

# 3 Ways to

# Gather



**Clear Embroidery  
Foot #39/39C**

1. Feed a heavy thread such as topstitching thread or crochet cotton into the hole in the center of the foot (under center red line).
2. Using a medium zigzag stitch, securing the cord at the beginning, sew over the cord without stitching into it.
3. Pull cord to gather fabric as desired. Good for light to medium weight fabrics.



**Buttonhole  
Foot #3/3C**

1. Using a heavy thread twice the length of the edge to be gathered, fold it half and loop it around the center toe of Foot 3/3C.
2. Select the gathering stitch (#12 on current BERNINA models). Adjust the length to 5-6 mm.
3. Stitch along the fabric edge. The stitch should go back and forth over the cords without stitching into them.
4. Pull the cords to gather the fabric as desired. This technique is good when gathering heavier fabric such as denim or heavyweight linen. The looped end will keep the cords from coming out.



**Gathering Foot #16**

1. Thread the needle and bobbin with 40-50 weight construction thread.
2. Select the straight stitch and adjust the stitch length to 4 mm-6mm.
3. Place the fabric edge under the needle and stitch; the fabric gathers as you sew. Good for light to medium weight fabrics; the lighter the fabric, the more it gathers. If you want tighter gathers, increase the needle thread tension.