



Chizimi Thread

What is it?

It is a special polyester thread that sews like a normal thread, but when “steamed” it “shrinks” approximately 30% leaving behind a beautiful, shirred or puckered fabric!

What fabrics can I use it on?

Certainly light weight fabrics are best. Anything that will gather easily is good. It works well on soft light weight fabrics like chiffon, silk, soft knits etc. It will also work on quilting weight cottons, handkerchief linens and wool crepe. Some will gather up more than others, it is important to try a sample of the fabric you intend to use.

Do I just use a straight stitch?

It can be used with a straight stitch, or with other decorative type stitches such as a zig zag or the stippling stitch. It can also be used in the bobbin only with embroidery designs.

How do I use it?

- Be sure to cut the fabric approximately 25% bigger than your finished piece needs to be. If an accurate size is needed, cut a larger piece than you expect to need, stitch and steam, then cut to size.
- Insert a size 80 Universal needle.
- Thread as usual, and wind a matching bobbin with Chizimi. Thread it in both the top and bobbin. If desired, it can be used in the bobbin only but the puckering won't be as pronounced.
- Select the type and weight of fabric you are using on your Sewing Advisor.
- Stitch rows, for a smocked effect or a “checkerboard” for an allover puckered effect. Or, use a decorative stitch such as a zig zag or stippling stitch. You can also use it with an embroidery design in the bobbin.
- Steam, holding the iron above the fabric. Don't touch the iron to the fabric.

Is it washable?

Chizimi thread is made from Polyester and is washable. You can press over the “shrunk” fabric but use a moderate heat only. Too high a heat will damage the thread, and you will lose the “shrunken” effect.