

Loose Sequin Trim Top

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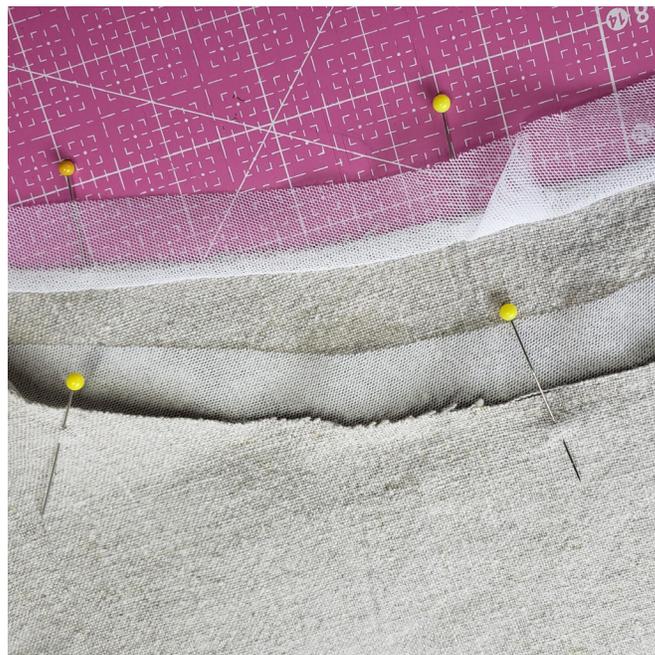


This is a refashion of my first Wiksten top from a year or so ago. It actually was a wearable muslin so I took the color of the linen with a grain of salt, not my normal color palette. This package of matte sequins was just what this linen needed and maybe I could find a way to cover the stain from an unwrapped piece of gum that had destroyed the pocket! Let's go!

Basic Instructions:

1. First off, I cut the ENTIRE facing off right at the edge stitching, (that was holding the facing in place.)
2. Then I cut a piece of knit mesh,(on the bias), as long as my new neckline which was 28 inches by 1-1/4 inches wide.

3. On the wrong side, center back, I folded one short end of the knit mesh on a 45 degree angle. I started to sew using a 1/4 seam allowance. When I got to where I started sewing, I just laid the end of the bias over the 45 degree angle and back stitched. Press up and out away from the neckline with your iron. Press this bias to the front as it will hold our sequins. (Be sure to test pressing the knit before pressing your garment.)



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4. I then needed to stitch several “compartments” to hold the sequins. These were just vertical rows of stitching with back stitching at each end. I started with one at each shoulder seam, center front, center back, and halfway between the center back and the shoulder and halfway between the center front and the shoulder.
5. Starting with the front at the shoulder, I tucked about 15 sequins under the bias pushing the sequins up to the very neck edge so they wouldn't get caught when I sewed the bias down. Tweezers are great for this! I pulled the threads to the back to knot them rather than a lot of back stitching.

Continue with each section until you are finished.



I used my zigzag stitch on my Janome Continental M7 to sew each sequin on my “gum disaster” pocket area! I set my machine to zigzag, the width was 4.0 and the length .20. I played around first and liked starting in the center and using my up/down button rather than the foot pedal. I'll definitely be using that method again.

Since completing the refashion, I've thought about all the other ways to use sequins and my Janome Continental M7....jeans, jean jackets, holiday sweaters & tops, etc.

I'm sure glad that I didn't throw this Wiksten Top in the rag bin after all!