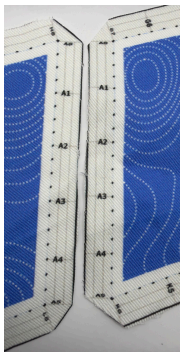
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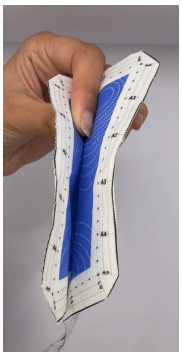
connect the matching dots with thread to create a temporary stitch.

watch video

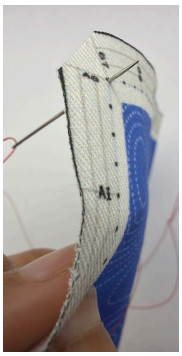
1 locate seam
Look for two dots labeled A0. Line up all of the dots on Seam A.



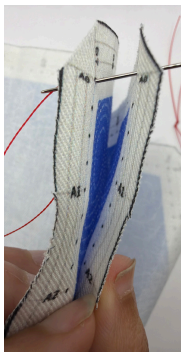
2 printed sides together
Make sure that the unprinted sides of the fabric are facing outwards



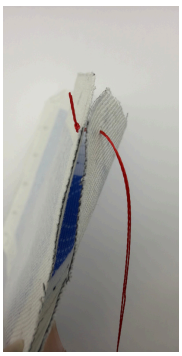
3 pierce one of the A0s
Starting from the unprinted side of the top layer, pierce the the center of the first black dot labelled A0.



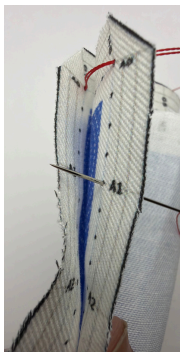
4 pierce the second A0
Starting from the printed side of the other layer, pierce the the center of the second black dot labelled A0.



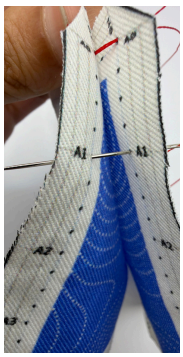
5 pull needle all the way
The knot should sit firmly against the fabric. This draws the A0s together.



6 pierce one of the A1s
Starting from the unprinted side of the bottom layer, pierce the black center of the A1 dot.



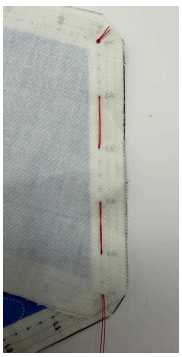
7 pierce the second A1
Starting from the printed side of the top layer, pierce the the center of the second black dot labelled A1.



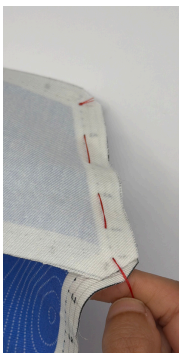
8 pull the stitch taut
But not so much that it puckers like a shower curtain. Pull any slack out.



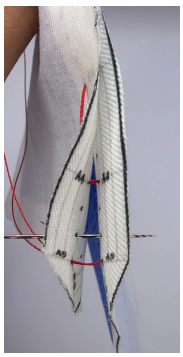
9 repeat 'til last number
Keep doing a running stitch until you've reached the corner. Your last stitch might be shorter than 4 dots.



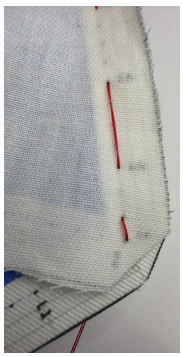
10 tug all stitches in run
Make sure there is no remaining slack by tugging each stitch, ESPECIALLY for curved seams!



11 backstitch one dot
From the final corner dot, go back and pierce the second-to-last dot on each layer. Pull needle taut.



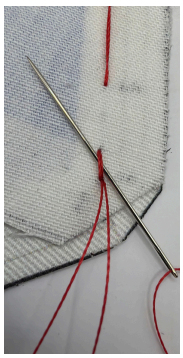
12 tug backstitch
You should now see a small stitch at the end of your seam



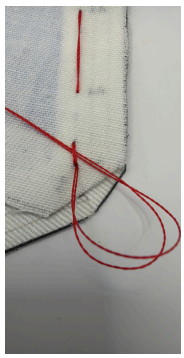
13 forward stitch again
From the other side, pierce the final corner dot on each layer (again).



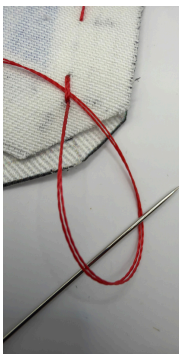
14 go under backstitch
On the original side, you should now see a small backstitch. Slide your needle underneath the stitch.



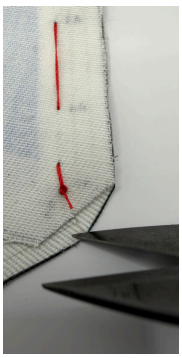
15 pull until a loop forms
If you accidentally pull so tight that the loop disappears, just go back to step 14 and try again.



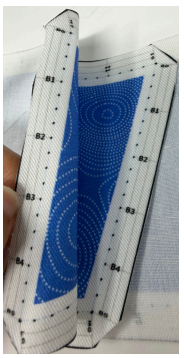
16 go through loop
Put your needle through the loop. Then, pull your needle away from pieces. The knot will land at the end.



17 cut thread
Using clippers, cut thread from the needle. If there is enough thread left, re-knot it and begin Seam B!



18 Repeat for Seam B!
Unless Seam B is your last seam. If so, move to a ladder stitch.



MATCH THE LETTER + NUMBER EXACTLY.
e.g: A and AA are different seams. Do not connect them.

NEXT: machine stitching