



The following information is provided as a companion to the episode on It's Sew Easy

Project: Embellished Cardigan Sweater

Materials:

Cardigan sweater

pattern drafting fabric or lightweight interfacing or tearaway stabilizer

ultrasuede the size of your cutout - 4" x 11" is what was used in this project

ultra suede scraps for flower petals and centers

invisible or matching thread - Mettler Transfil thread

Non-stick foot, 7mm

scraps of water soluble adhesive stabilizer to assemble flowers

Instructions:

1. Lay the sweater complete flat being careful not to stretch out the side you are going to draw the embellishment on.
2. Place the sheer pattern drafting fabric on top of the sweater and draw the neckline - include shoulder and down to button. You will add interest to the embellishment if you extend a bit beyond the shoulder seam to the back.

It is helpful to trace and trim this sheer fabric to create the "canvas" for the embellishment. You can also use paper, but I find that working with a "fabric" instead of paper creates a more realistic drape.



3. Trim the “canvas” and check to see that it flows nicely
4. Draw and expand and trim your lattice pattern

As you can see from my tests, I started with a really rough sketch and refined it so that the lattice was about 1/4” even in the design.

Because I was drawing on the sheer fabric, I could place it on the sweater and make adjustments - especially around the button and also making sure that none of the vines were pointing in awkward locations.

5. Scan into the Scan N Cut and delete any extraneous bits. Make a test cut on paper first
6. Adjust blade & pressure for cutting on suede - since this is a rather expensive fabric, be sure to do a test cut. Machines do vary in their settings - my Scan N Cut cut the suede using blade depth 4 and pressure 4 and I used the fabric support sheet on the 12x12 mat.
7. Create flower petal - duplicate for multiple times
8. Add center of flower - built in circle sized on machine
9. Make flowers using wash away adhesive stabilizer to arrange petals, then put center in center - will use this to stitch in place on sweater.
10. Spray lattice lightly with adhesive so that it sticks to sweater being careful and accurate along the neckline.



11. Using the Non-stick foot, proper needle, invisible or matching thread and long stitch length slowly go around edge stitching in place.
12. When complete, attach flowers with sewing or pins or hand stitch with beads