

Sewing Trim on a Neckline

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Sewing trim on a neckline is a basic for SCAdians to create Medieval garments. But, getting that trim to curve around a neckline without bunching and puckers is a problem. Not exactly putting a square peg in a round hole – more like, putting a straight trim on a curved neckline. But there is a technique that I've used to get the best possible results.

Wet the trim in cold water, then iron the trim to dry it, all the while *pulling it toward you* to create a curve.



Pull it towards you as you iron it almost dry

When you're finished, the trim will be very curved in one direction obviously more shaped like a neckline, & almost dry.



Before & after ironing in the curve

Pin the trim to your neckline & sew the wider/outside edge first.



Wider edge sewn with green thread. Note the raw edge is turned to the outside & will be hidden by the trim when the narrow edge is finished

After that side is sewn down, if you see any puckers or gathering (& you probably will) spritz with a little water & iron down that area some more. Then sew the narrower edge, the edge that is toward your neck. When you're finished, iron again, & don't hold back on the steam. You will have SUCH a nicer trim neckline!

Hope this is clear, & helpful. YIS, Jaqueline, moliere1297@yahoo.com

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