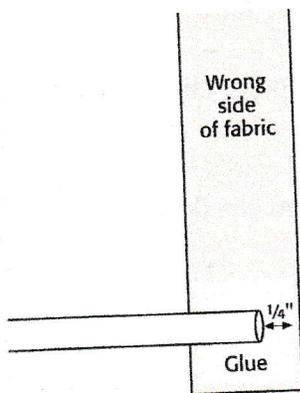
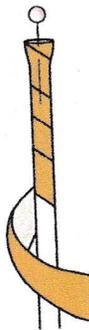


WRAPPING CLOTHESLINE WITH FABRIC STRIPS

1. Make a straight cut at the end of the clothesline to eliminate any frayed ends. Use a glue stick to apply glue to both the end of the clothesline and to the first 1" of the wrong side of the fabric strip. Position the clothesline on the glued portion of the strip as shown, allowing $\frac{1}{4}$ " of the fabric to extend beyond the end of the clothesline. Don't fold the excess fabric allowance over the end of the clothesline. It should remain flat with no clothesline inside. This $\frac{1}{4}$ " area helps to fill the very center of the coil as the project is formed.



2. Wrap the fabric strip around the clothesline at an angle so that each wrap covers the edge and part of the previous wrap. Use a straight pin to hold the fabric in place at the starting point. Avoid placing the wraps too close together. Always wrap the fabric in the same direction, because changing the direction will show in the finished project. I use the "up, over, and under" wrap, which simply means I wrap the strip from the bottom side of the clothesline and up over the top of the clothesline, and then under the bottom of the clothesline. There is no need to pull tightly; just allow the fabric to firmly encircle the clothesline.



Glue the fabric in place about every 5" or when you feel it's necessary. Overlap the end with another fabric strip, pin, and keep wrapping. Always glue and pin the beginning and ending of each strip in place. When you have about

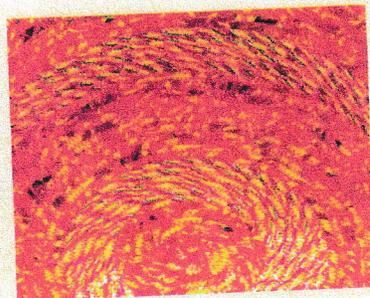
8" wrapped and the end is glued and pinned, straight stitch down the middle of the clothesline for the first 5" to prevent the fabric from unwrapping at the starting point. If you have difficulty moving the clothesline under the presser foot, refer to "Sewing Guidelines" (page 12). Remove the sewn length from the machine and trim the thread tails.

3. Continue wrapping the clothesline with fabric strips in the same manner until the desired amount of clothesline has been covered. It is best to wrap only a few feet of clothesline at a time. When you need more wrapped clothesline during the construction of a project, simply stop sewing 1" before the end of the wrapping with the needle down. Then, secure additional strips of fabric around the clothesline by gluing, wrapping, and pinning as before. Remove the pins as you come to them.



Creating a Swirling Effect

To produce a swirling effect, choose a striped fabric and cut the strips across the striped pattern. Wrap the strips around the clothesline, always wrapping in the same direction. I use the "up, over, and under" wrap consistently to create a uniform look.



Round Bowl with Swirling Stripes
(see also page 29)

