

Ruffles and Lace Cuff

Sometimes when making things, you find yourself with a leftover stash of fabulous fabrics. Or, maybe you're a fabric junkie and you just have a stash of fabulous fabrics, and maybe some fabulous charms. It happens to the best of us. Blame it on the 50% off coupons.

Sometimes instead of useful things, like bags and hats and travel cases, you just need to make something pretty. Something awesome and pretty that has no other purpose other than to be awesome and pretty ... so this week, let's make a wonderfully luxurious Victorian charm cuff!



Supplies

**To make your cuff,
you'll need:**

Some luxurious
fabrics

Charms

Lace

Elastic

Cute button

Finding loops

Scissors & pins

Needle-nose pliers

(you probably have

Steps To Complete



Let's start, as usual, with the embroidery. Hoop up a piece of fabric with some cutaway stabilizer. This will be the centerpiece of your cuff. A small, long embroidery design is best, so I'd check out our [borders](#) section. You'll want to embroider it on a piece of fabric long enough to wrap around your wrist.



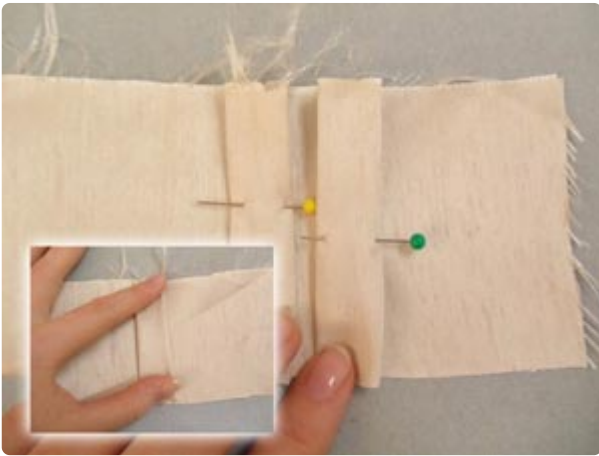
When your design is done embroidering, unhoop it, and trim it down so the design has a little excess at the top and bottom. You'll also want to trim it so the edges just touch around your wrist. You'll lose a little to the seam, but that's OK, that's why we have a button and elastic. I tested it on my wrist to be sure.



Once you like its length, fold the excess under, pressing it with an iron if you like. This will start to determine how thick your cuff will be. I kept mine pretty skinny. Sew a seam down both sides to finish the strap.



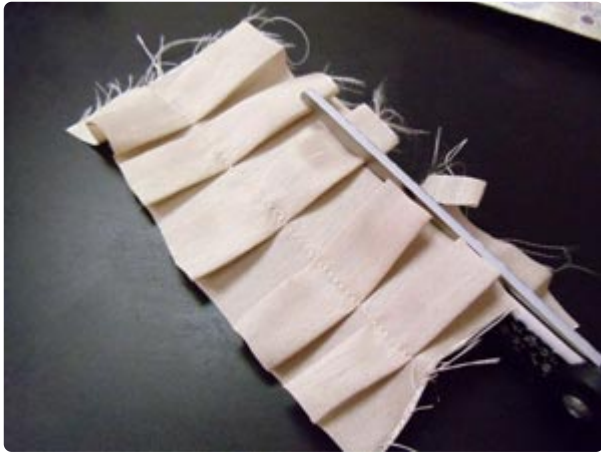
Now it's time to start adding the ruffles! Take another piece of your fancy fabric, and cut it so it's at least two inches taller than your last piece. You'll also want to make sure it's a few inches longer, since once we start to ruffle it you'll lose almost half your length.



Start by folding in a ruffle in the center. Press it with your iron and pin it in place. Continue working outward, folding each ruffle by folding a little bit of each side in, pressing and pinning in place as you go. Don't worry about it being perfect, it's part of the charm.



Once your folds are all ready, put it under your sewing machine and sew a seam right down the middle to secure the folds in place.



Since your edges might be a little raw and uneven like mine, you can trim the edges of your ruffles if you like. I placed my embroidered piece on top and snipped it so just a little of the ruffle would show underneath.



Now let's add more ruffle! I'm in love with ruffles lately. You can't have enough ruffles. Well, you probably can, but I haven't tried to find the limit yet. So let's add more. Take your second piece of fancy fabric, and cut this one taller and wider than your last. Remember to leave enough length so it's still long enough after it's been all ruffil-ified.



Sew a seam down the middle of this one like you did with the last, securing it in place. After it's sewn, place your two ruffled pieces one on top the other and trim the larger one down a bit. You can leave a little or a lot of ruffle behind, it's up to you.



Now it's time to put it all together! Lay all your layers down in place. I put a piece of lace down underneath, just peeking out of the purple, then the ivory ruffle, then finally the embroidered strap. Pin these layers in place so they don't shift, and sew a matching seam down the strap, where you sewed before, once down each side.



To finish off the ends, we're going to fold the raw edges under, but wait! On one side we need to add a loop of elastic. Snip a small loop, pin it under a folded edge, and sew a seam. Fold and sew a seam on the other side as well, so you have two pretty finished edges.



Wrap your awesome cuff around your wrist and see where the elastic reaches, then mark that spot. Grab your pretty button and sew it in place!



Now, you can have this just be a pretty Victorian ruffle cuff, or a pretty Victorian ruffle charm cuff! If you want to add some bling, grab a large needle and poke a small hole at the bottom of your embroidered strap, wherever you want to add a charm. Take your MacGyver needle nose pliers and open a jump ring, and loop it through your hole.



Go ahead and add your bling! You can use charms from craft stores, or leftover earrings, whatever you like! Add as many rings and bling as you wish, and then close off the loops to secure them in place.



Your cuff is done! Wrap it around your wrist and secure it in place with your little button, and wear it with style.



Ruffly, pretty, and the perfect use for all that leftover fabric you, er, accidentally collected.



Gorgeous and a little bit steampunk, your ruffle cuff is perfect with a casual outfit or a glam night out. Plus, they're really easy to make! Add more charms as you feel like it, or make more ruffly things. Now you know, I dare you to resist the ruffle.