

Ruffled streamers

Crafter Level: Easy

Time Needed: 10 - 20 minutes per ruffle

What you'll need

- Crepe paper streamers in 3 colors
- Scissors
- Sewing machine
- Pins
- Wooden dowel (optional)
- Polyester sewing thread



How to make it

1. Measure how long you'd like your ruffle to be and double that measurement. Cut all three colors of crepe paper to that length.
Tip: Put all your rolls of crepe paper on a wooden dowel to keep them from getting tangled as you're putting them through the sewing machine (optional).
2. Layer the three pieces of crepe paper together so that all three pieces will overlap when you feed them through the sewing machine.
Tip: We found that polyester thread works best when pulling the thread for gathering the ruffles.
3. Change your sewing machine settings to a tight tension and a long stitch and sew the crepe paper layers together from end to end. Don't worry if your seam is not straight, it will be hidden by your ruffles.
4. Once sewn, begin to gather the streamer into a ruffle by pushing down on the streamer layers as you hold the end of the top thread. Work your way down the streamer about halfway. Then continue this process from the other end of the streamer until your ruffle is evenly distributed.
Tip: We found that polyester thread works best when pulling the thread for gathering the ruffles.
5. Knot your thread ends to prevent the ruffle from coming undone, then clip threads short.