

CHAPTER SUMMARY

Section 33.1

Sewing Essentials

Learning to sew begins with learning to use equipment and tools safely and appropriately. Two major tools are the sewing machine and the serger. Before sewing, you must choose and prepare both a pattern and fabric. Patterns can be altered to customize the fit.

Section 33.2

Sewing Methods

Basic machine sewing techniques include directional stitching, staystitching, and making seams, facings, and darts. Hand stitches are used for finishing steps, such as hems and fasteners. With basic sewing skills, you can make many simple repairs. Garments can be altered to change their fit or style.