

SEWING TUTORIAL

machine stitches



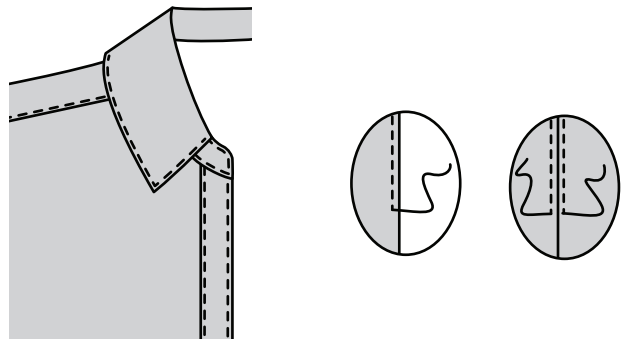
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BACK SIDE
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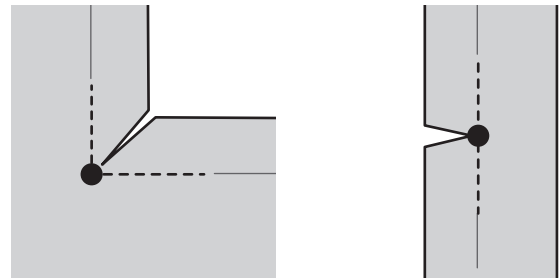
HOW-TO EDGESTITCH

Stitch close to finished edged or seam.



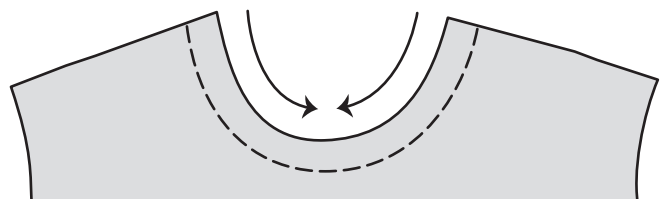
HOW-TO REINFORCEMENT STITCHING

Stitch along seamline where indicated in sewing instructions, using small machine stitches.



HOW-TO STAY STITCH

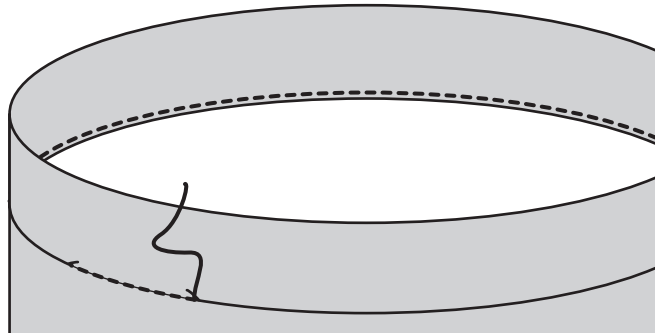
For $\frac{5}{8}$ " (1.5cm) seam allowances, stitch $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.3cm) from cut edge in direction of arrows. This stitching stays in permanently to prevent stretching on curved edges. (Shown only in the first illustrations.)



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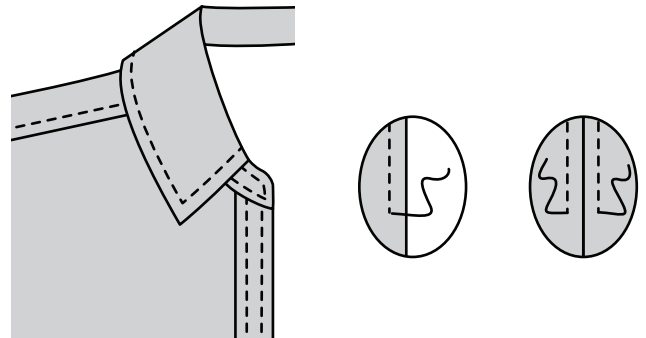
HOW-TO STITCH IN THE DITCH

On outside, stitch in the groove formed by the seam, catching in underneath layers in stitching.



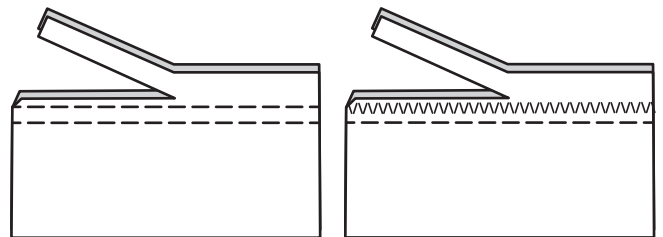
HOW-TO TOPSTITCH

On outside, stitch $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) from edge, seam, or previous stitching, using presser foot as guide, or stitch where indicated in instructions.



HOW-TO DOUBLE-STITCH

Stitch seam along seamline; stitch again $\frac{1}{4}$ " (6mm) away in seam allowance using a straight stitch OR zigzag stitch. Trim close to second stitching.



HOW-TO UNDERSTITCH

Open the facing out. Press facing and seam allowance away from garment. With the facing on top, stitch through the facing and both seam allowances very close to the seam.

If you have clipped the curves, understitch carefully, checking frequently to make sure those small wedges of the seam allowance do not get caught in the stitching.

