

## creative sensation™ pro

### Corset/Belt - Tips and Hints

Choose preferred pattern or make your own by following these steps. Wrap a piece of stable woven fabric around the waist of a mannequin with your measurements and pin the shape of the corset/belt. Remove the fabric from the mannequin and draw your pattern on the fabric.

Cut apart and add  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) seam allowance to all seams except for the center front; add  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " (3.5cm) to the center front seam. Now you have your personal pattern. Mark your pieces on fabric and cut roughly. Embellish corset/belt pieces with Ribbon Stitch 6.5.2 or the stitch of your choice and then cut pieces according to actual cutting lines. Cut lining fabric from the same pattern pieces, reducing center front seam allowance to  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm).

Sew corset/belt and lining separately. Cut a strip of fusible interfacing  $2\frac{5}{8}$ " (6.5cm) wide and apply it to the back of the center front pieces to reinforce the lacing. Overlock front edges and press  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " (3cm) to create the front line. Pin corset/belt and lining wrong sides together.

*Tip: Be careful using pins on fabrics like leather or suede as these marks cannot be easily removed.*

Topstitch  $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) on either side of all seams, through both layers of fabric and lining, to create a channel for boning. Sew from the right side and stitch both seams in same direction to avoid fabric displacement. Slide boning in place. Stitch a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (13mm) wide channel on both front pieces and mark lacing with fabric marking pen.

*Tip: Make the channel  $\frac{1}{8}$ " (2mm) wider than preferred boning. If using plastic boning, run the edges through a flame to melt and make ends rounder with your fingertips.*



Make sure the corset/belt fits your waist before finishing upper and lower edges.

*Tip: Make corset/belt approximately 1" (2.5cm) smaller than your waist.*

Sew Ribbon Stitch 6.5.14 approximately 1" (2.5cm) from front edge. Placement may vary depending on the size of your eyelets. We used multi-colored metallic thread for a more decorative effect. Insert eyelets down the center front, just inside the boning.

*Tip: We used metal eyelets but you could use eyelet stitches from the machine instead.*

Cut 2 strips  $1\frac{3}{8}$ " (3.5cm) wide x the length of upper and lower edges. Bind the top and bottom of the corset/belt.

To prepare the flap inside the lacing – cut a piece 6" (15cm) wide and the same length as the finished center front measurement of the corset/belt.

Stiffen by fusing 2 layers of stabilizer on the backside. Fold right sides together and sew upper and lower edges with  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) seam allowance. Turn right side out and overlock open edges together. Cut threads and press, placing a press cloth between your project and iron.

Pin the flap in place inside corset/belt. It should be  $\frac{3}{8}$ " (1cm) shorter than upper and lower edges. Stitch.

Cut 2 yards (2m) of preferred ribbon for lacing.