



In this video you will learn to use the Usha Janome Gathering Foot. As its names suggests, it helps you make gathers in any piece of fabric.



In fact, besides helping you make soft gathers in one piece of fabric, this gathering foot can also help you stitch two pieces of fabric together. One of which needs gathers and the other does not. Like a dress with a fitted top and gathers at the waist.

To learn how to make gathers with the Usha Janome Gathering Foot, you will need one piece of fabric measuring 21 x 8 inches, and two pieces of the same fabric that measure 8 x 8 inches and 24 x 8 inches, and matching threads of course.

Let's first learn to create soft gathers on a single fabric -- Remove the normal presser foot by loosening the foot screw like I am doing. Attach the Gathering Foot and screw it on tight.

Set your machine by turning the pattern selector to A, the stitch length to maximum, and the Thread Tension dial to maximum.





Place the single long strip of fabric under the Gathering Foot and simply begin sewing and enjoy the machine doing all the work...the fabric will softly gather as you sew.

Snip the thread once you have finished, and you have with yourself a piece of gathered fabric. Now let's take this up a notch and learn how to sew two pieces of fabric using the gathering foot.

Place the longer piece of base fabric under the foot, snap the foot down and then place the smaller piece of same fabric with the wrong side up on top of it, inserting it inside the Gathering Foot.

This top piece of inserted fabric will be a little loose, so hold it straight while sewing. Begin sewing.

The fabric piece below the foot gets gathered while the top piece gets sewn onto the other piece of fabric. It's quite fascinating to see this happen.

Once you reach the end of the non-gathered piece, take it off the machine and cut off the extra fabric.

Add those frills and gathers to up cycle your old clothes and to add that retro touch. Think of a pencil skirt with a big frill added...wow! Go on now - try this to add fullness and panache to any garment or accessory. Be creative - they can be daintily feminine or they punch in the pizzas.

