Widow Maker's Crafternoon

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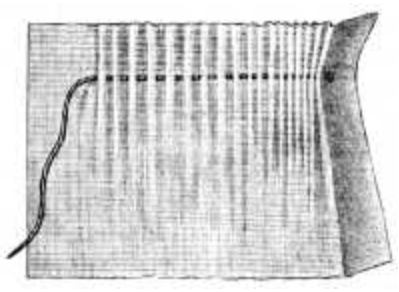
Gathering

Every ruffle starts with one skill: push the fabric, don't pinch it.



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"Small stitches, snug pulls, smooth strokes."

1. **Even Running Stitches**
   Take up three or four threads on your needle, then skip three or four threads, keeping every stitch the same length.

2. **Push, Don't Pinch**
   As you sew, push the fabric along the needle instead of holding it down with your thumb.

3. **Draw Up Often**
   After every four or five stitches, pull the thread gently to gather the fabric before you continue.

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