FASCINATING TIGHTS



1. Cut a leg off a pair of tights. Then cut the toes off.





2. Lay the tights leg out flat and cut in half as evenly as possible to create two strips.



3. Choose what colour thread you would like to use to create your cord - it can be nice to use a contrasting colour and even a different colour for the top thread and the bottom thread.



4. To create cords from your strips: set your machine to a Zig Zag stitch at the widest and longest stitch setting.





5. Twist the top of the strip and place it under your presser foot in the centre. Press the footer down to clamp in place.



6. As you sew, twist the strip into a cord as tightly as possible and pull it towards you to stretch it as much as possible - the needle should be sewing either side of the cord holding it all in place. You may need to pull the cord through from the back. Try and do this evenly as it will effect how close the stitches are to each other.



7. Sew the whole length of the strip and repeat for the other strip to make two cords.



8. Trim the end of one of the cords. Begin To coil your cord and pin it in place.







9. Sew with the same zigzag stitch to join the coils together. You will need to lift the presser foot to turn the cord as you go - this is a bit tricky at the beginning but gets easier! You can use a similar thread or choose a different colour. Keep going until you have sewn the whole cord into a coil.





10. Trim the end of the other cord and pin it in position where the first cord ends, continue the coiling method until your coil is the required size. Back stitch to secure your line of stitching and trim any loose threads.





11. Using a thread similar in colour to your tights hand stitch a hair comb or hair clip to the underside of your coil.





12. Decorate the topside of your coil to create a funky fascinator!





