

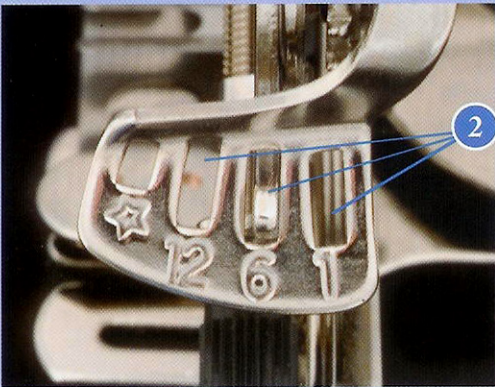
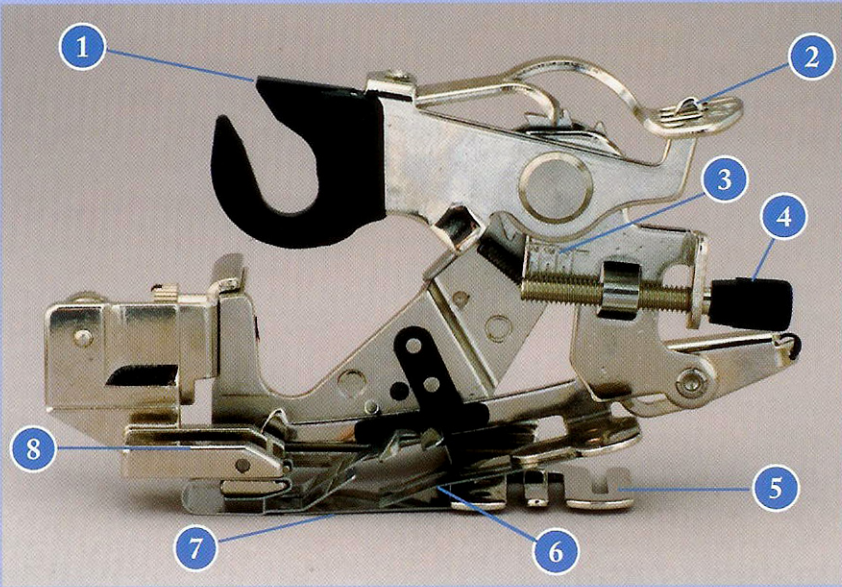
ALL ABOUT the ruffler

The ruffler is a versatile attachment allowing you to add fullness to a project either by gathering or pleating. You can also adjust the fullness of the gathers or the depth of the pleats as well as the spacing between pleats or gathers.

Ruffle single or double layers and attach to a flat piece at the same time, or ruffle single or double layers and sandwich between two layers of fabric.

By understanding the parts of the ruffler, you will be able to better control your gathering and pleating results.

1. Fork arm—attaches around the needle clamp to provide the motion for ruffling.
2. Adjusting lever—engage to gather or pleat every stitch or adjust to ruffle every 6 or 12 stitches. If the star slot is used, the ruffler action is disengaged for standard sewing.
3. Depth gauge—determines depth of pleats in a range of 1 to 8.
4. Depth screw—turn to increase or decrease pleat depth using depth gauge as reference.
5. Separator slots—used to guide and separate fabric or trims.
6. Ruffler blade—pushes fabric forward based on adjusting lever position for ruffling and pleating.
7. Separator blade—bottom blade that separates the ruffler blade from the feed dogs.
8. Snap on foot—fits ruffler attachment to machine.



FOOT FACTS

To attach the ruffler to your machine, hook the fork arm around the needle clamp and position the foot to snap on. When using the ruffler, always pull the fabric to the back to remove from the attachment rather than toward you. The teeth on the ruffler blade could tear your fabric by pulling the fabric forward.

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Gather or pleat fabric on your sewing machine using a special ruffler attachment.

Gathering

1. Place your fabric between the ruffler blade and the separator blade positioning the appropriate seam allowance desired.

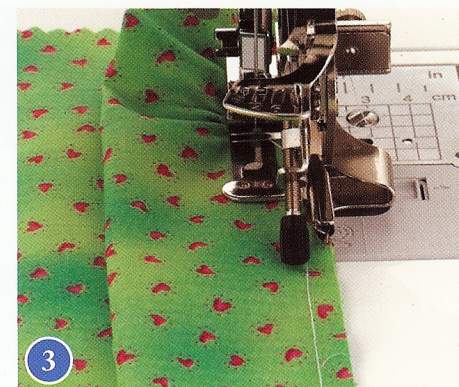
Move the adjusting lever to the "1" slot and turn the depth screw out to the "1" mark. As you sew the fabric should gather evenly. Make any necessary adjustments. (#1)



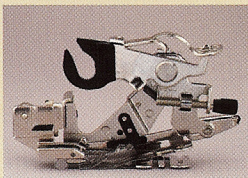
2. To gather and apply to a flat fabric at the same time, with right side down, place the fabric to be gathered in the ruffler as you did in step 1. Place the flat fabric, right side up, under the separator blade on top of the feed dogs. The upper fabric will gather and the bottom fabric will remain flat as you sew. (#2)



3. You can also gather a double thickness to a flat fabric (e.g. for a ruffle on a pillow). First, cut the ruffle strip and baste the raw edges together. Place the double thickness between the ruffler blade and the separator blade as you have done before. Place the flat fabric under the separator blade on top of the feed dogs. It may be necessary to adjust the depth screw slightly to make sure the fabric is being pushed into the ruffler. (#3)



Ruffler



Stitch: Straight (center)

Width: Pre-set

Length: 2.5-5.0mm

Tension: Pre-set

Fabric, needles, notions required:

Fabrics of choice; universal needle, size 80/12; all-purpose sewing thread for the needle and bobbin

TIP

Always test sew a sample first when using the ruffler to make all the adjustments necessary before sewing on your final fabric. If you need to straight stitch you can do so without removing the ruffler attachment. Just move the adjusting lever to the * position and the ruffler blade will be disengaged.

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4. It is also possible to attach a gathered piece between two flat pieces at the same time on the ruffler. Place the fabric to be ruffled and the bottom flat fabric in the ruffler as described in step 3. With right side down, place the upper flat fabric on top of the ruffler blade and up to the needle. Begin stitching. While keeping the edges in line, all layers of fabric should feed through the ruffler together. Turn to the right side. (#4 & #5)



FOOT FACTS

The ruffler is a versatile attachment for your sewing machine. Play with all the options to see how it can make your sewing projects faster and easier. It will gather or pleat light- to medium-weight fabrics. To gather or pleat heavy fabrics, you will need to use other sewing techniques found in this workbook.

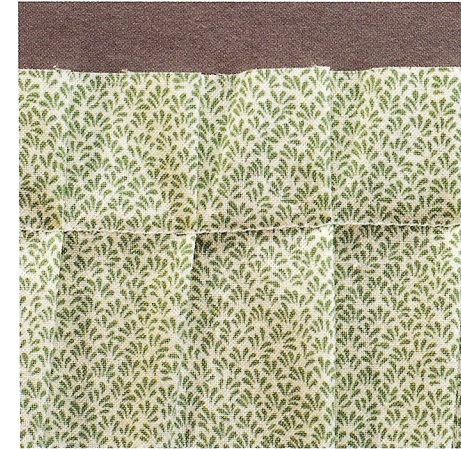
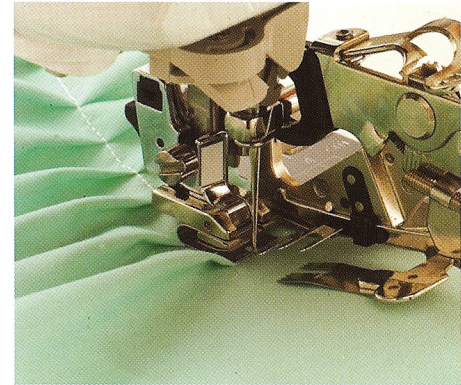
TIP

As you gather or pleat layers, watch the seam allowances on each layer so they remain even. It is easy for a layer to slide to the left as you are sewing.

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Pleating

- The ruffler will also pleat fabric. Move the adjusting lever to pleat every stitch, every 6th stitch or every 12th stitch. Turn the depth screw to increase or decrease the depth of each pleat between 1 and 8. You can pleat a single layer and/or stitch it to a flat fabric as with the gathering settings. Test sew on a scrap of fabric to get your setting as you desire before sewing on your project. (#6)



TIP

Make pleated trims using ribbon or purchased tapes using the ruffler attachment. You can press in the pleats or leave them loose as you desire.