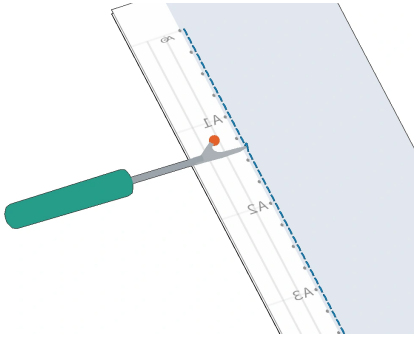
Remove machine stitches

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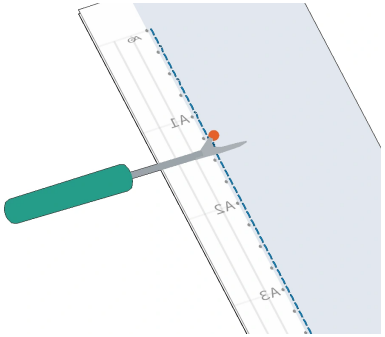
1 Lift one stitch



Step help

On the wrong side, slip the long point under one short machine stitch. Keep the point out of the cloth.

2 Snip a few stitches

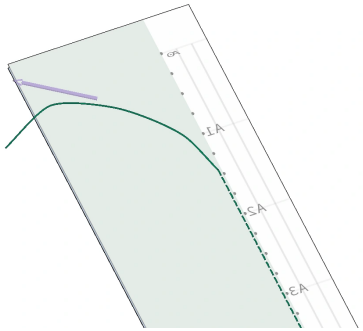


Step help

Cut the lifted stitch with the curved blade. Repeat every few stitches on this side. Unpick backtacks one stitch at a time.

Remove machine stitches

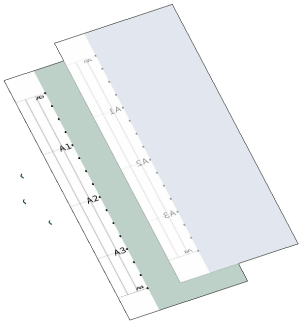
3 Pull the loose thread



Step help

Turn the pieces over and gently draw out the uncut thread. If it catches, snip another stitch instead of tugging harder.

4 Open and clear



Step help

Separate the pieces and brush away the thread fragments. Align the matching dots again before resewing.