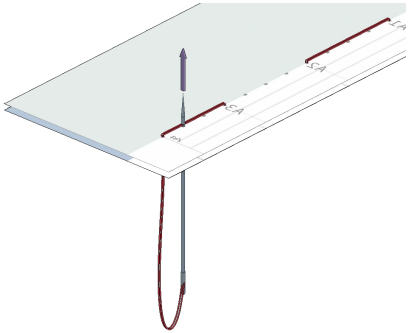
End knot (basting)

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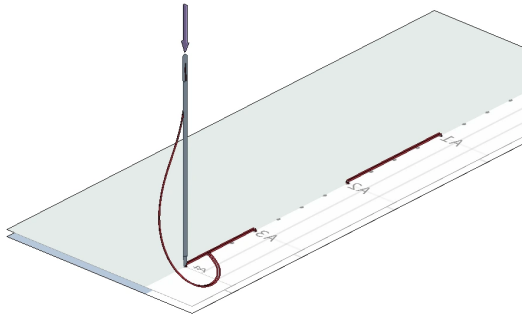
1 Go back one small dot



Step help

From the opposite side to your last basting stitch, go back one small dot—not a whole labeled interval. This short backstitch crosses the blank space on that side.

2 Return to the end

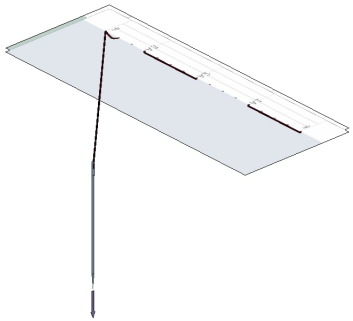


Step help

On the original side, stitch forward to the final dot again, overlapping the last basting stitch.

End knot (basting)

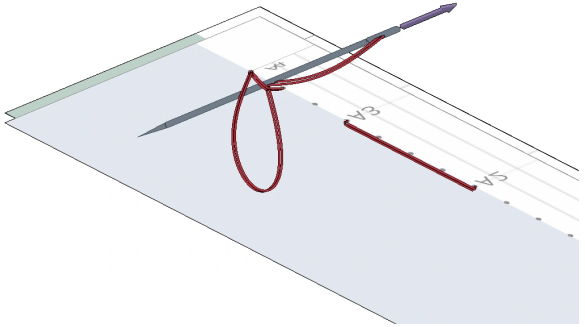
3 Pull snug



Step help

Pull taut. On the opposite side, you should now see a short stitch spanning one small-dot interval.

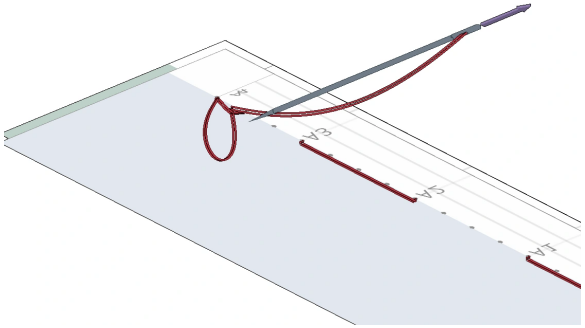
4 Slide the eye underneath



Step help

On the opposite side, lead with the eye of the needle and slide it under the short backstitch without piercing the fabric.

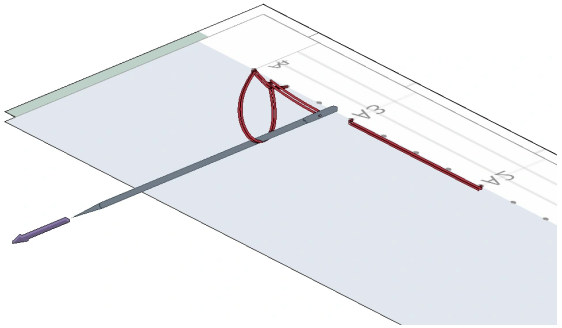
5 Leave a small loop



Step help

Pull your threaded needle until you see a loop the size of your thumb form. Stop well before the loop gets small and disappears.

6 Pass through the loop

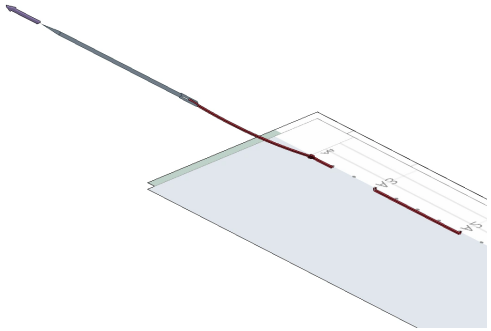


Step help

Bring your threaded needle around the other side of the loop and put it through the loop

End knot (basting)

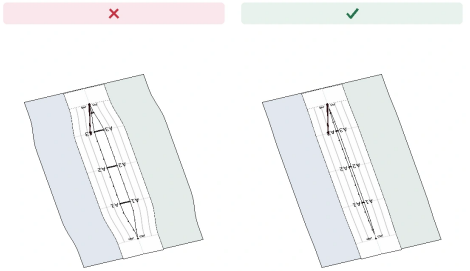
7 Tighten the knot



Step help

Pull the needle past the final dot, continuing along the seam line, until the knot tightens.

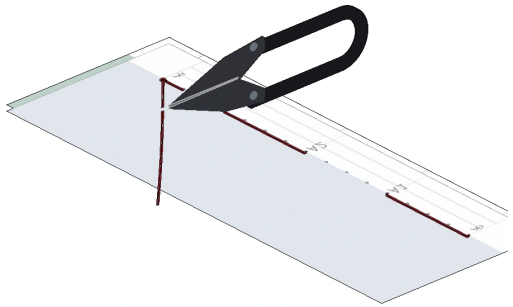
8 Check for slack



Step help

Gently pull the pieces apart to check the seam. Only tiny crosswise rungs should show; wide, visible rungs mean too much slack. The long stitches stay hidden inside the allowance folds.

9 Trim the tails

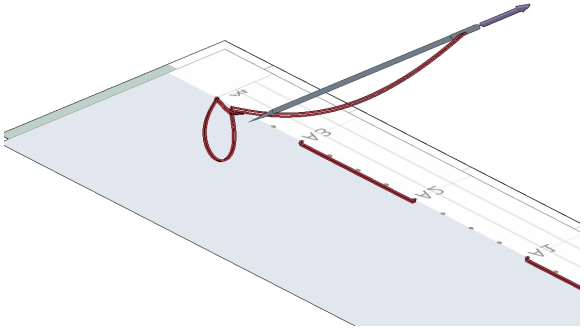


Step help

Bring the seam allowances back together, then trim both thread tails close to the knot.

End knot (basting) · Tips

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Step help

Keep the loop small so the knot sits tight to the corner.