads used by themselves will catch in every direction you sew. Each of these possible filler cords have different diameters, so you must make sure the additional threads you add with the loopers do not make the finished cord too large or too small to flow through Freemotion Couching Foot #43 AND catch in every direction.

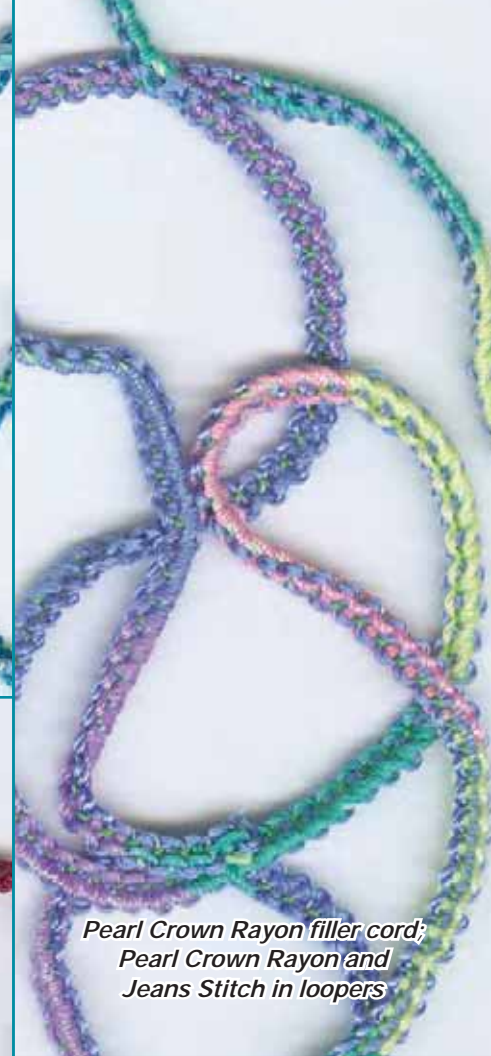


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Serge YOUR OWN Custom Cords



Pearl Crown Rayon filler cord; Candlelight in both loopers



Pearl Crown Rayon filler cord; Pearl Crown Rayon and Jeans Stitch in loopers



Multi's filler cord; Candlelight in both loopers



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DIRECTIONS:

1. Place the cording foot on your serger.
2. Set your serger to the "rolled hem" setting.
3. Thread the upper and lower looper with the desired combination of threads to create the type of finished cord you want to make. Jeans Stitch, Fusions, 1000 denier Silk, Silk #30, Pearl Crown Rayon, Designer 6, and Candlelight are all good choices for the loopers. Don't forget that you can thread your loopers with more than one thread – you can get a bit of sparkle by adding Fine Metallic or Kaleidoscope to the solid colors if you don't want as much sparkle as Candlelight will add.
4. Use the right serger needle only; remove the left needle. Thread the right needle with any sewing thread that will match the threads in the looper.
5. Set your stitch length between 3.5mm and 4mm and the differential feed to "N".
6. Place the filler cord in the cording foot and serge. Try the finished cord in your #43 foot and then alter the combination of threads if necessary.

It may take a bit of experimentation to get the exact color and size combination, but the mixes shown here provide a starting place. Audition your threads by twisting them together. The color of each one in the mix does make a difference.



Pearl Crown Rayon filler cord; Pearl Crown Rayon and Candlelight in loopers