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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