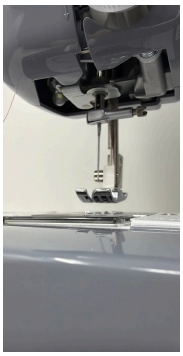
machine stitching

watch video

1 presser foot check

Make sure that your machine has a regular, universal presser foot in.



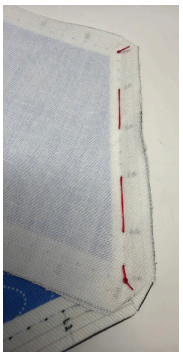
2 needle installation

Replace the machine needle with the one in your kit. Using the wrong needle causes issues later.



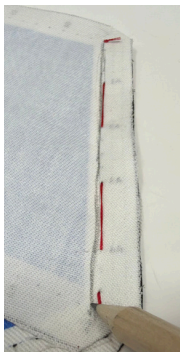
3 allowances on right

Turn basted pieces so that the seam allowances are on the right.



4 trace the stitching path

On the top layer of your basted edges, pencil in a path directly to the left of your basting stitches, connecting them.



5 match thread colors

Find a spool of thread that blends with the top edge border color and one spool for the bottom edge.



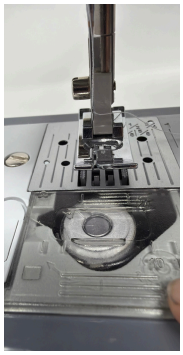
6 configure upper thread

Thread the upper thread path on your machine with the thread that matches the top edge.



7 configure lower thread

Thread the lower thread path on your machine with the thread that matches the bottom edge.



8 raise presser foot

Flip the presser foot lever up to raise it, creating clearance underneath the foot to slide in your pieces.



9 hand crank needle up

Turn the hand wheel backwards until the machine needle is raised to its topmost position.



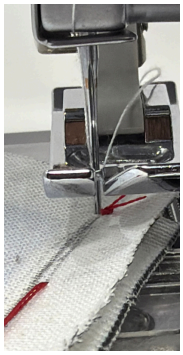
10 slide pieces under

With your traced path face up, slide the seam under the presser foot, with the start of the path under the needle.



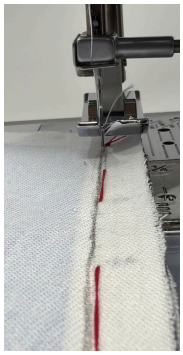
11 lower the needle

Crank the handwheel forward to lower your needle into the path start. This may take some trial and error.



12 pivot pieces forward

With the needle pinned into your start point, pivot the pieces so that the starting curve of the path faces you.



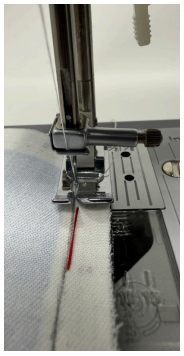
13 clamp presser foot

Flip your presser lever down to lower your presser foot, clamping the pieces into place.



14 stitch forward a lil

Hold down your foot pedal to stitch along your pencil path for just 2-3 stitches, and then stop.



15 starting backtack

Hold the reverse button/lever on your sewing machine to stitch back to the beginning of your pencilled path.



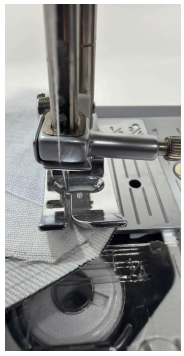
16 stitch forward for real

Stitch forward again, following your pencil line all the way to the end. Go slow, and listen for weird sounds.



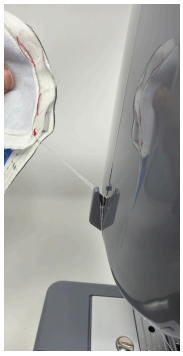
17 ending backtack

Once more, stitch 2-3 stitches in reverse. This prevents the ends of the seam from unraveling.



18 detach your pieces

Raise presser foot and crank handwheel backwards to release pieces. Cut threads on side blade.



MISTAKES ARE NORMAL! AND VERY REVERSIBLE..

Consult the guide on how to undo stitches with your seam ripper once you get there.

NEXT: pressing