

Eyelets

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Eyelets can be used to add a lace-up effect to garments, like the corset-style effect of [Butterick 6322](#). I'm using the [Dritz Eyelet Plier tool](#). Keep in mind that you'll always want to do a test, and interface the area where you're adding the eyelets for reinforcement.



Tip: if you can't find eyelets in right color, use nail polish to paint your eyelets the perfect shade. Let the nail polish dry overnight before setting the eyelets.

1. Use your pattern and a disappearing ink pen to transfer the eyelet marks to your fabric.
2. Center the eyelet plier over a mark, with the dish side facing down. Squeeze the pliers tightly to punch a hole in the fabric. Trim away any excess fabric where the hole was punched.
3. Place the eyelet into the hole, right side up.
4. Use the eyelet tool to squeeze the eyelet so that it crimps onto the fabric.
5. After setting all of your eyelets, thread ribbon or cord through them for a corset-style effect.