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# 3 Way Cording Foot

**In this lesson you will learn to use the Usha 3 Way Cording Foot**

As the name indicates, this foot allows you to sew on three fine cords simultaneously either in straight lines or while following decorative intricate designs.

First let's gather all that is needed for this lesson. You will need the Usha Janome Cording Foot, cords – can be the same colour or different colours, sewing thread – this too can be the same colour or, if you want the contrast to show up use a different color, and last but not the least a piece of fabric on which you do your first round of cording.

Measure the cord against the length of the fabric 4 times and cut. Do the same for the other two lengths of cord. As you can see we are using two yellow cords and a green cord for this lesson.

By the way – you don't always have to use 3 cords to use the 3 Way Cording Foot – you can use one or two or three cords simultaneously depending on the effect you want.

Release the normal presser foot using the lever and then attach the 3 Way Cording Foot.





Follow how I pass the first cord under the clip and insert it under the first groove. You may need to give it a gentle tug to get it into the groove...repeat with the second and third cords to place them in the second and third groove. See that you have an even length of all three cords, say about a couple of inches, behind the foot...like this.

The foot is now ready to be used...but before you begin to sew -- set up your machine -- select the D stitch on the Pattern Selector dial and select Stitch length 2.

Next place the piece of fabric under the cording foot, and lower the foot. Getting impatient to sew is it?? Now's the time to begin sewing. Once you reach the other end, leave a bit of extra cord and snip of the rest.

This was the basic cording – you can now begin to explore the various stitches you can use to further accentuate your cording patterns. Let's do another one right here...

Turn the dial to Stretch Stitch or the SS marking and select stitch D.

Place your fabric under the foot and begin sewing like before, but now with a different stitch.

Once done, cut the ends of the extra bits of extended cords.

Cording lends great 3-D accents as a design element to anything – from napkins to cushion covers to garments – it adds that textured effect that can be quite dramatic if used well. Hope you like this lesson – now go pull out all the plain clothes you have and embellish them...if you like your clothes pristine and monotone – nothing works better than accentuating with same colour cords – it's elegance personified. And for those who are bohemian at heart – pick those lovely hues and bold contrasts to make your own statement ensemble.

It's time for fun...happy cording!

