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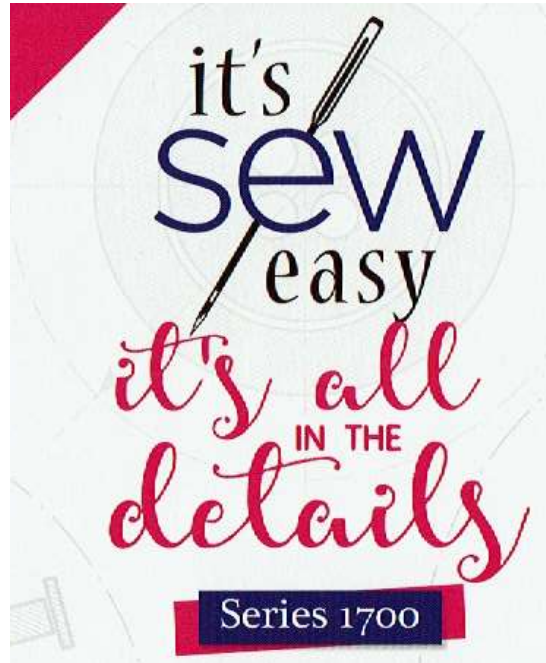
Hello American Sewing Guild Friends!

Join me as I present . . .

Top Tips from the Popular PBS It's Sew Easy TV Show!



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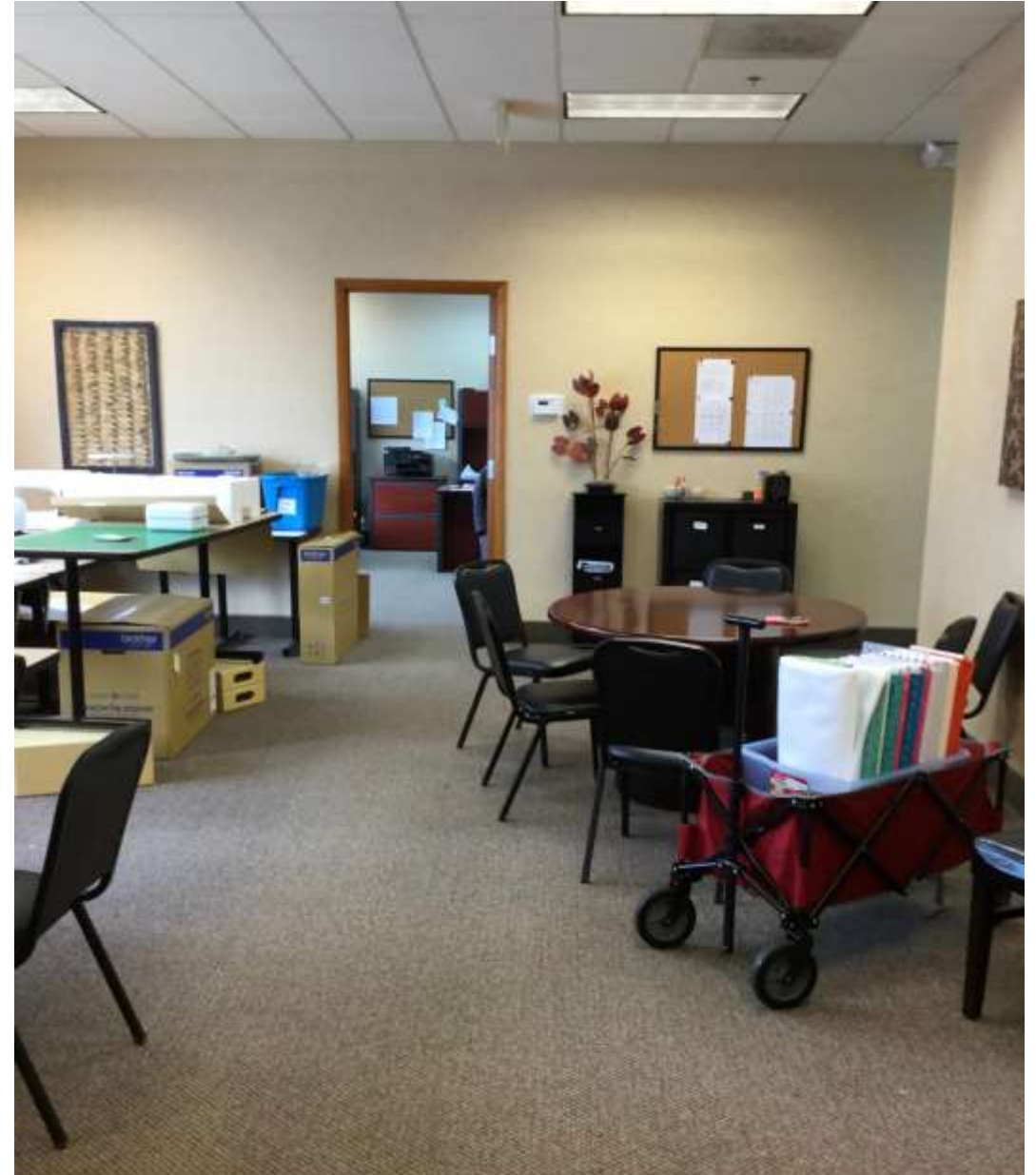
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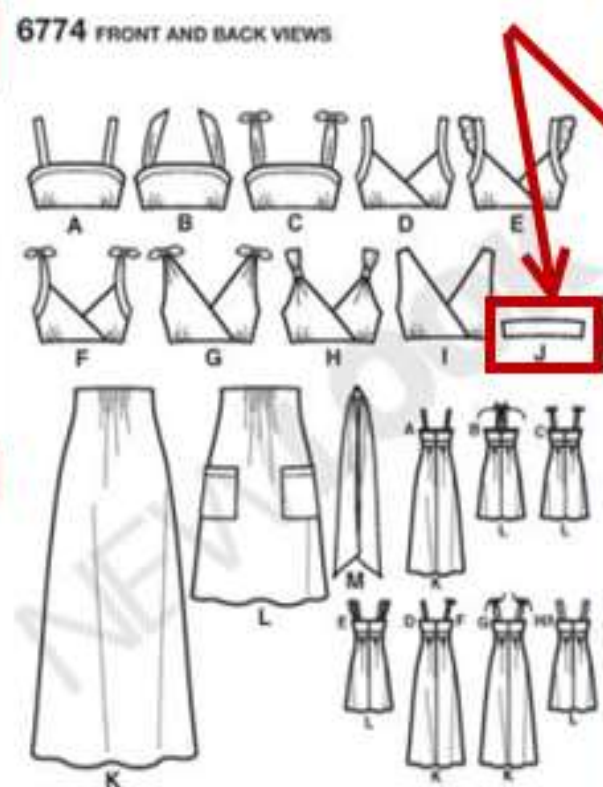




Series 600
Theme: The Little Black Dress



Top Tips from Series 600



Embellishment possibilities:

- Waistbands, straps, hem bands, Cut contrasting fabric adding a 1" margin.
- Fuse interfacing to wrong side of entire piece.
- Trace pattern stitching line.
- Test your stitches on scraps before sewing on your project pieces. Stitches are prettier with thread and fabric!
- Experiment with size, width, length settings, mirror image options if available.

Series 700

Theme: Traditional Sewing & Quilting



Top Tips from Series 700



Even Feed feet come in various shapes and sizes.

- Belt driven (the digital MuVit foot)
- “Teeth” on top and bottom
- Open Toe
- Closed Toe

Series 700



Tips and Tools for Sewing Chiffon:

- Serrated scissors
- Sharp fine pins
- Tissue paper for your pattern layout
- Use Straight Stitch Foot or use Left Needle position

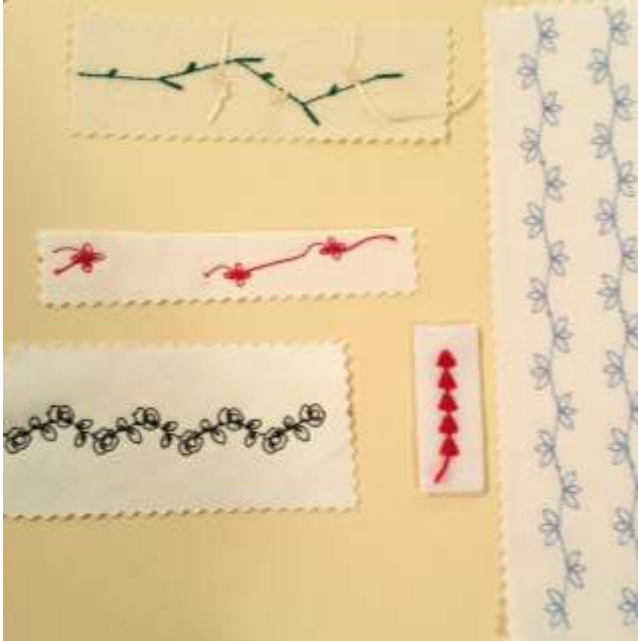
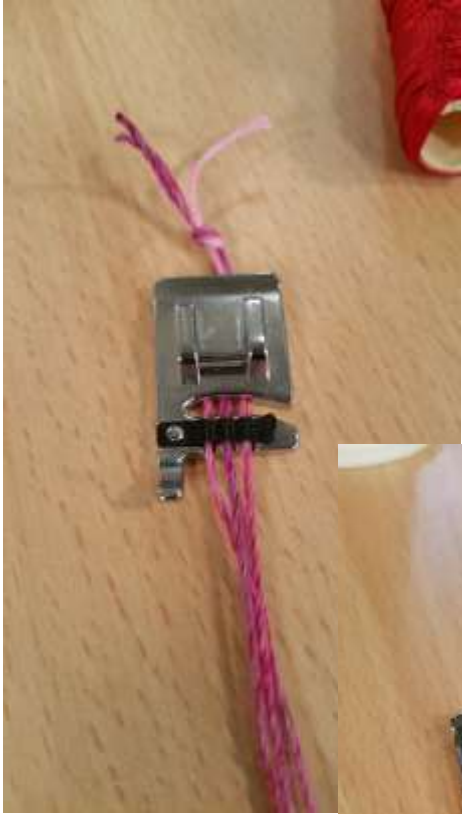
Series 900 Theme: Sewing throughout the 20th Century



More Series 900!



Top Tips from Series 900



**A tool for
Every Task!**

***Important life events, costumes,
a new home, fitting challenges?
What's your why?***



Series 1000 *Theme: Pathways that Lead to Sewing*
Who or What inspired you to sew?

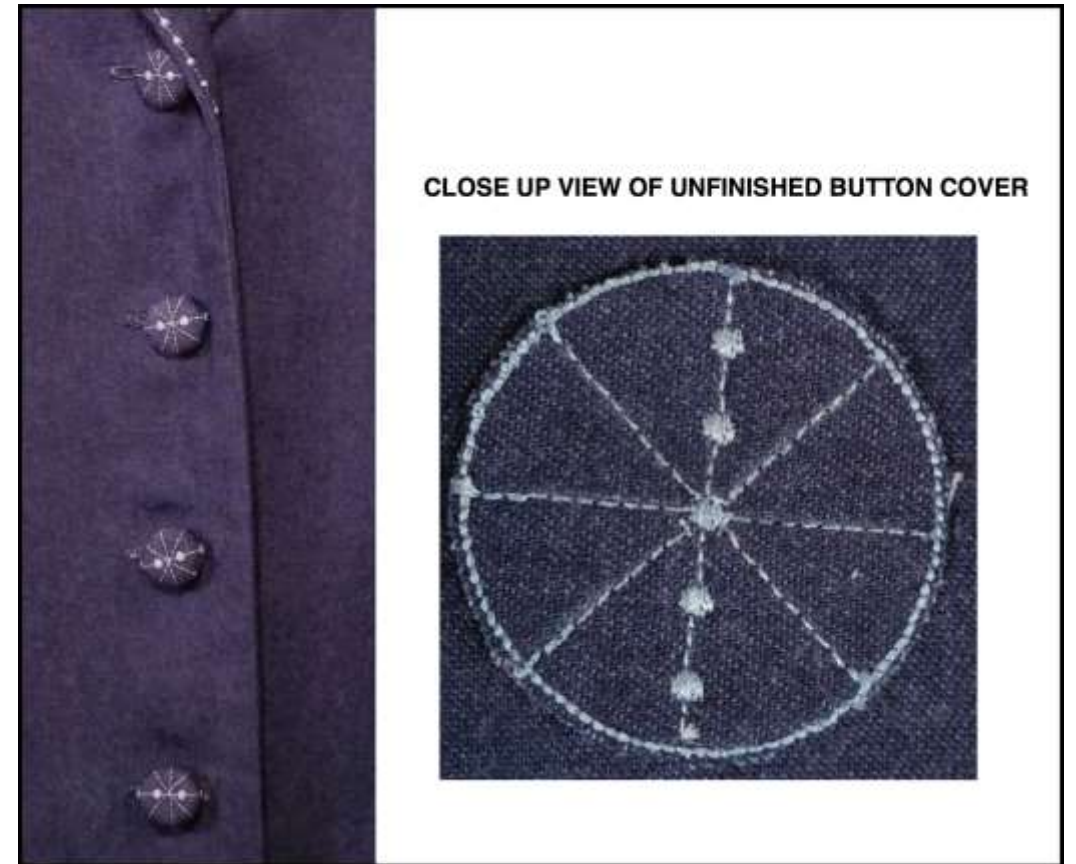


Top Tips from Series 900

“When you sew you can have **what** you want, **when** you want it, and exactly **how** you want it to look!”

Jacket tips:

- Combine decorative stitches with embroidery patterns.
- Embroider continuous border designs for a custom look.
- Create covered buttons with complimentary design motifs.



Series 1100 Theme: Style Statements



Top Tips from Series 1100



Beef up fabric with flannel and quilt before embroidering.



Series 1200 Theme: *On the Road*



Top Tips from Series 1200:

Use “offsite” Embroidery for tricky fabrics.

Stitch designs on tulle and water-soluble stabilizer.

Trim close to design and zig zag to attach.



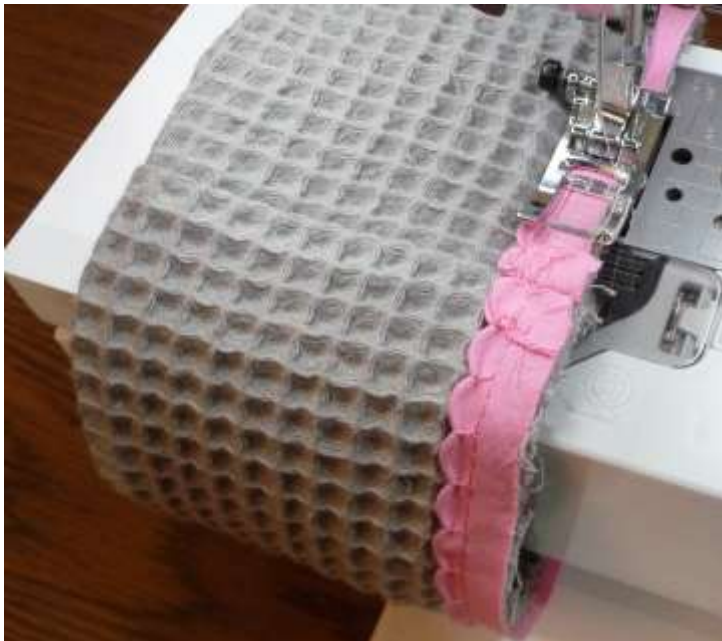
Series 1300 Theme: Go anywhere and everywhere in style.





Top Tips from Series 1300

- Shell tuck substitute for piping



Fancy finishes for Fleece:

Options for this Ruana Wrap are plentiful.

Wrap style and designs featured in [Wrapped in Embroidery](#) book.

Embroider fleece and finish edges with a simple topstitched hem, serger finish, binding, or you leave the edges raw.



Series 1400 Theme: Change is in the Air - Up-cycle, alter, embellish, and add new twists.



Top Tips from Series 1400:

- Trim turns a garment from so-so to spectacular!



Series 1500 Theme: Be you own sewing Super Hero!



Top Tips from Series 1500:

Get creative with Cuddle fabrics!



Series 1600 Theme: *Be a Sewing Superstar!*



Top Tips from Series 1500:

- Embroider light weight fabric with light weight designs.
- Finish edges with two-thread serger stitch.





- Sew faux suede with a size 12 microtex needle.

- Opt for unlined drapes with back tables for ease of sewing.



Series 1700 Theme: Building skills with great details!

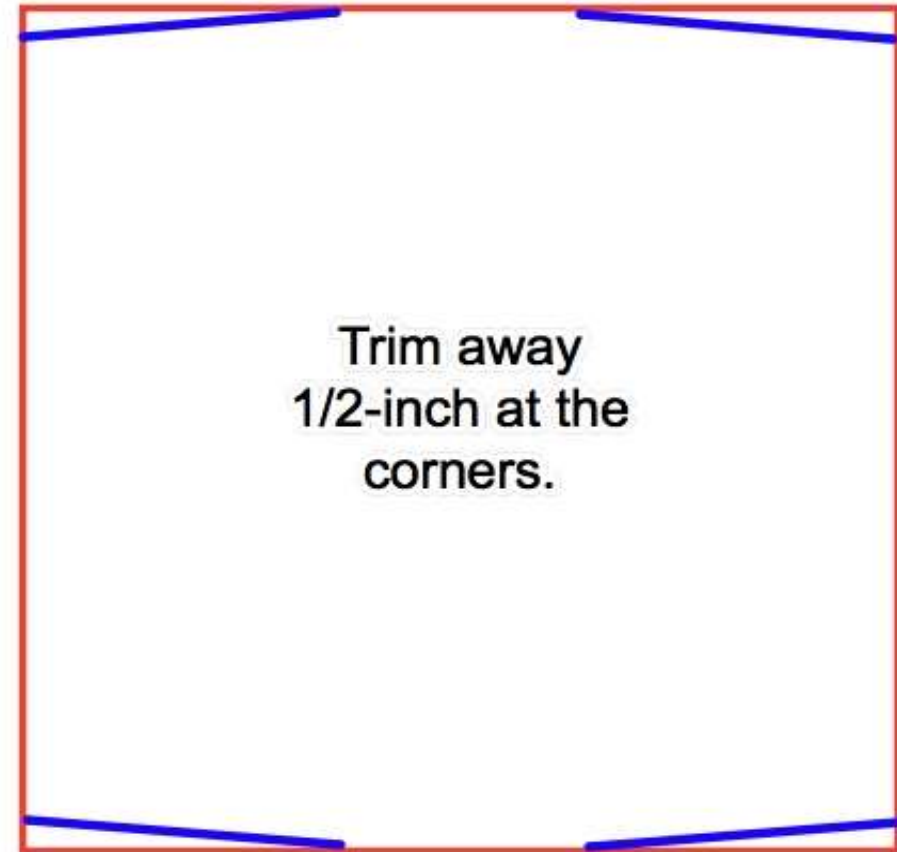


Top Tips from Series 1700

Pillow Pointers:

- Use pillow form with a zippered opening
- Add Cluster stuffing
- Taper the corners
- Sew rounded points
- Embellish with trims and embroidery!

Taper to zero 3-inches
from the corner.



Trim away
1/2-inch at the
corners.

Wrapping up Series 1700!

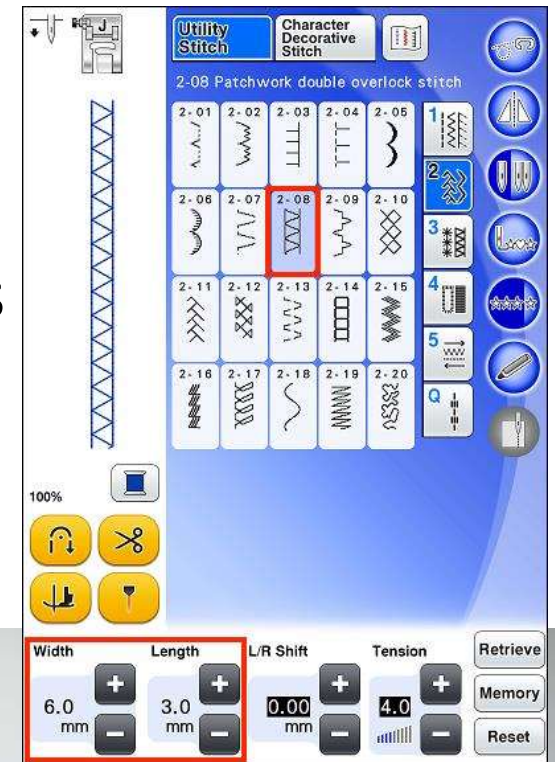
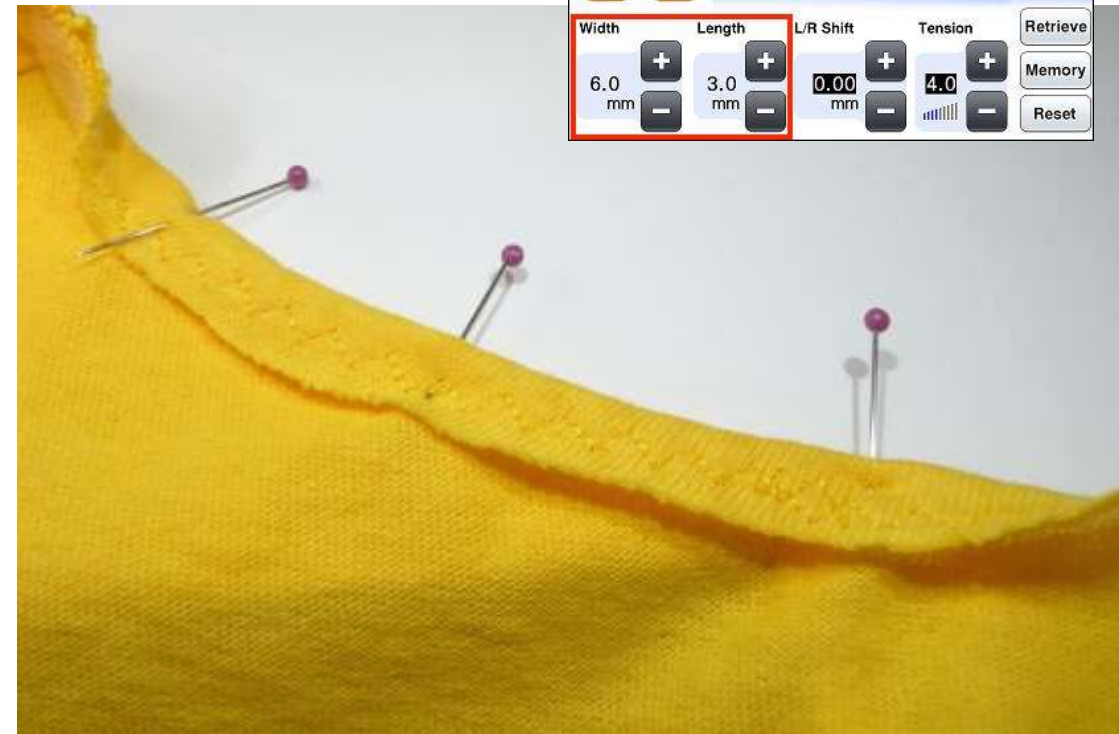
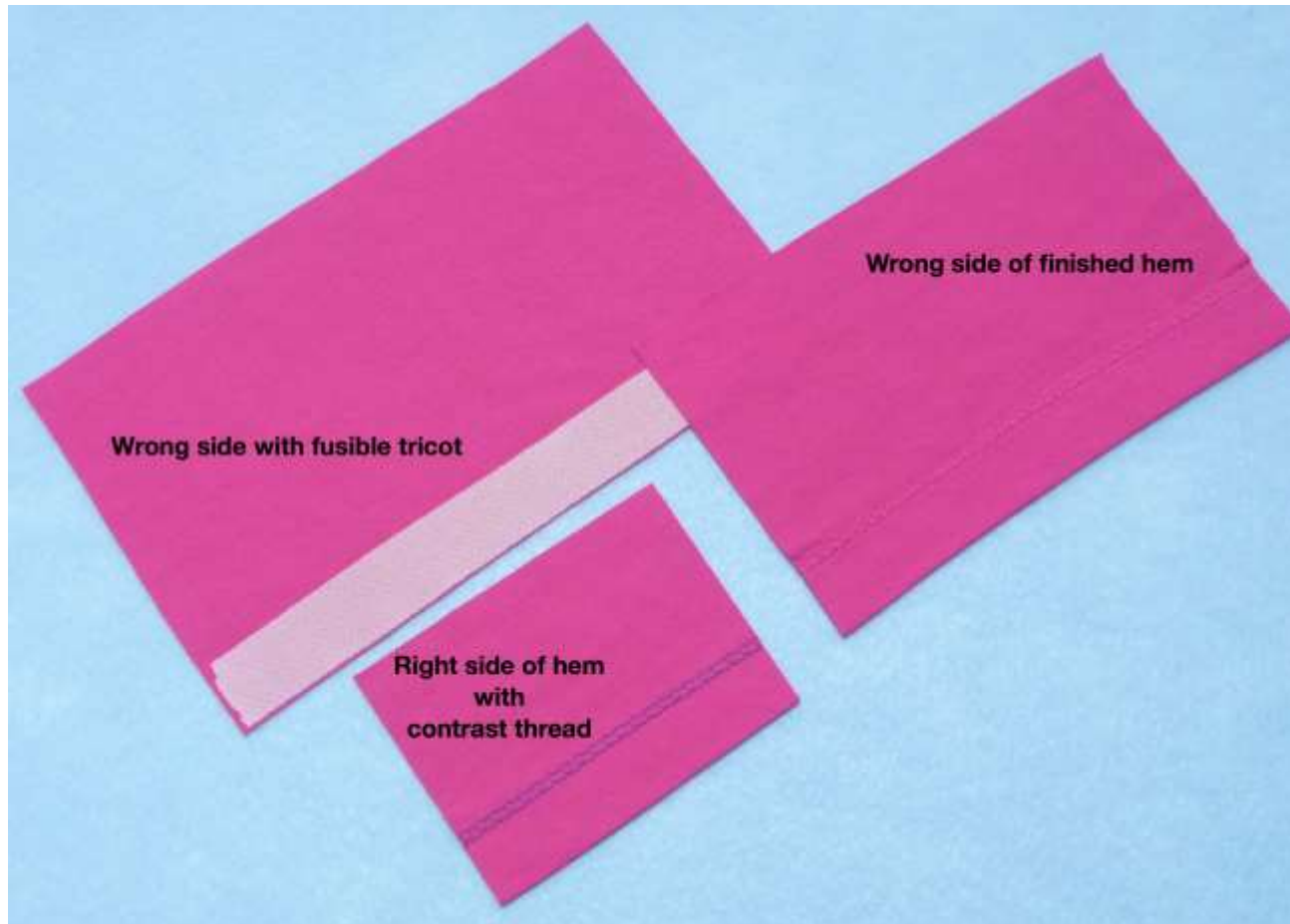


Series 1800 Theme: Whatever the weather



Top Tips from Series 1800

- Sewing machine stitches make great neck and hem finishes



Series 2000 Theme: 10th Anniversary Celebration



Top Tips from Series 2000 - Scarves and Wraps make great year-round accessories!

- Sew a sheer scarf in a bright “tropical” color for warm weather destinations.
- Consider making your scarf long enough to double as a shawl.
- When sewing sheer chiffon opt for a straight stitch foot and matching throat plate whenever possible.
- Use strips of water-soluble stabilizer to beef up the edge of sheer fabrics and make them easier to sew on the serger.
- Add couched trim to add surface texture and a splash of color to a ready-made scarf.
- Serge the edge of soft lace for an easy and almost invisible finish.
- Add length to a scarf with a ruffle and you can make a scarf with less fabric yardage.
- Use an enclosed seam so your scarf looks pretty on each side.
- Use a braiding foot to apply trims up to ¼-inch wide.
- Two yards of fabric makes a scarf for you and one for a friend too! **Fabric 60-inches*

More tips from Series 2000

Preventing Puckered Embroidery



Preventing Puckered Embroidery

- Choose fabrics and designs that are compatible, matching lightweight (low density) designs with light-weight fabrics and more dense designs with firmer fabrics.
- Consider adding a layer of interfacing to wrong side of fabric to beef it up.
- Use iron-on tear away to add body to thin and soft fabrics.
- Stiffen lightweight fabrics like cotton with liquid, wash out stabilizer.
- Always use the size hoop that most closely matches the size of your design.
- Pre-set the tension of the hoop before hooping fabric for stitching.
- Consider pre-quilting fabrics, adding thin batting or even a layer of flannel to firm up fabric for embroidery. Basically, this is a form of “planned puckers.”

This is just a “taste” of what you’ll see on It’s Sew Easy!
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