



BEADED & BEAUTIFUL WEDDING VEIL

Create your own unique beaded wedding veil with this fun tutorial! You can either purchase a strand of beads or create your own customized strand with beads that are special to you.

INTERMEDIATE SEWER

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What You'll Need

- Baby Lock® **serger**
- Baby Lock® Sewing Machine
- Baby Lock® Beading Foot for your serger
- 3 cones Madeira® Aerolock Premium Serger Thread to match veil (white or ivory)
- Madeira® Aerofil Sewing Thread to match tulle for hand sewing
- Tulle - If you are creating your own beaded trim, I'd recommend the 58" width fabric. For this veil, I made about 70" of beaded trim for a veil that was about 50" wide by 34" long, and it took me about six hours to bead the strand.
- Variety of beads or strand of pearls (or the like) – Beads should be small enough to pass through the Beading Foot for your serger or you can use a strand of pearls typically sold in the ribbons/trim section.
- Invisible cording - If you are making your own strand of beading. I chose a heavier cord in the beading section because I absolutely did not want my thread to break and all those beads fall off!! Mine was .254 mm or .01" and it worked great!
- Veil comb (plastic or metal)

Directions

1. First, you'll need to decide the veil style and length that you desire. This serger bead trim technique works best on veils with curves only. Cut the pattern shape for the style you desire. Remember, if you are making your bead strand, you may not want a huge veil. I cut the Standard Style (with no corners and approx. cut at 36" long by 53" wide) for this demonstration. *(Side note: I actually made this veil for my own wedding.)*

After your tulle is cut, measure the edge that your beaded trim will be sewn to and cut your strand of

2. clear thread or strand of pearls about 20" longer than that measurement. If you are using a strand of pearls, skip to step 3 now. If you are making your own strand of beads, decide upon a pattern of beads you'd like to commit to.

TIP: Grab a friend or a bridesmaid to help you bead, each of you beading on one end of the strand. One of you will need to bead the pattern backwards.

3. If only one person is beading, tie a couple of knots through and around your first bead leaving an excess of thread about 5" before the first bead. Keep beading until the strand is long enough (or longer) to fit the trim edge. Tie knots at the ends securely, but not so securely that you can't undo them (we may need to do some adjusting at the end after serging them onto the tulle).



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4. With the strand beaded, we get to go to the serger now! We're setting up for a 3-thread rolled edge. Your right needle should be in place and threaded as well as your upper and lower loopers.

Use the settings below.
(I used a *Stitch Length* of 4.)

MACHINE SETTINGS	
STITCH TYPE:	3-thread rolled edge
NEEDLE:	Right
STITCH WIDTH:	M
STITCH LENGTH:	3-4 rolled hem
UPPER KNIFE:	Engaged "UNLOCKED"
DIFFERENTIAL FEED:	N- 0.6
SEWING SPEED:	Slow to moderate sewing speed



4. You'll need to insert the beads into the bead/cord track on the foot.



TIP: Hold onto them in the back of the foot as you are placing the foot back into the machine so the bead strand doesn't fall out.

5. Leave a little excess (1") of beading before you start serging onto the veil so that the serger will start pushing the beads through right away. Place your tulle into the machine, near the blade (ensuring its correct position so that you are serging the hem of the veil and not the gather line; for the oval shape style veil, you serge around the entire perimeter until you meet the beginning again). Cut about a 1/2" off as you serge. You'll want to keep an eye on the needle by the beads, making sure that they don't pop off of the track!



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6. As easy as that, your veil's hem is outlined with a beautiful beaded trim! At this point, you may need to undo those knots (so, so carefully), remove beads until they're even with the top edge of the tulle. Then, re-tie those knots really really well (*like, as permanently as you can*)!

7. Now, we need to gather at your desired gather line. Because of the beading, you may have to start with the beads behind the foot and stop short of the beading (then, you'll just gather that up by hand as you sew it to your comb in the next step).

8. For your final step, hand-sew the comb to the veil. The plastic combs work just fine, but the metal combs are nice because they are moldable (so, they conform to the head better). Thread your hand needle with sewing thread. You'll want the top side of the veil to be facing up and the bottom side of the comb to be facing up.



9. Knot your thread onto one end of the comb (I like to work right to left). Lay the comb on top of the veil allowance (top of veil facing up, bottom of comb facing up). Loop the thread around each prong of the comb, catching the veil as you go. You'll notice my gathered tulle is wider than my comb...I just scrunched it in more as I sewed to fit the comb.



10. The comb then folds under when worn and fluffs the veil up as it folds under.



11. Finished!

