



In this tutorial you will learn to make a fashionable stole using the Usha Janome Gathering Foot



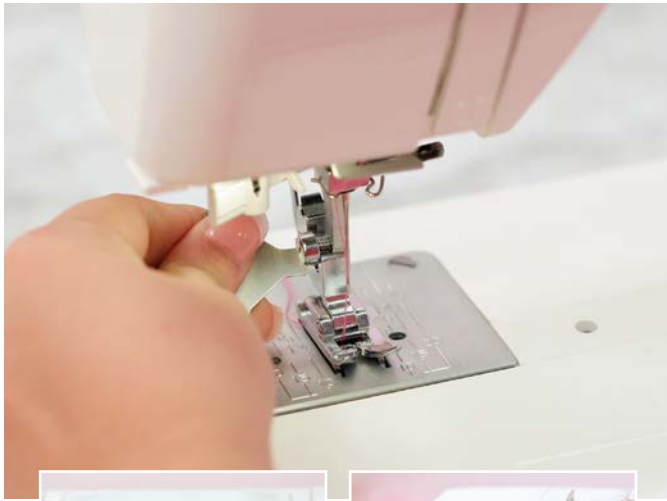
You can also choose to turn your old dupatta or stole into a gorgeous style statement, just by adding gathers to it. To familiarize yourself with how to use the gathering foot, watch our Gathering Foot tutorial video if you haven't already. However, if you know basic sewing, you can also jump right into it.

You will need an Usha Janome Gathering Foot, A piece of fabric measuring 140 x 15 inches or an existing stole, some thread, a measuring scale, and a marker. You can also use an old dupatta that you cut along the length if you so wish, and of course you will need to stitch the cut edge if you are doing this. Just make sure it's no very thick or a heavy fabric.

See how the fabric is folded in a zigzag fold manner. Now watch how on the folded piece of fabric I am marking points after every 3 inches, beginning from the edge.

Move up the folds to mark similar points leaving a space of 3 inches between them. Keep unfolding the fabric and repeat the process till you reach the end. Now connect the points along the length of the fabric like this with the help of the measuring scale.

Do the same for all the points.



Continue till you have 4 vertical lines running from top to bottom. These are the lines we will be stitch on with the Gathering Foot. To start that we first need to replace the normal presser foot with the gathering foot.

Screw open the normal presser foot like this, lift up the presser and remove the foot.

Take the gathering foot, align it with the screw, push down the presser and screw it on firmly.

Take your fabric to the machine.

Now adjust your machine settings – turn the Stitch Pattern Selector to A, set stitch length to maximum, and thread tension at 5.

Carefully start sewing along the marked line. Watch the soft gathers form as you sew.

Sew till you reach the end. Lift up the needle and trim the thread.

Move on to sew along the next line. Repeat the process till you have four lines of gathers along the marked lines.

Your stole with a layer of beautiful gathers is all ready to be flaunted. You can further choose to decorate the raw edges with tassels, by sewing them on by hand.

Stoles as a fashion accessory never go unnoticed; they however have the power to make or mark your look. They help add the finishing touch to any ensemble and can be worn with dresses, and coats, sweaters, jackets and suits.

