

Test Your Sewing Know-How

Directions: The following sentences contain information about basic sewing techniques. The letters given are clues to discovering the missing words. Fill in the blanks to complete the sentences. Then follow the directions in *Most Important Tips*.

1. Use _ _ _ d _ _ _ _ _ t _ _ _ _ _ to give facing a smooth, flat edge.
2. _ _ r _ _ d _ _ _ _ _ helps reduce the bulk caused by a seam.
3. Use a(n) _ _ a _ s _ _ _ _ _ to hold elastic for a waistband.
4. When you use a sewing machine, sewing in the direction of the grain is known as _ _ _ r _ _ c _ _ _ _ n _ _ _ _ stitching.
5. _ _ _ _ _ y _ _ t _ _ _ _ _ h _ _ _ _ _ prevents fabric from stretching.
6. If you need to hold two pieces of fabric together temporarily, _ _ a _ _ _ _ e _ _ them.
7. To finish a hem, you can use _ _ l _ _ _ _ s _ _ _ _ _ i _ n _ _ or machine stitching.
8. Fullness on shirts, skirts, and curtains is often created by _ _ _ t _ _ e _ _ _ _ .
9. _ _ _ t _ c _ _ _ _ _ g _ involves clipping V-shaped notches from the seam allowance.
10. Inward curves, such as on necklines, require _ c _ _ _ _ p _ _ _ _ _ , or small straight cuts in the seam allowance.

Most Important Tips

Jennifer wants to sew a garment that she will feel proud to wear, but she's had very little sewing experience. On separate paper, write five suggestions that you think Jennifer most needs to know in order to reach her goal.

Understanding Sewing Techniques

Directions: Write the words from the list under the headings where they belong. Then follow the directions in *Hand Versus Machine*.

Blindstitching	Grading	Notching	Slipstitching
Clean	Hand	Pin	Understitching
Clipping	Machine	Serged	Zigzag

<p>Basting</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Seam Finishes</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
<p>Facings</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<p>Finishing a Hem</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

Hand Versus Machine

On separate paper, make a list of hand sewing techniques and a list of those you need a machine to do.

Use Your Sewing Knowledge

Directions: The people in the scenarios below need some advice on their sewing projects. In the spaces provided, explain what each person should do.

1	Jennifer is pin basting, but she is not sure exactly where to put the pins. _____
2	Amy needs to know how to identify the grain of her fabric. _____
3	Cal has made a sample seam on a scrap of his fabric and checked the tension, length, and appearance. Now he is ready to make a plain seam. How should he prepare the fabric for sewing? _____
4	Molly is ready to use a seam finish on a fabric that tends to ravel. What type of finish should she use? _____
5	Andrea needs to mark a hemline. What are two ways she could do this? _____
6	Sam would like to enlarge a shirt he made. What is the first thing he should do? _____