

## Layered Tablecloth



Dress up your round table with a shirred top. It's a great way to introduce a new color to the room and revive the look of your decorator table.

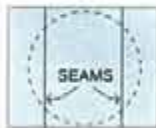
### You will need:

- Conso Double or Single Shirring Tape
- Tablecloth fabric
- Coordinated top tablecloth fabric

### Floor-length Tableskirt

1. To make floor-length round tableskirt, first measure width of tabletop plus the drop from top of table to floor on each side. You will need a circle of fabric this plus  $W$  for hem.

2. If your tablecloth measurement is wider than the width of the fabric, split an additional width of fabric and sew to each side of full width as shown. This eliminates having seams on the top of the table. Fold fabric in half, matching seam to seam. Use a measuring tape or string as a compass to draw circle. Cut out and hem.



### Shirred Topper

1. Cut top circular tablecloth radius at least 12" larger than radius of tabletop.

2. Hem tablecloth.

3. Use pins to mark hemmed edge into eight equal sections. Pin eight pieces of shirring tape to tablecloth (as shown) extending from hemmed edge to location of tabletop edge. Stitch or iron shirring tape in place.



4. Knot cord at one end and draw other end to form even gathers. Secure cord (do not cut off if you wish to open tablecloth flat for cleaning).

5. Position cloth on table and gently adjust folds of fabric to form swag effect around table.

## Bassinet or Vanity Skirt

Nothing warms up a room like a splash of decorator fabric. Make a bassinet skirt to welcome a new baby or treat yourself to a new vanity skirt. The techniques the same for both.

### You will need:

- Conso Shirring Tape
- Fabric 2-3 times the measurement of top edge of bassinet or table.
- Trim

1. Finish bottom edge at appropriate length and add trim if desired.

2. Use a length of 4-Cord Shir, Shir-rite<sup>®</sup> or double shirring tape equal to the fabric length, to gather the top edge. Form a neatly ruffled edge at the top by turning under 1 1/2" of fabric, then position shirring tape 1" from top edge.

3. Stitch or iron shirring tape to skirt using an adjustable zipper foot when sewing. Be careful not to catch cords in stitching. Pull cords in tape to gather skirt to required length.

4. Attach skirt using staples, decorative upholstery tacks, or Conso Fastlac<sup>™</sup> Tape.

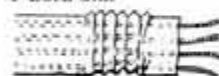


Look for these fine Conso<sup>®</sup> workroom supplies.

For an alternative to sewing, try Conso's Fuse-A-Trim<sup>™</sup> adhesive tape.

**Conso Shirring Tapes** make perfectly spaced gathers for curtain and drapery headings, dust ruffles, valances, vanity skirts and many more home decorating projects. Shirring tapes allow gathers to be released and fabric opened flat for cleaning.

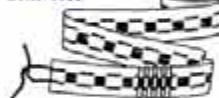
### 4-Cord Shir



### Style 10528

Polyester. 3 3/4" wide. 4 cords. The automatic shirred heading maker for sheer, light and medium weight fabrics.

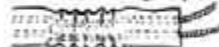
### Shir-rite



### Style 10818

Polyester. 1" wide with double cord. Creates perfect, even, small pleats automatically. For curtains, vanity skirts, and light to medium fabrics.

### Double Shirring Tape



### Style 11620

Polyester. 1" wide with double cord. Forms a double row of even gathers for dust ruffles, pillows, tableskirts and more.

### Single Shirring Tape



### Style 10820

Polyester. 3/4" wide with single cord. For narrow shirred edgings.

### Conso Fuse-A-Trim<sup>™</sup>

### Style 10709

1/2" width. For hemming.



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## Conso Shirring Tapes



Shirred Drapery Headings,  
Layered Tablecloth,  
Dust Ruffle, Bassinet  
or Vanity Skirt

## Draperies with Wide Shirred Heading

A wide shirred heading on your curtain or drapery makes a very special decorator window treatment. A wide shirred heading can be used with a traverse rod - regular or decorative, or a regular curtain rod.

### You will need:

- Conso 4-Cord Shir
- Drapery fabric (light to medium weight)
- Lining if desired

### Plan your window treatment

1. Install rod to desired width and measure finished width and finished length.

Finished width \_\_\_\_\_ Finished length \_\_\_\_\_

2. Multiply the finished width by the by 2 for medium weight fabrics or by 3 for lightweight fabrics to determine the total width of fabric needed.

$$\frac{\text{FINISHED WIDTH}}{\text{FINISHED WIDTH}} \times 2 \text{ or } 3 = \text{TOTAL WIDTH}$$

3. To the finished length add 7½" ( 1½" to turn under at top edge plus 6" for a double 3" bottom hem). This is the total length.

$$\frac{\text{FINISHED LENGTH}}{\text{FINISHED LENGTH}} + 7\frac{1}{2}" = \text{TOTAL LENGTH}$$

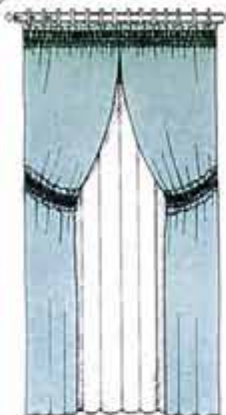
Divide the total width of your window treatment by the width of your fabric to determine the number of fabric widths needed.

$$\frac{\text{TOTAL WIDTH}}{\text{TOTAL WIDTH}} \div \frac{\text{FABRIC WIDTH}}{\text{FABRIC WIDTH}} = \text{NO. OF WIDTHS}$$

Multiply number of widths by the total length and divide by 36" to determine the yardage to buy.

$$\frac{\text{NO. OF WIDTHS}}{\text{NO. OF WIDTHS}} \times \frac{\text{TOTAL LENGTH}}{\text{TOTAL LENGTH}} = \frac{\text{INCHES}}{\text{INCHES}} \div 36 = \text{YARDAGE}$$

Allow extra fabric for matching pattern repeat or making matching tiebacks.

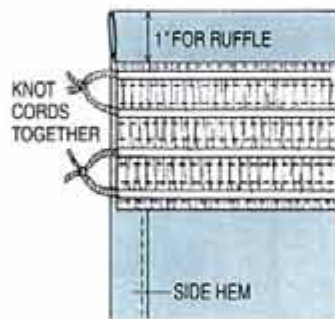


### Instructions

1. Cut fabric to total length measurement and seam widths together if necessary. Turn a double 3" bottom hem and stitch (or iron with Fuse-a-Trim™). Turn in double 1½" side hems and stitch or iron.

2. Apply 4-Cord Shir. Measure and cut one piece of 4-Cord Shir the total width of each drapery panel plus 1" extra at each end.

Turn down 1½" top hem and press in place. Using a pin, lift cords out of casing 1" from ends of tape. Turn under ends of tape and lay flush with hem edge positioning the top of the shirring tape 1" down from top edge. This will form a 1" top ruffle.



Using a zipper foot, stitch or iron tape to fabric above and below each cord. Be careful not to stitch into cords.

3. Draw cords at each end pulling all 4 evenly, shirring to finished width (allow for returns and overlaps if using traverse rod). Knot cords firmly together. (Excess cord may be cut, or bundled together if you wish to reopen for cleaning and pressing.)

4. To install drapery, insert pin hooks at 3" intervals (a long prong will help hold drapery heading erect). Hang drapery on rod. Matching shirred tiebacks can easily be made with 4-Cord Shir to complete the look.

## Dust Ruffles

Skirt your bed with a gathered dust ruffle. It's a nice complement to your favorite quilt or comforter.

Conso shirring tape makes it a quick and easy project. A "dust ruffle" is generally attached to a separate piece of fabric, called the "deck", that slides between the box springs and the mattress, or you can choose to attach the dust ruffle to a fitted sheet.

### You will need:

- Conso Shir-rite or Double Shirring Tape
- Dust ruffle fabric
- Fitted sheet or muslin for deck

1. Measure length of dust ruffle from top of box spring to floor. Subtract ½" for floor clearance. Add an allowance for the bottom hem plus ½" seam allowance for attaching dust ruffle to deck.

2. Measure around bed. Multiply the distance around the bed by 2 for medium weight fabrics, by 3 for lightweight fabrics, depending on the fullness you want. This is the length of fabric you will need to gather. Purchase the same length Conso shirring tape.

3. Seam fabric together if necessary and hem bottom edge.

4. Turn under ends of shirring tape and pin to wrong side of dust ruffle ½" below top edge. Stitch or iron close to both long edges; use a zipper foot when sewing. Avoid stitching into cords. Knot cords together at both ends. Gather by pulling cords, and distributing fullness evenly until dust ruffle is the correct length. Tie cords together to keep from slipping.

5. Make a deck from muslin or other firmly woven fabric, cut ½" larger than box spring size, round corners to match box spring. (A fitted sheet may be used for a deck, try on over box spring and mark stitching line with chalk where dust ruffle will be attached.)

6. Seam ends of dust ruffle together (unless corners will be open). Pin ruffle to deck, right sides together. Stitch or iron, using a ½" seam allowance. Trim and finish seam allowance if desired.



## Accessories

### Lampshades

Start with a base lampshade, use Conso Double Shirring Tape at top and bottom to make up a new lampshade cover. Cut fabric 1" longer than shade depth for ½" top and bottom hems; and 2 to 3 times the circumference of shade. Gathers should be tight and close fitting. Use fabric glue or hot gun to secure new cover to base lampshade.



### Tiebacks

A gathered tieback nicely repeats the soft lines of a shirred heading drapery. Use 4-Cord Shir and allow 1" of fabric on each side if you want ruffles.

Shape tiebacks with a slight curve, they will fit nicely. Attach to the wall with a loop and cup hook.



### Picture Frame

Conso 4-Cord Shir will help you fabricate your own custom picture frames. When the shirring is shaped to size, stitch a length of bias fabric to inside and outside edges to be wrapped around and secured at the frame back. A bit of padding will give the frame dimension.