

# AS YOU LIKE IT

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## Courtiers of Frederick's Court

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Nicole Rodenburg



This ruff was the most challenging because it changed depth and height as it went around the neck (3). The depth along the front was consistent so I was able to make the front of the ruff and then pleat the back to figure out how the back depth would be changing (1). Because of the change in width it could not be made out of horsehair braid and was made out of nylon horsehair cloth instead. The change of material became a feature and we bound the edges in organdy instead of encasing it (2). Because of the pleating all changes in depth had to come from the inside edge. I tacked the pleats along the back of the ruff before I could close the ruff and determine how big it could get center back and still take the curve naturally (1). The cuff ruffs were made of the same horsehair cloth edged in organdy but consistently 1.75" tall and 2" deep.

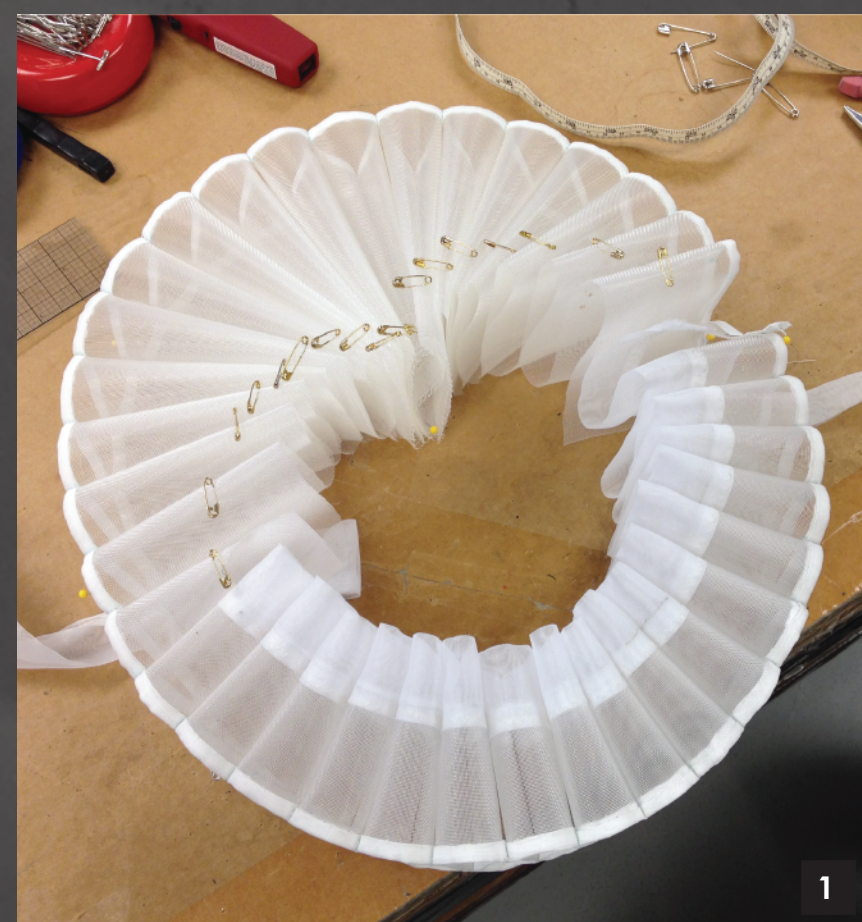


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Jay Sullivan



This ruff was originally a double ruff: the top was 1" tall and 1" deep, and 3/4" diameter at the curve (4). The trim used on this was a softer lace trim that was situated off the end of the horsehair to soften and extend the edges of the ruff. The bottom ruff was 1.5" tall, 2.75" deep, and 1" diameter at the curve. It was made with 2" horsehair and covered in a lace edging from yardage used in the garment (5). In the first fitting it wasn't the right look and was abandoned in favor of a delicate lace ruffle attached to a band under the top ruff (6). There were also cuff ruffs that at 1.75" tall and 1" deep were the smallest constructed and sat above a wrist ruff similar to the one on the top ruff (7).

