Widow Maker's Crafternoon

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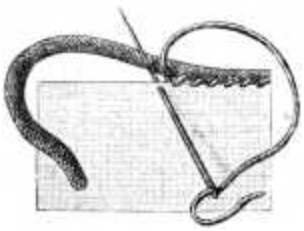
Sewing on Cord

Cord shrinks when you're not looking, so today we out-stubborn it.



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"Hold it in, hem it down, keep it untwisted."

1 Choose Strong Thread

Use a strong thread: Fil d'Alsace, Fil à dentelle, or Câblé 6 fils in No. 25, 30, 35 or 40.

2 Hold The Cord In

Do not stretch the cord as you sew it. Hold it in instead, since it shrinks more than the fabric does in its first washing.

3 Hem It To The Turning

Fasten the cord to the edge of the turning with hemming stitches, taking care that the cord does not get twisted.