

Sewing Machine Cheat Sheet

Before Starting...

1. Wind Bobbin-
(on pg. ____ of my manual)
2. Insert Bobbin- My bobbin is wound clockwise/counterclockwise
(on pg. ____ of my manual)
3. Thread upper thread
(on pg. ____ of my manual)
4. Raise Bobbin- Turn hand wheel toward you (to lower it) then pull the upper thread up to raise
5. Put both threads to back (under presser foot)

Stitch Length & Tension

- Stitch length is shorter as you get closer 0 & longer as you turn the dial to a higher number
- Use longer stitch length with heavier fabrics
- General thread tension setting is 4
- To increase tension turn dial up to a higher number

Basic Stitches

- Straight: for basting, seaming & topstitching
- Zigzag: for stitching around appliques, making button holes, sewing on buttons & embroidering
- Three-step Zigzag: for finishing raw edges, sewing on elastic, mending tears
- Blind Hem & Stretch Blind Hem: for hemming woven fabrics {blind hem} & knit fabrics {stretch blind hem}
- Overlock: for stitching & hemming seams
- Decorative: for fun!

Don't Forget!

- Once you've positioned your fabric under the presser foot LOWER the presser foot down
- For the first few stitches hold the two threads to the back of the presser foot
- You may want to use the handwheel to sew your first few stitches