ladder stitch

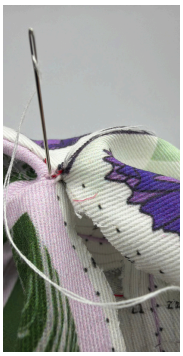
1 pre-trim allowances
Cut each edge's seam allowance to the first line now, before closing access to the seamy underbelly.



2 pierce right start dot
From the unprinted inside of the right edge, pierce the first black dot. Your needle will be on the "outside".



3 pierce left start dot
Bring needle over to pierce the left start dot from the "outside", printed side to the "inside", unprinted side.



4 pull taut
Since this first ladder rung was created in the corner, it likely didn't do much. But lets keep going.



5 pierce 2nd dot on left
With your needle now on the "inside", pierce it up and through the second black dot on the left edge.



6 pierce 2nd dot on right
Jump over the chasm between the edges to pierce the second dot on the right edge from the printed "outside".



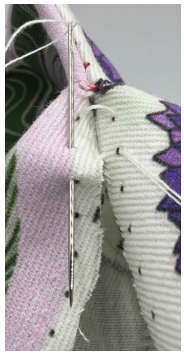
7 pull taut, again
Now, you should see how this last "rung" drew the second dots on each edge together to create a seam.



8 pierce 3rd dot on right
Whenever you go down under on a side, you should always come back up on the next dot on the same side.



9 merge steps 2 - 4
Try piercing down through the 3rd left dot and up through the 4th left dot in a combined "slip" motion. Then, tug.



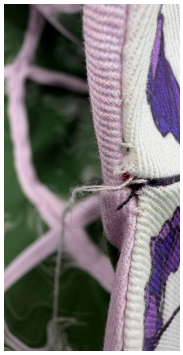
10 keep making a ladder
Extend the ladder by slipping under consecutive dots. Create rungs by jumping across to matching dots.



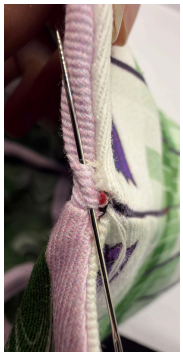
11 last minute press
Before your hole gets too small, do any last minute scoring, creasing, and pressing.



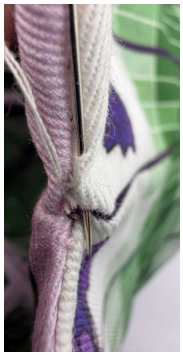
12 final rung
Create a rung between the last two dots on the edge (which similar to the two starting dots, won't do much).



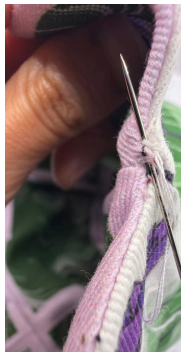
13 backstitch on left
Slip your needle down through the corner dot, and back up to the second to last dot on the left.



14 invisible rung
jump across to the second to last dot on the right side, slipping under and back up to the final dot on the right.



15 slip under corner stitch
Bring your needle down under the tiny stitch in the corner.



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



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



18 cut thread
Trim thread as close to the end knot as possible so that it doesnt show on the outside of your garment



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

NEXT: machine stitching