

TIP OF THE MONTH JULY 2009

HAND SEWING RINGS WITH SCREW EYES

It is much easier to sew if you remove the screw eye from the ring. After the sewing is finished, replace the ring to the screw eye.

The following photos show sewing the screw eyes to a Moreland Valance. I stitched a small cord into the top seam of the valance. This not only gave a nice finished look to the top edge, but I can also hide one of the stitches in the “ditch” of the seam. This would be the necessary stitch that comes all the way through to the front in order to balance the weight of the valance.

I used a double thread through the eye of the needle. Tie a knot at the end of the 4 threads. Using that many threads will require less stitches. The stitches in the first photo were made in the contrast lining only (at the back of the valance).

The stitches in photo #2 secures the stem of the screw. The stitches went deep into the top stem but not all the way through to the front.

Photo #3 shows taking one stitch (that has wrapped around the stem of the screw) into the “ditch” and out to the front side. Bring it back into the ditch (at the other side of the stem) and out to the contrast lining side. Secure. This stitch will ensure that the ring will balance the weight at the front of the valance as well as the back.

Photo #4 shows the screw eye is ready for the ring to be replaced.

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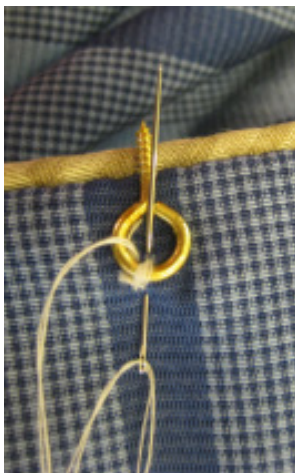


Photo #1



Photo #2



Photo #3



Photo #4