

Rowley project list: **Scrunchie Tab Top Panels**

Scrunchies are a fashion staple for young girls. Add scrunchies to a standard tab top panel and your girl's window makes a fashion statement she'll love! While tab top panels can be made of any fabric, the scrunchies should be made of a soft, flexible fabric for the best look.



MATERIALS & SUPPLIES

Rowley Products

Napped Satin Lining
 1/4" Cotton Welt Cord
 Fringe Adhesive
 Drapery Weights
 AriA™ Metal Hardware:
 Brackets and Finials

SKU

LN48/
WCP2/
FA10
SW37

SCRUNCHIE TAB TOP PANELS: STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

This style of panel is measured for finished length from the top of the tab to the bottom of the panel – keeping in mind that adding the scrunchies can cause a bit of take-up. It's best to fabricate this style from the top down rather than from the bottom up. Our project finished at 92" including a 5" tab.

Cutting and Prepping the Face and Lining

- 1** Cut the face fabric for the body of the panel to the length needed, plus top seam allowance and bottom hems, and a few inches for tabling. If more than one width is needed, cut and join widths.
- 2** Cut the lining for the body of the fabric to the length needed, minus 8" (there will be a top facing), plus seam allowance and hem. If more than one width is needed, cut and join widths.
- 3** Cut a 9" back facing piece the width of your project, joining widths if needed.
- 4** Sew the back facing to the top of the lining. Press seams open.



Cutting and Prepping the Tabs and the Scrunchies

- 1 For the tabs, decide how wide you want them to finish. Plan for the cut to be 2x that width plus seam allowances.
A. Our tab gathered to 3" so two pieces (front and back) were cut 7" wide.
- 2 For the cut length, wrap a soft tape measure over the rod you will be installing, add the drop x2 and seam allowances.
A. Our tab dropped 5" so the piece was cut 11 1/2" long; 1/2" accounting for take-up.
- 3 Place the two pieces right sides together and sew along both sides.
- 4 Turn right sides out and press.



- 5 For the scrunchies, decide how tall you want the schrunched schrunchie to be when installed. Plan for 2x fullness in the height, plus seam allowance.
A. For the width, plan at least 1 1/2x the width of the gathered tab, plus seam allowance.
- 6 Sew the scrunchie fabric into a circle and finger press the seam open.
- 7 Turn right sides out, fold under a 1/2" seam on the top and bottom and top stitch.

Finishing the Panel

- 1 Make enough welt cord to go across the top of the panel. Glue-baste it in place and then sew welt to panel top.
- 2 Table the body of the panel face up on the table, with the top nearest you.
- 3 Decide spacing of tabs.



- 4 Hand gather one end of the tabs to the finished width.



- 5 Pin the gathered side to the top of the panel body.
- 6 Sew tab to body in two passes.
 - A. For the first pass, sew within the seam allowance catching the gathered edge.
 - B. For the second pass, fold the tab over, folding in pleats to match the finished width. Sew within the seam allowance again.



- 7** Align the top of the panel with the top of the prepared lining, right sides together.
- 8** Sew along the top to join the two pieces.
- 9** Turn right sides out and table to measure for finished length.



- 10** Measure and mark both layers for finished length, trimming if needed.
- 11** Fold in bottom hems and close using your preferred method.
- 12** Re-table panel and fold in side hems. Close using your preferred method, adding weights at corners and side hems.



Installation

- 1 Install brackets where needed for your project.
- 2 Slide scrunchies over tabs and then slide pole through tabs.
- 3 Place pole in brackets.
- 4 Dress tabs and scrunchies, tacking them in place if needed.
 - A. Be sure no join seams show in the panel or in the tabs and scrunchies.

