



In this lesson you will learn to use the Usha Janome Pintucking Foot

Ever wondered how those pintucks that lend this soft delicate gathers to a garment are so evenly done? In this video we will show you how it's done, and effortlessly.

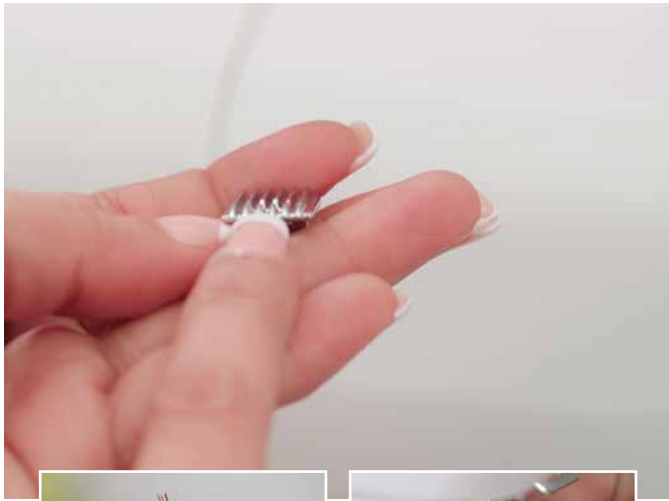
In case you still haven't guessed, in this lesson you will learn to use the Usha Janome Pintucking Foot. This foot helps you to create even parallel lines of pintucks, neatly spaced from one another. With the help of this foot you can create simple pintucks as well as corded pintucks.

For this lesson you will need the Usha Janome Pintucking Foot, a twin needle, cotton cord No.250, an 8x8" square piece of fabric, threads of desired colors, a fabric marker, a measuring scale, and a pair of small scissors.

Begin by drawing two straight parallel lines on the piece of fabric about 3 inches apart. Measure the cord against the line, and cut leaving an extra bit at one side.

This is the pintucking foot – see these multiple grooves underneath the foot here, they allow you to create two lines of pintucks, while maintaining equal distance between them. To begin with take the twin needle – it's like a two-pronged needle, with one head and two





pointed extensions with eyes. This flat side of the head here will be facing away from you when you attach it and the round side will face towards you. Watch this carefully.

Loosen the needle clamp screw and pull the needle down and insert the twin needle with the round side facing towards you like this. Screw it tight.

Replace the normal presser foot with the Pintucking Foot by snapping it on.

Now to thread the twin needle. We will take the two coloured threads, lift both the spool pins up and place one thread on each. Next take both threads together through the guides to thread the machine. When you reach the needle eyes, split them and pass one through the hook on the left – like I am doing here – and the other one through the right. Cut off the edge of the thread and insert one each in the twin eyes of the needle to thread the twin needle.

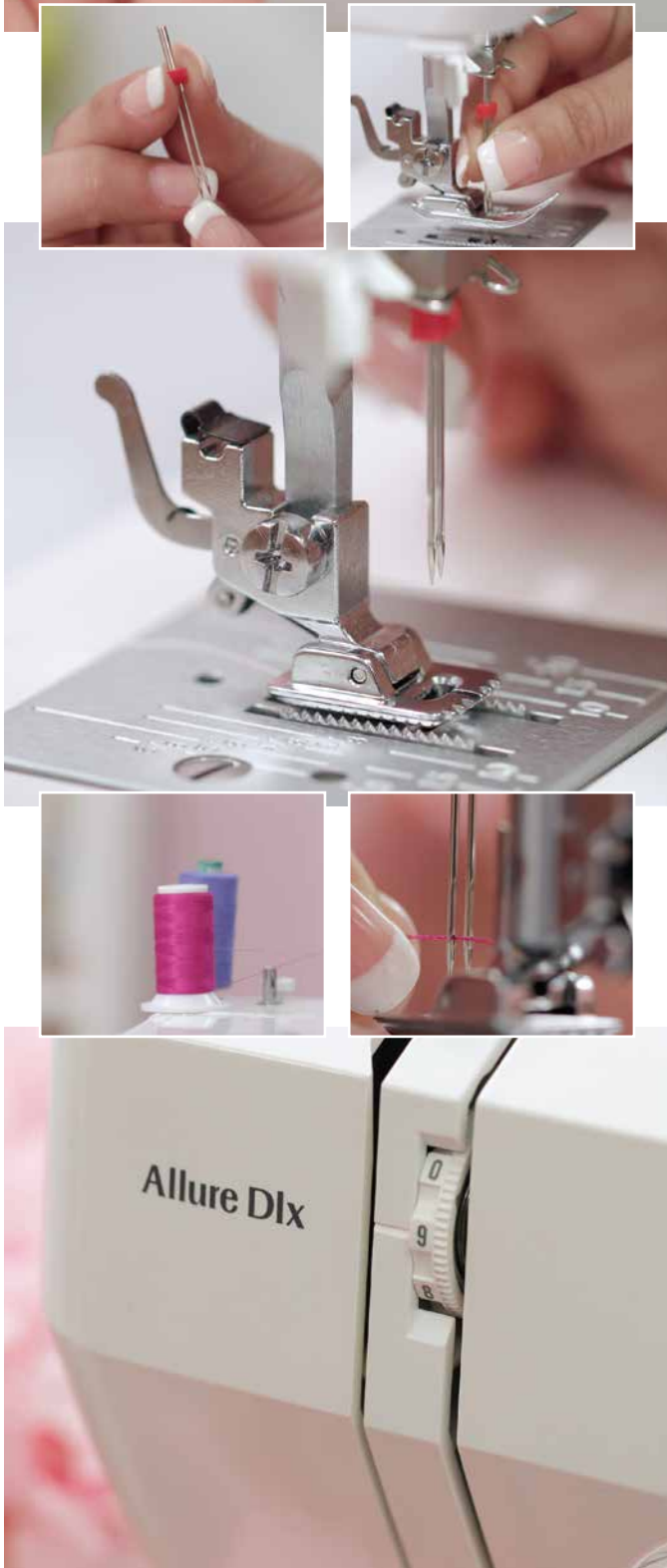
Your machine is almost ready to make pintucks now.

Next align the gap in the foot with the line on the fabric and place it under the foot. Lower the presser foot.

Adjust your machine settings -- increase thread tension to maximum like this. Set the machine in straight stitch A on the pattern selector. And adjust stitch length to 2.

Slowly start sewing along the straight line and watch the beautiful pintucks come alive. Let's do another one – see this second groove – we will make the next line of pintucks on this groove leaving a groove in the center to make distant pintucks. Place and align the fabric under the selected groove and slowly start sewing.

To continue making pintucks use the last groove of the foot to make a series of them, guided by the main pintuck. Place and align the fabric accordingly and





slowly start sewing.

These are simple pintucks. For a more 3-D kind of effect, we will learn to sew a corded pintuck.

This has an additional step, wherein you need place the cord behind the fabric, in alignment with the other line you had drawn.

While placing the fabric under the foot ensure that you hold the cord firm and it comes in the centre of the foot.

Gradually start sewing, till the end of the fabric.

Once done cut the extra thread and cord. The cord gets automatically attached behind.

Well done! You have learnt to create two types of pintucks with varying distance by using the different grooves and also learnt to attach a cord using pintucks.

Pintucks are amazing. They can be used for amazing artistic effect in parallel or curved lines. You can use pintucks creatively on plain fabric to make beautiful garments or on fabric to make fabulous designs that make every project into a mini art piece. So challenge yourself about the various ways in which you can be pintucking...and enjoy the journey as much as the result!