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Instructions for using

SINGER

Sewing Machine

15-125

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY

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Sewing Machine



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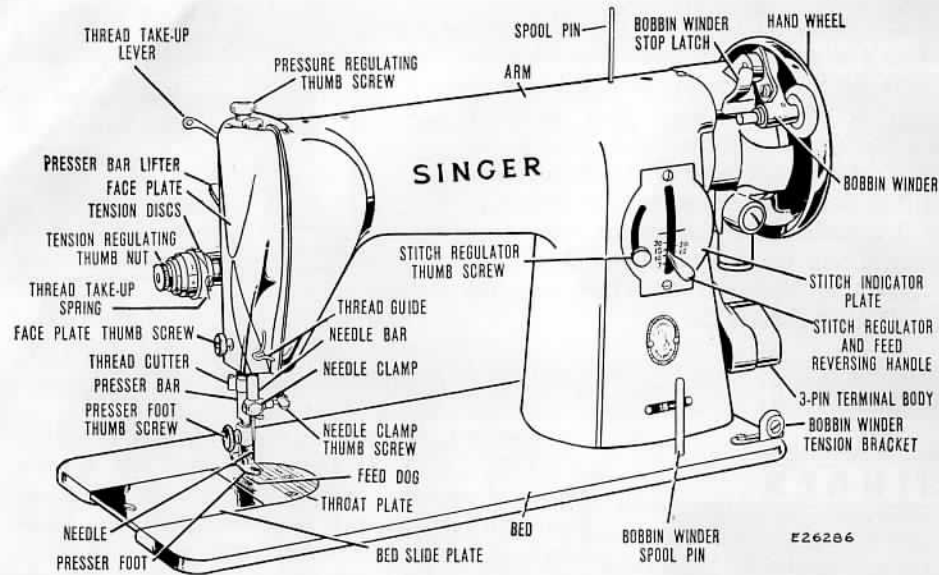


Fig. 2. Names of Principal Parts of Machine 15-125

ELECTRICAL INFORMATION

Motor

The SINGER* electric motor, located at back of machine, is regularly furnished for operation on a direct current of 110-120 volts or on alternating current of 110-120 volts, 25 to 75 cycles. Special motors can be furnished for direct or alternating current for any voltage between 50 and 250, and for 32 volts direct current.

To Connect Machine to Electric Service Line

Before connecting the machine to electric service line, be sure that the voltage and the number of cycles stamped on the motor nameplate are within the range marked on the electric meter installed by the electric power company.

Push terminal plug into the three-pin terminal block (see Fig. 2, page 4) at the right of machine and connect plug at other end of cord to an electric outlet.

CAUTION

When you have finished your sewing, always disconnect plug from electric outlet.

LIGHT

To Turn Light "on" or "off"

Reach over machine arm and turn switch **B**, Fig. 3 to right.

To Remove the Bulb

Grasp light socket so that thumb extends over switch **B**.

Press shade with thumb at **C** to release shade from two catches and slide it half-way out of shade holder **A**.

Press bulb into socket and at same time turn bulb over from machine as far as it will go to unlock pin **D** (see Figs. 4 and 6). Withdraw the bulb.

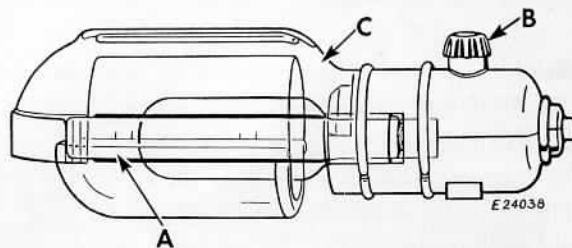


Fig. 3. SINGER* Light

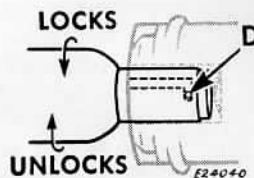


Fig. 4. Locking or Unlocking Bulb Pin

To Insert a New Bulb

Press bulb into socket and turn it over toward machine until pin **D** enters notch in socket (see Figs. 4 and 6).

Return shade to its normal position as shown in Fig. 3.

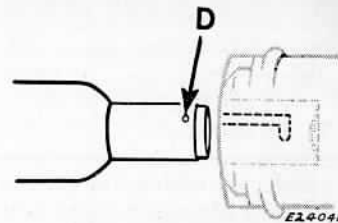


Fig. 5. Inserting Bulb in Socket

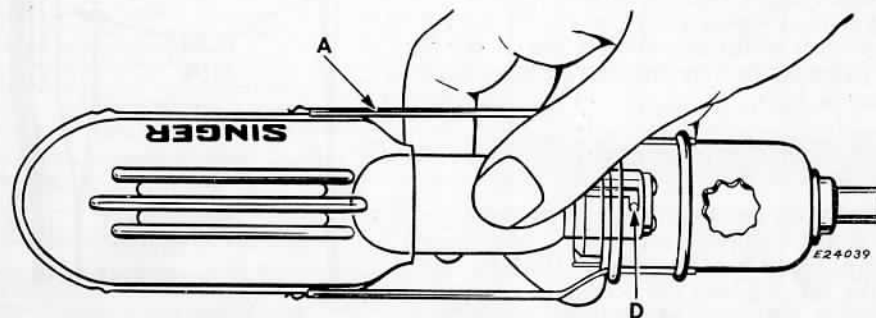


Fig. 6. Removing and Replacing the Bulb

NEEDLES AND THREAD

This machine uses a 15X1 Needle—available in sizes 9, 11, 14, 16, 18, 19 and 21.

For perfect stitching, the **thread** should be selected according to the fabric to be stitched and the **needle** must be the correct size for the thread which must pass freely through eye of needle. Select the correct needle according to the chart on **page 9**. Be sure that needle is not blunt or bent.

TO SET THE NEEDLE

Raise needle bar to its highest position and loosen thumb screw **E** in needle clamp. Insert needle, **with its flat side to the left**, up into the needle clamp as far as it will go, then tighten thumb screw **E**.

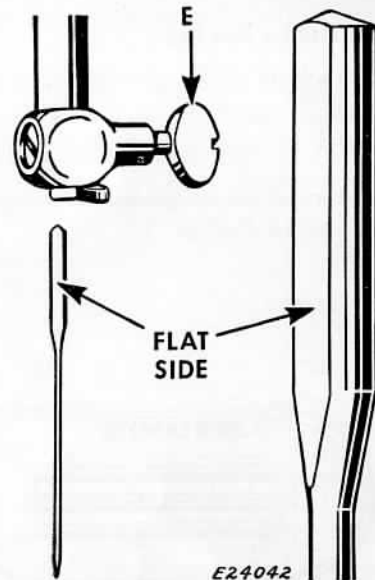


Fig. 7. Setting the Needle

CHART SHOWING THE RELATIONSHIP OF TYPES OF FABRICS, THREAD AND NEEDLE SIZES AND MACHINE STITCH SETTINGS

| TYPES OF FABRICS | THREAD SIZES | NEEDLE SIZES | MACHINE STITCH SETTINGS | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | | | Inside Seams | Top Stitching |
| Filmy materials comparable to net, marquisette, chiffon, silk, organdy, ninon, silk velvet, nylon sheers. | 100 Cotton 00 and 000 Silk | 9 | 20 | 30 |
| Sheer materials comparable to lawn, dimity, voile, batiste, rayon sheer, rayon crepe, silk crepe. | 80 to 100 Cotton 0 Silk | 11 | 16 | 20 |
| Lightweight materials comparable to gingham, chambray, sheer wool crepe, taffeta. | 50 Mercerized 60 to 80 Cotton A or B Silk | 14 | 12 | 18 |
| Medium lightweight materials comparable to poplin, pique, percale, chintz, faille, bengaline, wool flannel, wool crepe, wool jersey. | 50 Mercerized 50 to 70 Cotton B Silk | 14 | 12 | 16 |
| Medium heavy materials comparable to crash, gabardine, rep, corduroy, velveteen. | 50 Mercerized 40 to 50 Cotton C Silk | 16 | 10 | 12 |
| Heavy materials comparable to sailcloth, sturdy denim, ticking, drill cloth. | Heavy Duty Merc. 30 to 40 Cotton 24 to 30 Cotton D Silk | 18 or 19 18 19 18 or 19 | 8 | 10 |
| Very heavy materials comparable to overcoating. | 40 to 60 Linen 20 to 24 Cotton E Silk | 21 | 6 | 8 |
| Plastic materials. | Mercerized Cotton | 11 | 10 | 12 |

When ordering needles, always specify "Class and Variety 15 x 1" and state the size and quantity required.

You will obtain the best stitching results from your Sewing Machine if it is fitted with a SINGER* Needle.

TO OPERATE THE MACHINE

Raise presser foot **F** by means of presser bar lifter **G** to prevent injury to the foot **F** and feed **H**.

Place a piece of cloth under presser foot and let the foot down upon it.

Turn on electric current and, if the combination knee and foot controller is installed as a knee controller, press controller to the right, or, if controller is placed on the floor to be used as a foot controller, press down on pedal of controller. As the pressure on controller is increased, the speed of machine is increased, the speed being controlled entirely by amount of pressure on controller. Operate machine in this way, **without being threaded**, until you have become accustomed to guiding the material and operating the controller.

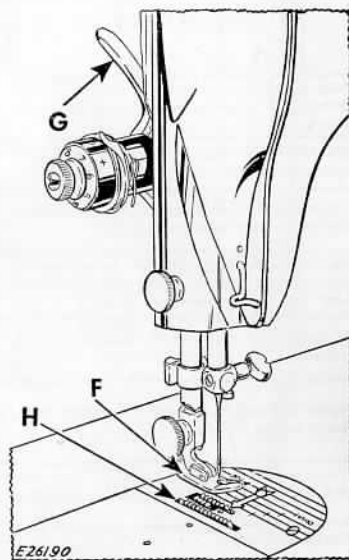


Fig. 8. Front View of Machine

UPPER THREADING

Raise take-up lever **5** to its highest point. Place spool of thread on spool pin at top of machine

Pass thread through thread guide **1**

Down, under and from back to front between tension discs **2** (thread guard **J** guiding thread between discs).

Hold spool tightly and pull thread against take-up spring **4** until it enters retaining fork **3**

Pass thread from back to front through hole **5** in take-up lever

Down through guide **6** on face plate

Into guide **7** on needle clamp

From **right to left** through eye **8** of needle. Draw about two inches of thread through eye of needle with which to start sewing.

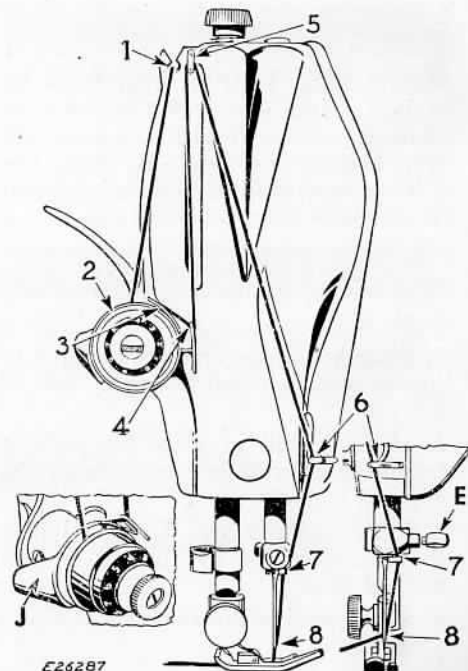


Fig. 9. Upper Threading

TO REMOVE THE BOBBIN

Raise take-up lever 5, Fig. 9 to its highest point. Withdraw the bed slide plate. Reach down with left hand and open bobbin case latch K, Fig. 10. Lift out bobbin case. Release latch and remove bobbin from bobbin case.

TO WIND THE BOBBIN

See Fig. 11

1. Place bobbin on spindle with pin of spindle entering slot in right side of bobbin.
2. Lock bobbin in place by pressing bobbin winder down until latch N, Fig. 11 engages.
3. Hold hand wheel L and loosen knurled screw M by turning it over toward you.
4. Place spool of thread on spool pin 1.

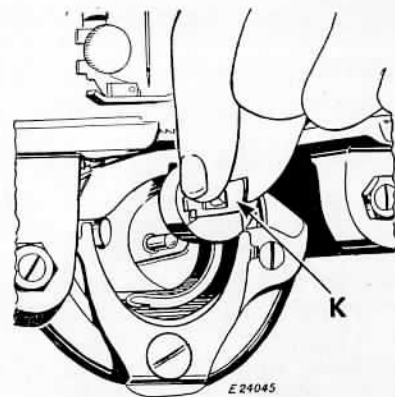


Fig. 10. Removing Bobbin Case

5. Draw thread under and between tension discs 2. Lead thread up through hole in bobbin 3 from the inside.
5. Hold end of thread and press controller as for sewing. Continue to hold end of thread until it breaks off.

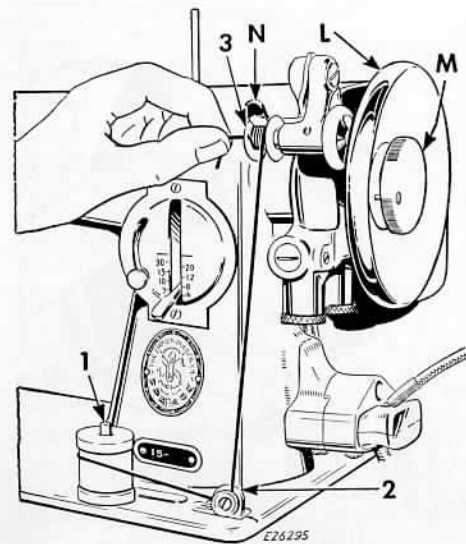


Fig. 11. Winding the Bobbin

Allow tension discs to control flow of thread. Do not guide or hold thread when winding bobbin.

The bobbin winder will stop automatically when the bobbin is filled.

Remove bobbin from spindle and tighten knurled screw M.

If pressure of bobbin winder pulley against hub of hand wheel is insufficient for winding the bobbin, press down bobbin winder until latch N, Figs. 11 and 12 drops and holds it in position.

Loosen adjusting screw **O**, **Fig. 12**. With forefinger, push back upper end of slotted plate **P** as far as it will go, as shown in **Fig. 12**, and at the same time, press bobbin winder pulley against hub of hand wheel. Tighten adjusting screw **O**.

NOTE:

If thread does not wind evenly on bobbin, loosen screw which holds tension bracket **2**, **Fig. 11** in position. Move bracket to the left if bobbin winds high on right; move bracket to the right if bobbin winds high on left. When bracket is properly centered, thread will wind evenly across bobbin.

Bobbins can be wound while machine is sewing. Follow instructions on page 12, omitting item 3.

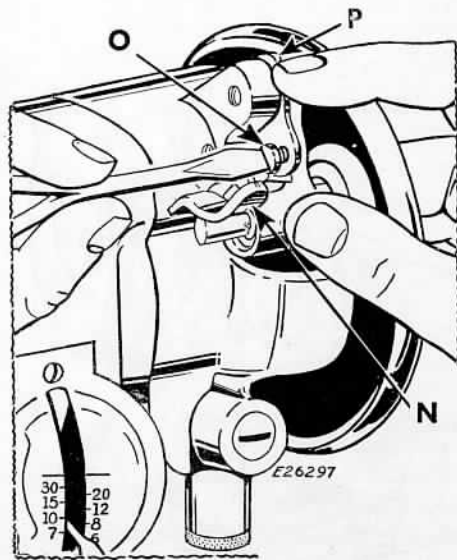


Fig. 12. Adjustment of Bobbin Winder

TO THREAD AND REPLACE THE BOBBIN CASE

Hold bobbin so that thread will unwind in the direction shown in **Fig. 13**.

Hold the bobbin case as shown in **Fig. 13**, and place bobbin into it.

Pull thread into slot **1**, under tension spring **2** and into slot **3** at end of spring. Allow about three inches of thread to hang free from bobbin case.

Hold bobbin case by latch and place it on stud **R** of shuttle body with position finger **S** opposite notch at top of shuttle race.

Release latch and press bobbin case until latch enters groove in stud. Close bed slide plate.

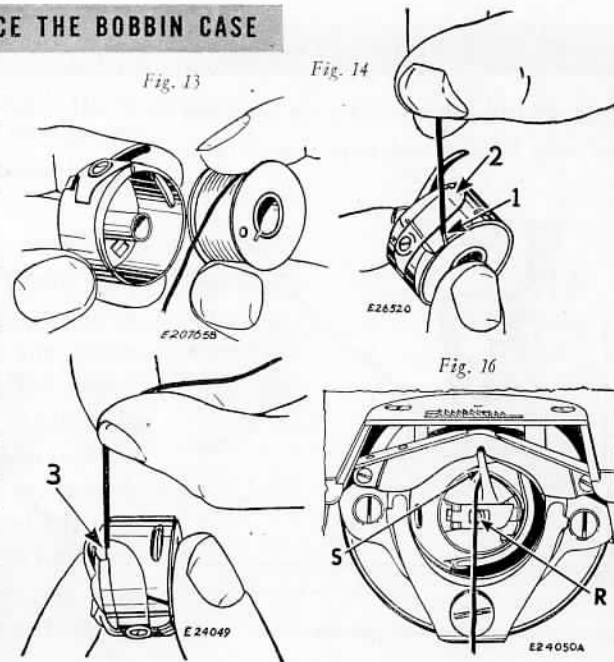


Fig. 15

TO PREPARE FOR SEWING

Hold end of needle thread with left hand and turn hand wheel over toward you

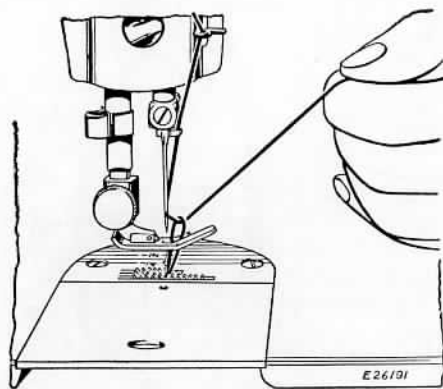


Fig. 17. Drawing Up Bobbin Thread

until needle goes down and up again and thread take-up lever 5, Fig. 19 is at its highest point. Pull up needle thread and bobbin thread will come with it, as shown in Fig. 17.

Lay both threads back under presser foot diagonally across the feed, as shown in Fig. 18, to the right or left, depending upon which side of needle the material is to be located, so that when presser foot is lowered, threads will be firmly held between the feed and the presser foot.

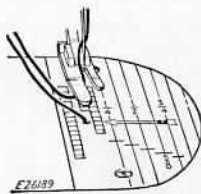


Fig. 18

TO START SEWING

1. Bring take-up lever 5 to its highest position.
2. Place material under presser foot F.
3. Position needle in material.
4. Lower presser foot and start to sew.

NOTE:

Most materials require only guiding for best sewing results. However, the miracle fabrics such as nylons, synthetic fabrics, blends with various rayons, puffed weaves, sheers, jerseys and tricots, which, by their nature, require light pressure, also require support in the form of holding the material taut at the back and front of the needle as the needle enters the fabric. This support assures a smooth, even seam. Never pull the material along when stitching.

Never operate the machine without cloth under presser foot.

The slide over the bobbin case should be kept closed when the machine is in operation.

The hand wheel must always turn over toward the operator.

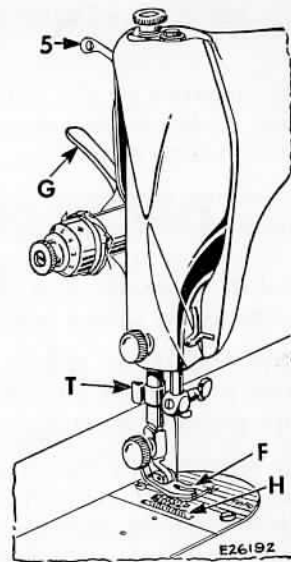


Fig. 19

TO REGULATE LENGTH OF STITCH

The numerals on the stitch indicator plate **V** denote the approximate number of stitches per inch.

To change length of stitch, loosen thumb screw **X** and move it to bottom of slot. Move stitch regulating lever **W** until its upper side is in line with the number of the desired length of stitch.

Move thumb screw **X** until stitch regulating plate (inside) touches lever **W**. Tighten thumb screw **X**.

The machine will then make the indicated number of stitches to the inch in either a forward direction (lever **W** at lowest position) or a reverse direction (lever **W** at highest position).

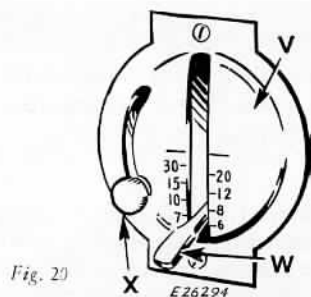


Fig. 20

TO REMOVE THE WORK

Stop machine with thread take-up lever **5**, **Fig. 19** at its highest position. Raise presser foot, draw the fabric back and to the left, and sever the threads on thread cutter **T**, **Fig. 19**. Place ends of threads under presser foot, as shown in **Fig. 18**.

BASTING

The longest stitch, No. 6 on the stitch regulator, adjusted by lever **W**, **Fig. 20**, is found satisfactory for basting. These basting stitches can be easily removed by clipping every sixth stitch and withdrawing the long, continuous thread.

Machine basting is firmer, more even and much quicker than hand basting.

TO REGULATE DIRECTION OF FEED

To feed the material from you, push down stitch regulator lever **W**, **Fig. 20** to the numeral of stitch desired.

To feed the material toward you, raise stitch regulator to the point where it will make the desired length of stitch.

TO TURN A CORNER

Stop machine when needle is in material. Raise presser foot, turn work as desired, lower the presser foot and resume sewing.

TO SEW BIAS SEAMS

Use a shorter stitch when sewing bias or curved seams to increase the elasticity of the seam and to prevent seam failure under strain. No change in tensions is required.

TO REGULATE PRESSURE ON PRESSER FOOT

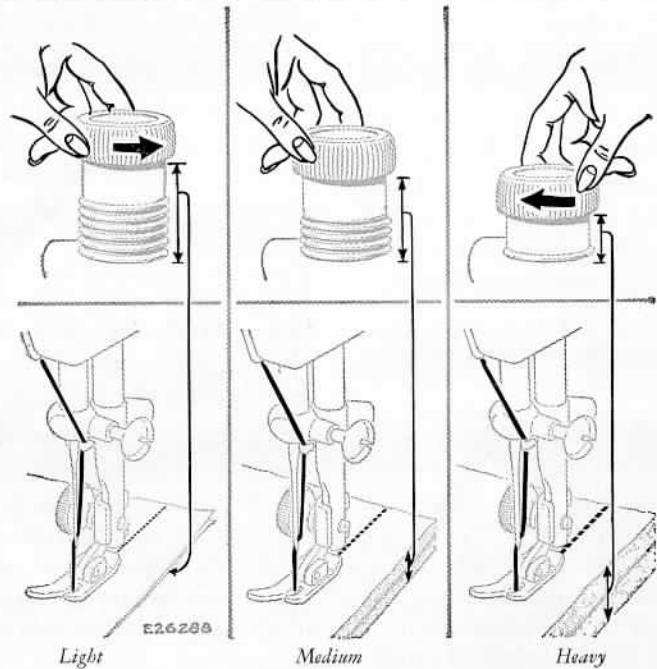


Fig. 21

Light

Medium

Heavy

20



Fig. 22
Thumb Screw
for Adjusting
Pressure

The amount of pressure influences the ease with which you achieve a straight seam and uniform stitching. The pressure should be heavy enough to prevent side creepage of material and light enough to carry the material without marking.

To set a light pressure, turn thumb screw **U**, Fig. 22 upward until fabric moves easily under presser foot without slipping and without showing feed marks.

To set a heavy pressure, turn thumb screw **U** downward until the fabric moves easily and the seam edges are carried evenly by the foot and the feed.

THREAD TENSION

For perfect stitching, the tension on needle and bobbin threads must be heavy enough to pull threads to center of material and make a firm stitch.

TO REGULATE THE NEEDLE THREAD TENSION

NOTE: Unless the bobbin thread tension has been altered, a wide range of threads from fine silk to heavy cotton can be formed into a perfect stitch by **regulating the needle thread tension only.**

The tension on needle thread can be tested **only** when presser foot is down. The numerals "0" to "9" on dial **Y** indicate different degrees of tension that can be obtained. The higher the number the greater the tension. The numbers do not denote size of thread or ounces of tension.

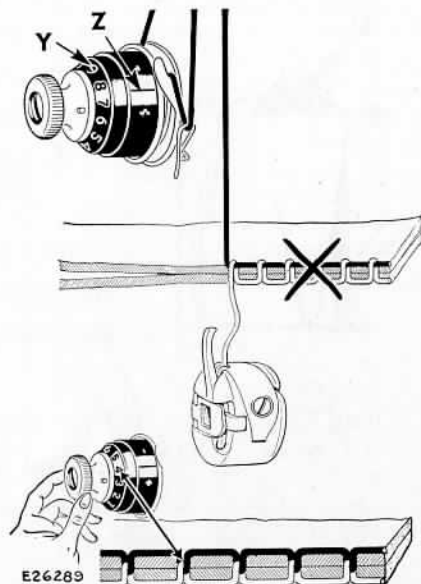


Fig. 23

When tension has been correctly set for average sewing, note number at indicator line **Z**. This setting may be quickly regained should the tension be altered for special work or change in size of thread.

In the unbalanced tensions of **Fig. 23**, the needle thread lies straight along top side of material, caused by too heavy tension on needle thread.



In the unbalanced tensions of **Fig. 24**, the bobbin thread lies straight along under side of material, caused by too light tension on needle thread.

If a perfect stitch cannot be obtained by regulating the needle thread tension, check for a minimum tension on needle thread at "0" position and adjust if necessary, as instructed on **page 27**. Then regulate bobbin thread tension as instructed on **pages 24 and 25**.

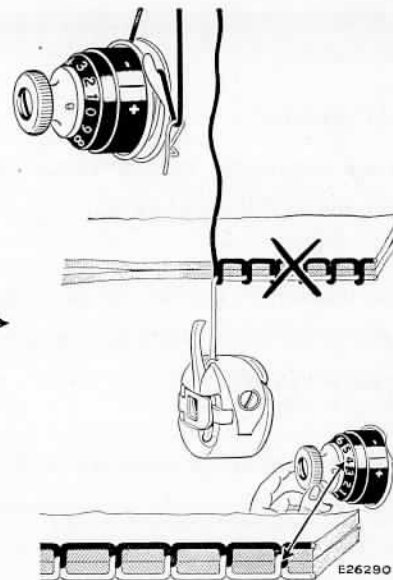


Fig. 24

TO REGULATE THE BOBBIN THREAD TENSION

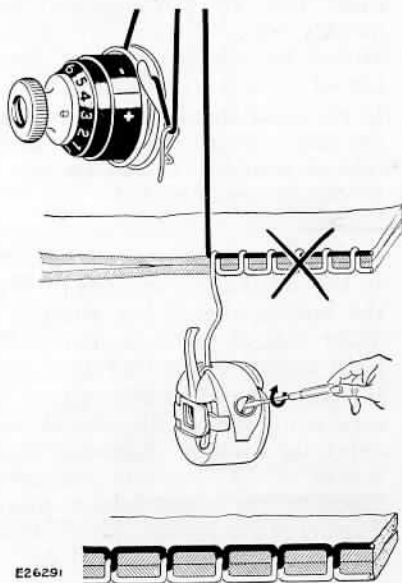
CAUTION:

Before regulating bobbin thread tension, see NOTE on page 22.

The tension on bobbin thread is regulated by the screw of the tension spring, as shown in Fig. 25.

A **slight** turn of the screw is usually all that is needed to make an adjustment.

Fig. 25
Bobbin Tension Too Loose



Turn tension dial so that the numeral 4 is opposite indicator line, as shown in Figs. 25 and 26.

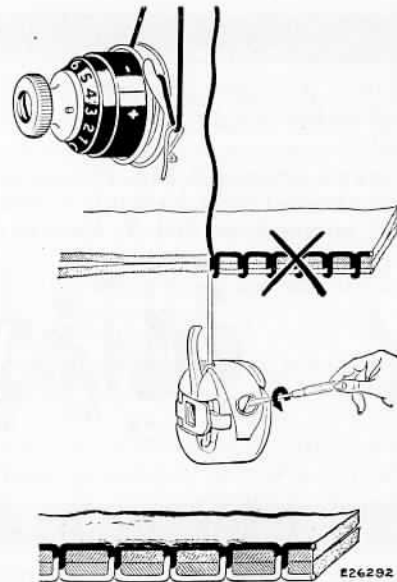
To increase tension, turn screw gradually over to the right.



To decrease tension, turn screw gradually over to the left.



Fig. 26.
Bobbin Tension Too Tight



TO REMOVE AND DISASSEMBLE NEEDLE THREAD TENSION

Should it become necessary to remove and disassemble the tension, proceed as follows:

Turn thumb nut **A2**, Fig. 27 away from you (toward the left) until it stops at "0" on numbered dial **Y**. Press in dial

to disengage pin **B2** in thumb nut and remove thumb nut. Then remove tension parts from stud **J2** as shown below. To remove pin **H2** from stud **J2**, take off face plate and tilt it so that the pin will drop out. **Do not remove stud J2.**

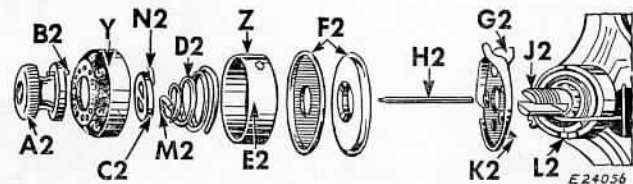


Fig. 27. Needle Thread Tension Disassembled

TO REASSEMBLE AND REPLACE NEEDLE THREAD TENSION

Replace face plate, insert tension releasing pin in stud, place thread guard plate on stud, being sure that lug **K2** en-

gages the short recess **L2** to prevent plate from turning on stud. Next, replace the two tension discs **F2** on stud,

with the flat thread-bearing sides of discs together. Replace indicator **E2** with the large open side facing end of stud so that the plus and minus signs will be readily seen from a sewing position. Insert tension spring **D2** in indicator so that first half turn **M2** of this spring will straddle lower half of tension stud. Guide stop washer **C2** onto stud so that extension **N2** will be above tension stud as shown in Fig. 27.

Next place numbered dial on stud so that numeral 2 is opposite stop washer extension **N2**, then push dial to compress spring so that thumb nut can be turned onto stud, carefully guiding pin in thumb nut into one of holes in numbered dial. Lower presser bar and turn thumb nut **A2** to left until it stops at "0". Thread the tension with size 50 mercerized cotton thread and pull thread

through tension discs to test amount of tension at "0" position. At this point there should be a barely perceptible pull on thread to indicate that there is a minimum tension, which gradually increases with the turn of thumb nut to right, providing a full range of tensions from light to heavy within one revolution of thumb nut. If pull is too strong for a minimum tension, press in numbered dial **Y** to disengage pin **B2** in thumb nut from dial and reset pin in one of holes to left of previous setting. This resetting of pin will produce less tension at zero. On the other hand, should there be insufficient tension at zero, press in dial **Y** and reset pin **B2** in one of holes to right of previous setting. Repeat this process until the desired minimum tension is obtained.

SEWING SUGGESTIONS

Breaking of needles might be caused by:

1. Improper size of needle for thread and material. See page 9.
2. Needle bent.
3. Pulling of material when stitching.
4. Needle striking improperly fastened presser foot or attachments.
5. Crossing thick seams with too small a needle.

Breaking of needle thread might be caused by:

1. A knot in the thread.
2. Improper threading. See page 11.
3. Upper tension too tight. See pages 22 and 23.

4. Needle set incorrectly. See page 8.
5. Needle blunt or bent.
6. Thread too coarse for needle. See page 9.
7. Roughened hole in throat plate.
8. Improper arrangement of threads to start sewing. See page 16.

Breaking of bobbin thread might be caused by:

1. Improper threading of the bobbin case. See page 15.
2. Bobbin thread tension too tight. See page 25.
3. Bobbin wound unevenly.

Skipping of stitches might be caused by:

1. Needle set incorrectly. See page 8.
2. Needle blunt or bent.

3. Needle too small for thread. See page 9.
4. Needle rubbing presser foot.

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DARNING AND EMBROIDERING

Turn machine back on its hinges. Unscrew as far as possible the thumb

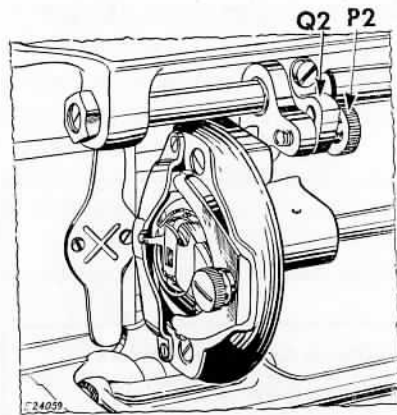


Fig. 28. Adjustment for Darning and Embroidering

screw P2, Fig. 28 which is located in the lower end of slot of feed lifting crank Q2, Fig. 28. The feed is thus rendered inoperative and will not interfere with the free movement of the work. Bring machine forward into place.

Move stitch regulating lever W, Fig. 20 to its neutral position in the center of slot at front of machine.

Remove presser foot and let down presser bar lifter G, Fig. 19 to restore tension on needle thread which is released when lifter is raised.

Draw up bobbin thread as instructed on page 16.

When darning flat work, it is advisable to use embroidery hoops to hold the work.

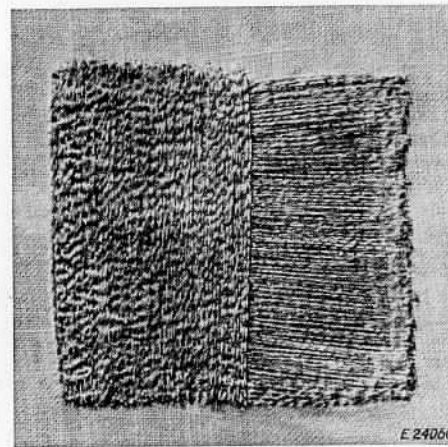


Fig. 29. Darning in Process

Place the work in machine, having the unworn part near the hole under the needle. Start darning by making a line of stitches across hole a little longer than width of hole. Continue making parallel lines of stitches across hole, moving the work backward and forward and at same time gradually moving the work sidewise until hole is covered with lines of stitches running across hole. Then start as before and move the work lengthwise of hole until the stitches across hole are completely covered and the darn is finished.

When you have finished darning or embroidering, raise presser bar lifter and replace presser foot. Turn machine back on its hinges and move thumb screw

P2, Fig. 28 down to bottom of slot of feed lifting crank Q2, Fig. 28 and make sure that thumb screw is firmly tightened. Bring machine forward into place, return stitch regulating lever W, Fig. 20 to its original position and the machine is ready for regular stitching. Stockings and socks, underwear, etc., can be more conveniently darned on the machine with the SINGER* Darning and Embroidery Attachment (page 68) which can be purchased at any SINGER SEWING CENTER or from any SINGER Salesman.

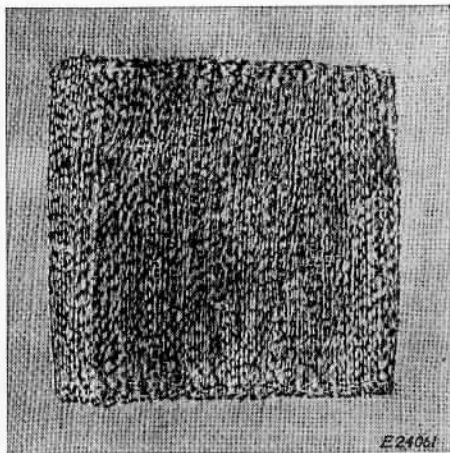


Fig. 30. Darning Finished

TO OIL THE MACHINE

If machine is used continuously, it should be oiled daily. If moderately used, an occasional oiling is sufficient.

Preparation: Remove screw near bottom end of face plate and slip face plate up and off screw S2, Fig. 33. Draw bed slide plate to the left. Remove dust and lint (see instructions on pages 35 and 36). Remove rear cover plate.

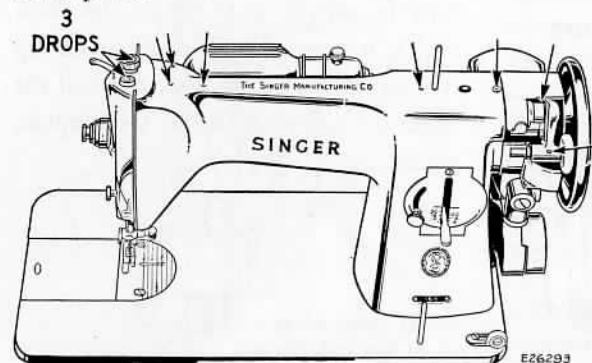


Fig. 31. Front View, Showing Oiling Points

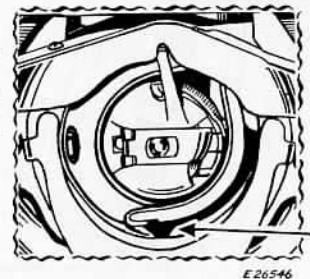
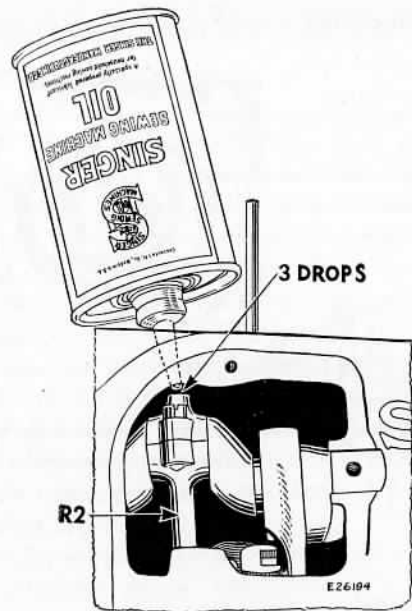


Fig. 31A. Oiling the Shuttle Race

Oiling: Apply a drop of oil to the places indicated by unlettered arrows in Figs. 31, 31A, 33 and 34, and 3 drops of oil to the places indicated in Figs. 31 and 32.



Turn hand wheel over toward you until connecting rod **R2**, **Fig. 32** is at its highest position. Then apply oil through hole in top of machine to the wick which is retained in cap of connecting rod, as shown in **Fig. 32**. Also oil the other moving parts inside, then replace cover.

*Fig. 32. Oiling Points
At the Back of the Machine*

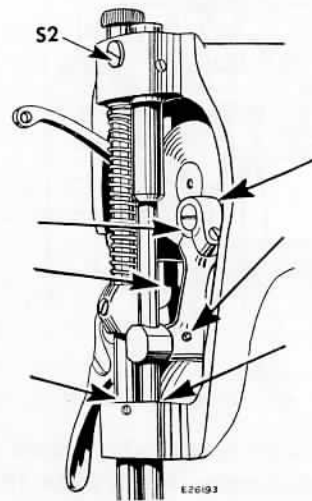


Fig. 33. End View Showing Oiling Points

Apply one drop of oil to the places indicated by the unlettered arrows in **Fig. 33**, then replace face plate and fasten it as before.

To reach parts underneath bed of machine, turn machine back on its hinges. Apply one drop of oil to the places indicated by the unlettered arrows in **Fig. 34**, page 36.

Machine Working Heavily

If the machine runs hard after standing idle for some time, use a little kerosene in the oiling places, run the machine rapidly, then wipe clean and oil.

To Clean the Stitch Forming Mechanism

After considerable use, the stitch forming mechanism in bed of machine may

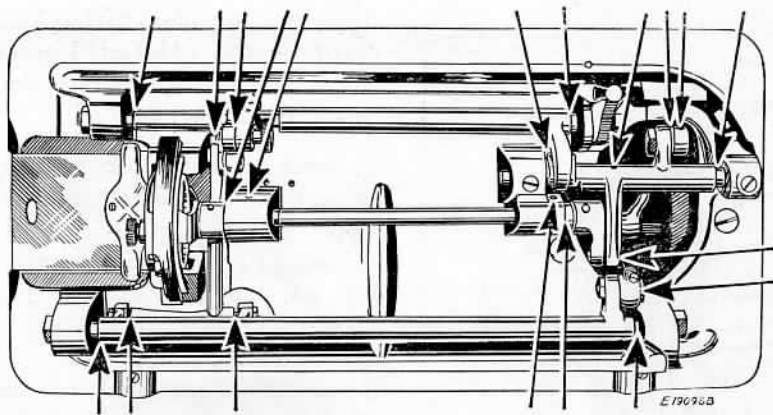


Fig. 34. Oiling Points in Base of Machine

become clogged with lint and this may interfere with the perfect operation of the machine.

Occasionally remove the shuttle from machine, as instructed on page 38, and remove any lint, etc., which has accumulated in machine.

TO LUBRICATE THE MOTOR

NEVER USE OIL OR ORDINARY GREASE FOR LUBRICATING THE MOTOR as they are harmful for this purpose. USE **SINGER*** Motor Lubricant, a tube of which is supplied with the machine.

When the machine is shipped from the factory, the two motor grease cups T2, Fig. 35 are filled with sufficient **SINGER** Motor Lubricant for approximately one year's use. Refill these grease cups at least once a year thereafter.

Turn machine back on its hinges and remove the two thumb screws from the two grease cups T2 and clean out interior of cups. Then insert tip of

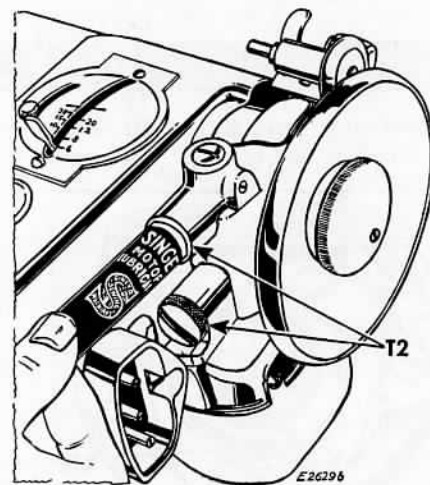


Fig. 35. Lubricating the Motor

motor lubricant tube into grease cups as shown in Fig. 35 and while holding tube firmly against bottom of grease

cup, squeeze enough grease into each cup to fill it. Replace and tighten thumb screws.

TO REMOVE THE SHUTTLE

Draw bed slide plate to the left. Turn hand wheel over toward you until

needle is at its highest point and point of shuttle is at the position shown in Fig. 36.

Remove bobbin case and bobbin. Take out thumb screw X2, Fig. 36, also spring W2, Fig. 36 and shuttle race back V2, Figs. 36 and 37. The shuttle U2, Figs. 36 and 37 may now be easily removed and the parts cleaned.

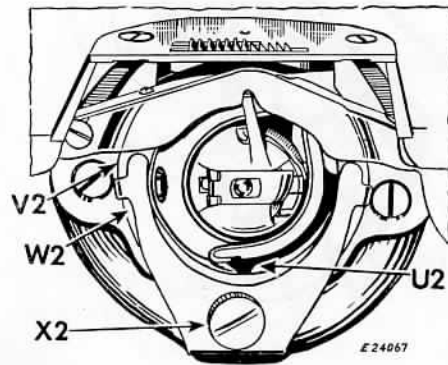


Fig. 36. Showing Position of Shuttle For Removal from Machine

TO REPLACE THE SHUTTLE

See that needle is at its highest point. Replace shuttle with its point U2 in position shown in Fig. 36, then replace the other parts in the order illustrated in Fig. 37. Replace and tighten thumb screw X2. Replace bobbin and bobbin case and close bed slide plate.

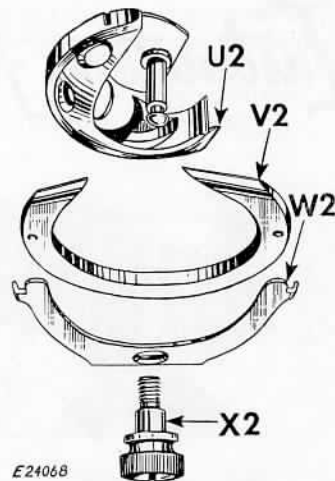


Fig. 37. Shuttle and Parts Removed From Machine

Instructions for using

ATTACHMENTS

THE FOOT HEMMER



Fig. 38
Foot Hemmer

The foot hemmer may be used for hemming edge of material, making hemmed and felled seams and for hemming and sewing on lace in one operation.

Raise needle to its highest point, remove presser foot and attach foot hemmer to presser bar in place of presser foot.

Pull up bobbin thread as instructed on page 16.

To Start Hem at Very Edge

1. Fold edge of material twice, about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch each time, for a distance of about two inches. Crease folds.

2. Lay about three inches of needle and bobbin threads back under hemmer. Place creased edge of material under hemmer with end of hem directly under needle. Lower hemmer and tack end of hem with two machine stitches.

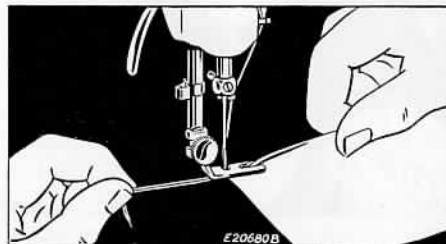


Fig. 39. Starting Hem at Very End of Material

3. Raise hemmer. Pull threads and hem slightly from you with left hand, then while holding threads, draw material toward you, with right hand, into scroll of hemmer until tacked end is caught in hemmer, as shown in Fig. 39.

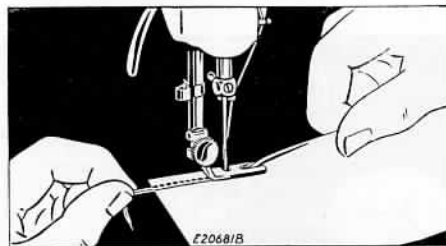


Fig. 40. Hemming Edge of Material and Pulling Back Threads While Sewing

4. Lower hemmer and start to sew, slightly pulling threads back while sewing. Keep mouth of hemmer full to produce a smooth, even hem as shown in Fig. 40.

To Make a Hemmed Seam with Foot Hemmer

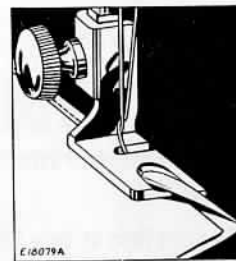


Fig. 41. Making a Hemmed Seam (First Operation)

1. When making this seam, the garment must first be fitted and the edge

of material trimmed, allowing for about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch seam. Insert the two edges of material, right sides together, in the hemmer in same manner as a single hem as shown in Fig. 41. If the material is bulky, place edge of upper piece of material about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch left of edge of under piece.

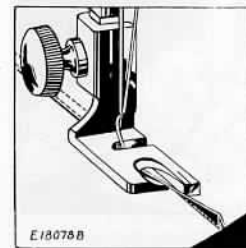


Fig. 42. Making a Hemmed Seam (Second Operation)

2. The free edge of hemmed seam may be stitched flat to garment, if desired. To do this, open the work out flat, wrong side up, then insert the hem in scroll of hemmer, holding edge of hem in position while it is being stitched. If seam is stitched flat to garment, one row of stitching is visible on the right side.

To Make a Felled Seam with Foot Hemmer

1. Place right sides of material together, having edge of upper piece about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch to the left of edge of under piece. Stitch the two pieces together, using hemmer as a presser foot. Guide both pieces by the projecting toe of hemmer, as shown in Fig. 43.

- Open the work out flat, wrong side up, and hem free edge of seam, stitching it flat to garment as shown in Fig. 44.

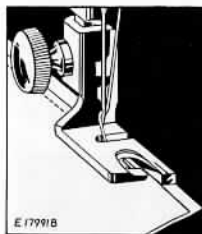


Fig. 43. Making a Felled Seam (First Operation)

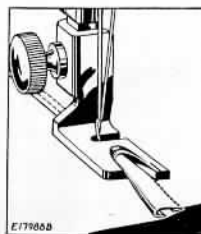


Fig. 44. Making a Felled Seam (Second Operation)

To Hem and Sew on Lace in One Operation

- Start hem in regular way.
- Hold hem in position with needle.

- Raise presser bar and insert edge of lace in slot of hemmer and back under hemmer.
- Lower presser bar and start sewing, catching edge of lace with needle.
- Guide hem with right hand and lace with left hand, being careful not to stretch lace as it enters hemmer.

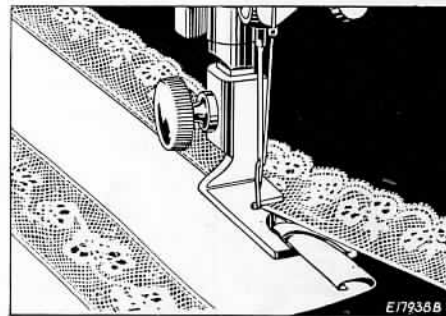


Fig. 45. Hemming and Sewing on Lace

ADJUSTABLE HEMMER

To Make Hems from 3/16 to 15/16 Inch Wide

- Attach adjustable hemmer to presser bar in place of presser foot.
- Pull up bobbin thread, as instructed on page 16.
- Loosen thumb screw on hemmer and move scale until pointer registers with number of desired width of hem. (No. 1 indicates the narrowest hem and No. 8, the widest.) Then tighten thumb screw.
- Place cloth in hemmer and draw it back and forth until hem is formed, as shown in Fig. 46.
- Draw end of hem back under needle, lower presser bar and start to sew.

- Guide sufficient cloth into hemmer to turn hem properly.

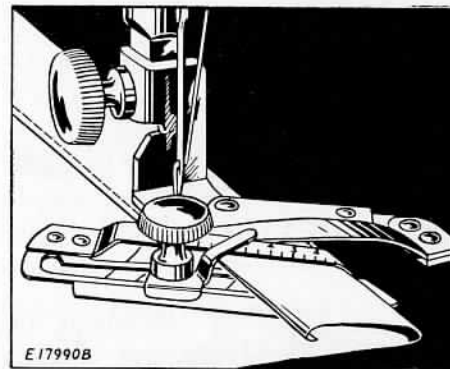


Fig. 46. Making Hem Up to 15/16 Inch Wide With Adjustable Hemmer

MULTI-SLOTTED BINDER

This multi-slotted binder will apply **unfolded bias binding** $\frac{15}{16}$ inch in width and commercial **folded binding** in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to seams or to edges of garments. These sizes of folded binding are $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{5}{16}$, $\frac{3}{8}$, $\frac{7}{16}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in width, respectively, and are fed through slots of corresponding sizes in the binder scroll. See Fig. 47. Binding may be purchased in a variety of materials and colors.

For convenience in determining the correct width of **unfolded binding** ($\frac{15}{16}$ inch), this measurement is marked on the binder, as shown in Fig. 47.

The two upright guide pins, shown in Fig. 47 eliminate manual guiding of the binding.

The wide range of bindings that can be applied with this binder makes it useful for a large variety of work. It will be

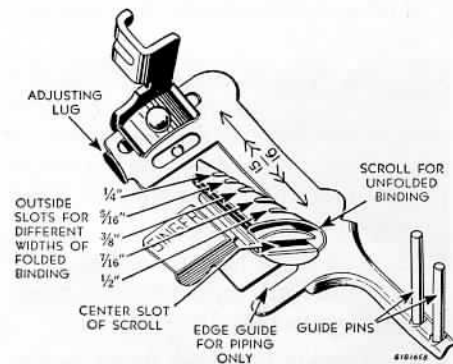


Fig. 47. Multi-Slotted Binder 160359

found particularly advantageous for making children's wear, lingerie, summer dresses, and other dainty articles which call for narrower bindings.

As two different widths of binding of contrasting colors can be fed through binder at same time, attractive binding and piping effects can be produced in one operation.

To Attach the Binder

Raise needle to its highest position. Then attach binder to presser bar in place of presser foot. See that needle enters center of needle hole.

To Insert Binding In Binder

Cut all binding to a long point to the left, as shown in Fig. 48.

Folded bias binding must be inserted in the slot or slots of corresponding sizes. See Fig. 51.

Unfolded or raw edge bias binding must be inserted in the open end of the scroll. See Fig. 49.

After inserting pointed end of binding in binder, push it through until full width of binding is under needle.

Guide binding by means of two upright pins, as shown in Figs. 49 to 53.

To Insert Garment in Binder

Place edge to be bound as far to right as it will go in center slot of scroll C2, as shown in Fig. 49, and draw it back under binder foot.

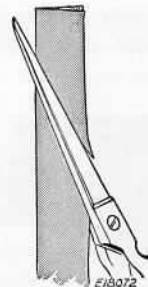


Fig. 48

Lower binder by means of presser foot lifter, and start to sew. Keep material

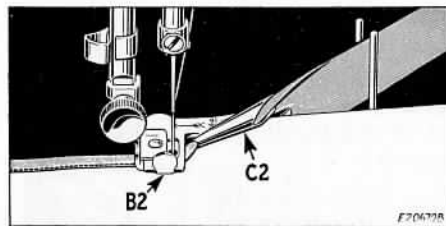


Fig. 49. Binding with Unfolded Binding

well within center slot of scroll so that edge will be caught in binding.

To Adjust the Binder

To bring inner edge of binding closer to the stitching, move scroll C2, Fig. 49

to the right by means of lug B2, Fig. 49. This is the usual adjustment when binding straight edges.

When binding curves, move scroll to left to bring inner edge of binding farther from stitching and allow for sweep of curve.

Piped Edge

To produce a piped edge on garments, move lug B2, Fig. 50 to left to bring

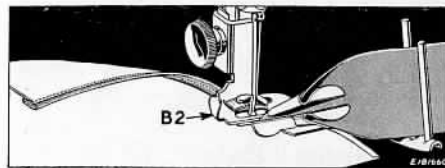


Fig. 50. Position of Garment and Binding When Piping Edges

stitching about midway of folded binding.

Crease raw edges of garment toward wrong side about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch, and insert folded edge, raw edges uppermost, into edge guide on binder, and beneath binding.

When stitched, both sides of garment will be finished, and right side will show piped edge.

Piping and Binding in One Operation

A garment can be piped and bound in one operation, as shown in Fig. 51.

IMPORTANT: When piping and binding at same time, as shown in Fig. 51, insert narrow width of binding first in its slot, then insert wider width in its slot. Two consecutive widths should not be used at same

time. That is, if No. 1 is used, wider binding should not be smaller than No. 3. If No. 2 is used, wider binding should not be less than No. 4. **Never use Nos. 1 and 2, or 2 and 3, etc., together.**

Use the upright guide pins to guide the wider of the two widths of binding, as shown in Fig. 51.

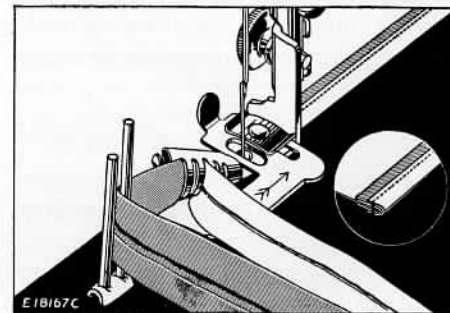


Fig. 51. Piping and Binding in One Operation

To Bind Outside Curves

Allow edge to be bound to pass freely through scroll without crowding against scroll wall. The material must be guided from back of binder and to left, permitting unfinished edges to swing naturally into scroll of binder.

Never pull binding while it is being fed through binder, as this may stretch binding, making it too narrow to stitch or to turn in the edges.

When binding curves, turn material only as fast as machine sews.

Do not push material in too fast as this will pucker edge.

Do not stretch material as this will distort edge so that curve will not have proper shape when finished.

If stitching does not catch edge of binding, adjust scroll slightly to the left.

To Bind Inside Curves

When binding an inside curve, straighten out edge of material while feeding it into binder, being careful not to stretch material.

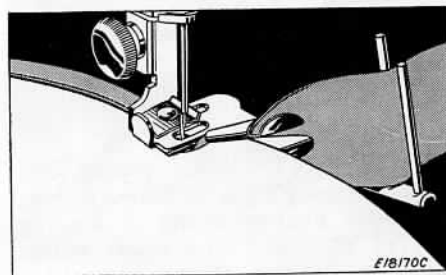


Fig. 52. Binding an Outside Curve

Soft materials, like batiste or crepe de chine, require a row of stitching added close to edge of curve before binding.

To Apply French Folds to Curves

Place material under binder and stitch binding onto face of material, as shown in Fig. 53.

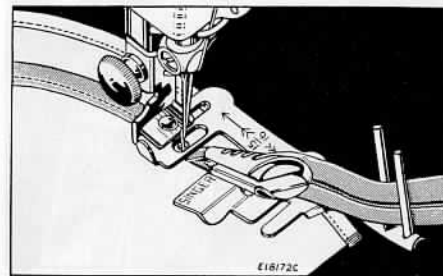


Fig. 53. Applying a French Fold

For guidance in applying rows of French folds, mark material with a line of basting stitches or with chalk or pencil.

THE EDGE-STITCHER

This useful attachment is fastened to machine in place of presser foot, and will be found an indispensable aid whenever stitching must be kept accurately on extreme edge of a piece of material.

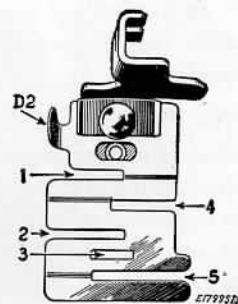


Fig. 54
The Edge-Stitcher

in Fig. 54, serve as guides for sewing together laces, insertions and embroideries, sewing in position hemmed or folded edges, piping or sewing flat braid to a garment.

To Adjust the Edge-Stitcher

Fasten this attachment to presser bar in place of presser foot.

Turn hand wheel slowly by hand to see that needle goes through center of needle hole.

The distance from line of stitching to edge of material in slots is regulated by moving lug D2, Fig. 54 to right or left. If lug moves with difficulty, place a drop of oil under blue spring, then wipe it dry.

To Sew Lace Together

1. Insert one of the laces in slot 1 of edge-stitcher and the other in slot 4, Fig. 54.

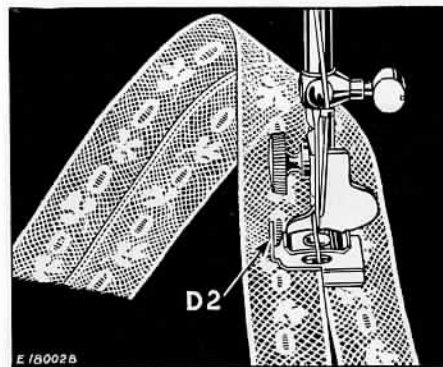


Fig. 55. Sewing Lace Together

2. Adjust lug D2 until edges to be joined are caught by the stitching.
3. Slightly overlap edges of lace while stitching to keep them against ends of slots.
4. Loosen both thread tensions to avoid puckering of fine lace.

To Insert Lace or Ribbon

1. Fold edge of material to which lace or ribbon is to be sewn and insert it in slot 1, Fig. 54 of edge-stitcher.

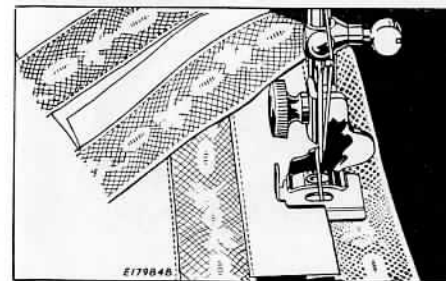


Fig. 56. Setting in Lace Insertion

2. Insert lace or ribbon in slot 4 of edge-stitcher and proceed to sew.
3. Cut away surplus folded material close to stitching.

To Pipe with Edge-Stitcher

1. Cut piping bias and twice width of slot 3 so that it can be folded once.
2. Insert piping with its folded edge to left in slot 3 and edge to be piped in slot 4, Fig. 54.

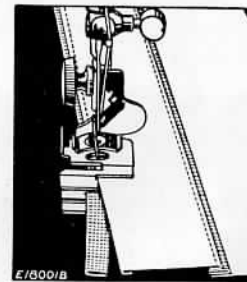


Fig. 57. Piping with Edge-Stitcher

To Apply Folded Bias Tape or Military Braid

1. Place garment under edge-stitcher and tape in slot 1 or 4, **Fig. 54**.
2. To make square corners, sew to turning point, remove tape from attachment, form corner by hand, replace tape and continue stitching. See **Fig. 58**.
3. To space two or more parallel rows, mark material with a guide line, using a crease, chalk or basting thread.

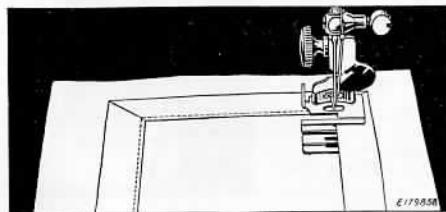


Fig. 58. Applying Bias Folded Tape

To Stitch a Wide Hem

1. A wide hem may be stitched evenly on sheets, pillow slips, etc., with edge-stitcher after hem has been measured and edge turned.
2. Insert edge in slot 5, **Fig. 54**, and adjust lug **D2** to stitch as close to edge as desired.

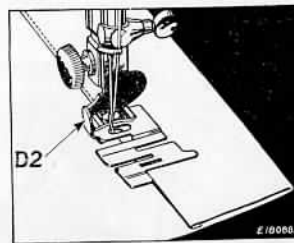


Fig. 59. Making a Wide Hem

To Make a French Seam

1. To make a French seam of uniform width, insert two edges to be joined, wrong sides together, in slot 1 or 2, **Fig. 54**, and stitch close to edge.
2. Fold both right sides together and insert back of seam in slot 1, as shown in **Fig. 60**, and stitch, allowing just enough margin to conceal raw edges.

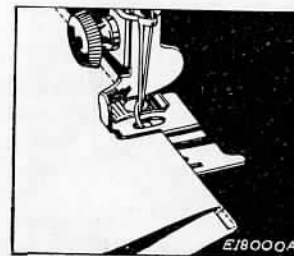


Fig. 60. Making a French Seam (Second Operation)

To Tuck with Edge-Stitcher

The maximum width of tuck that can be made with edge-stitcher is $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

1. Fold and crease material for desired width of tuck.

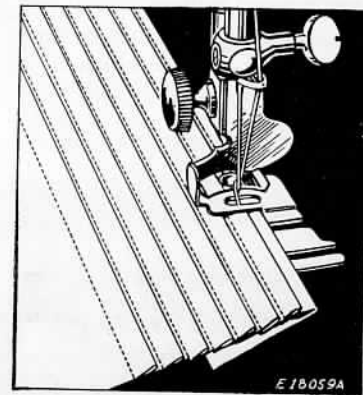


Fig. 61. Tucking with Edge-Stitcher

- For succeeding tucks, fold material the desired distance from previous tuck, running the fold lengthwise over a straight edge, then crease folds.
- Insert creased folds in slot 1, Fig. 54 and adjust edge-stitcher to right or left for the desired width of tuck. Use a light tension, short stitch and fine thread and needle.

GATHERING FOOT

To Shirr with Gathering Foot

- Fasten gathering foot to presser bar in place of presser foot.
- Place material under gathering foot and stitch in usual way.

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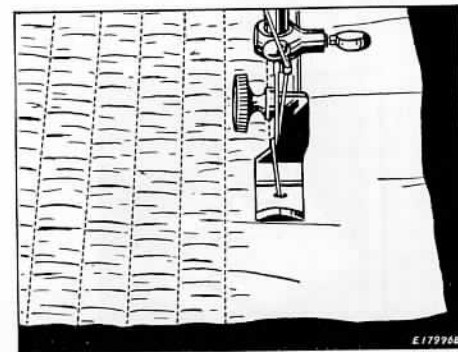


Fig. 62. Shirring with Gathering Foot

- The fullness of shirring or amount of gathering is regulated by length of stitch. A longer stitch increases fullness of gathers.

THE RUFFLER

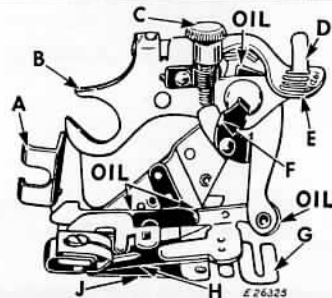


Fig. 63. Principal Parts of Ruffler

To Oil the Ruffler

The ruffler requires oiling at the beginning of each working day to insure smooth operation and to prevent rust and wear.

Apply **one** drop of oil at each point indicated in Fig. 63, then wipe off excess oil. Operate ruffler with a piece of waste material until there is no oil on parts that come into contact with the work.

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- A—Foot—attaches ruffler to presser bar.
- B—Fork Arm—straddles needle clamp.
- C—Adjusting Screw—regulates fullness of gathers.
- D—Projection—engages slots in adjusting lever.
- E—Adjusting Lever—sets ruffler for gathering or for making a pleat once at every 6 stitches or once every 12 stitches as desired; also for disengaging ruffler, when either pleating or gathering is not desired.
- F—Adjusting Finger—regulates width or size of pleats.
- G—Separator Guide—contains slots into which edge of material is placed to keep heading of ruffle even. Also for separating material to be ruffled from material to which ruffle is to be attached.
- H—Ruffling Blade—pushes material in pleats up to needle.

J—Separator Blade—prevents ruffling blade teeth from contacting feed or material to which ruffle or pleating is applied.

To Attach Ruffler

1. Raise needle to its highest point.
2. Loosen presser foot thumb screw and attach ruffler to presser bar in place of presser foot, at same time placing fork arm **B** astride needle clamp.
3. See that needle enters center of needle hole in ruffler.

To Adjust Ruffler for Gathering

1. Swing adjusting finger **F** away from needle.
2. Raise adjusting lever **E** and move it until projection **D** can be entered in slot marked "1".



Fig. 64. Correct Position for Material to be Ruffled

3. Insert material to be ruffled between two blue blades **Line 2**, Fig. 64.

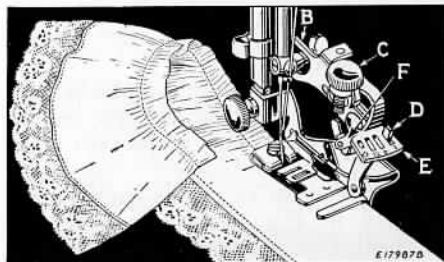


Fig. 65. Gathering with Ruffler

4. Draw material slightly back of needle, lower presser bar and start to sew.
5. For fine gathering, turn adjusting screw **C** upward and shorten stitch.
6. For full gathering, turn adjusting screw **C** downward and lengthen stitch.

To Make a Ruffle and Sew It to a Garment In One Operation

1. Insert material to be ruffled between two blue blades **Line 2**, Fig. 66.

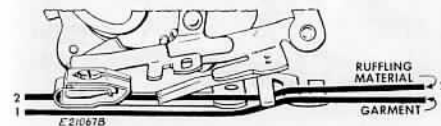


Fig. 66. Correct Positions for Materials

2. Place material to which ruffle is to be attached under separator blade **Line 1**, Fig. 66.
3. Proceed same as for plain gathering.

To Make a Ruffle and Attach It With a Facing in One Operation

1. Insert material to be ruffled between two blue blades **Line 2**, Fig. 68.

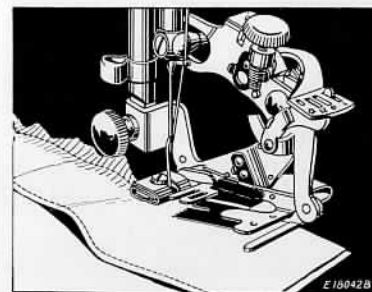


Fig. 67. Making a Ruffle and Attaching It In One Operation

- Place material to which ruffle is to be attached under separator blade **Line 1, Fig. 68.**
- Place facing material over upper blue blade **Line 4, Fig. 68.**

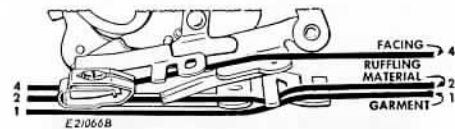


Fig. 68. Correct Positions for Materials

- If facing is to be on right side of garment, place wrong sides of garment and ruffle together.
- If facing is to be on wrong side, place right sides of garment and ruffle together.

To Pipe a Ruffle

- Insert material to be ruffled between two blue blades **Line 3, Fig. 70.**

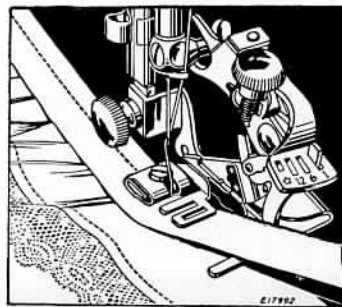


Fig. 69. Making a Ruffle and Attaching It With a Facing In One Operation

This material must not exceed $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in width.



Fig. 70. Correct Positions for Materials

- Piping material is usually cut on the bias and it should be about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch wide when folded in center. Place piping material in ruffler, following **Line 5, Fig. 70** with folded edge of piping to the right.
- Fold edge of material to which piping and ruffling are to be attached

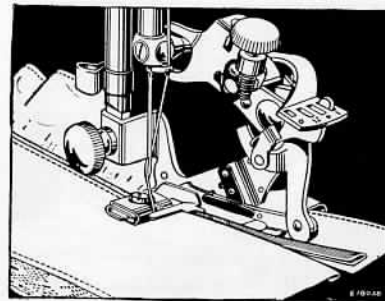


Fig. 71. Piping a Ruffle

and insert it in ruffler, following **Line 6, Fig. 70.**

To Adjust Ruffler for Pleating

- Raise adjusting lever E and move it until projection D can be entered in slot marked "6". The ruffler will then pleat once every six stitches. To pleat once every 12 stitches, have projection D enter slot "12" in adjusting lever E.
- Insert material to be pleated between two blue blades **Line 2, Fig. 72.**



Fig. 72. Correct Position for Material

3. To increase width of pleat, move adjusting finger **F** back toward needle and turn adjusting screw **C** downward. To make a smaller pleat, turn adjusting screw **C** upward. The distance between pleats is regulated by length of stitch.

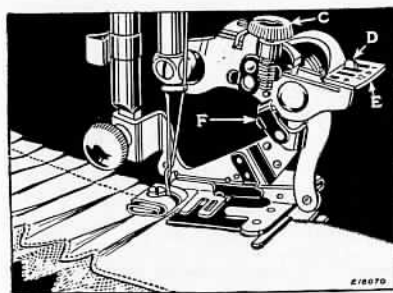


Fig. 73. Pleating with the Ruffler

To Adjust Ruffler for Group Pleating

1. To make the space between groups of pleats, raise adjusting lever **E** and move it until projection **D** can be entered in small slot indicated by star on adjusting lever **E**. The ruffler will then stop pleating and plain stitching will be made.

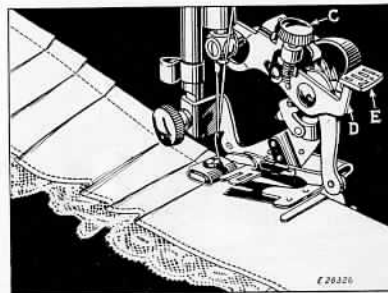


Fig. 74. Group Pleating with Ruffler



Fig. 75. Correct Position for Material

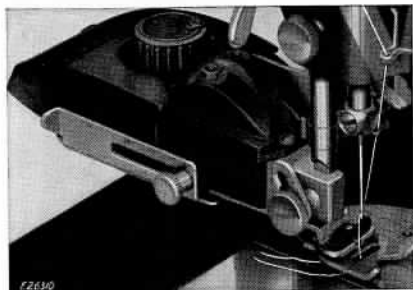
2. When the desired space is made, set projection **D** in either of slots 6 or 12.

3. Insert material to be pleated between two blue blades **Line 2, Fig. 75.**

FASHION AIDS

The following FASHION* Aids are available for separate purchase at your SINGER SEWING CENTER.

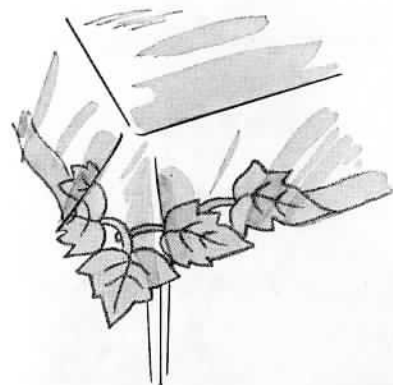
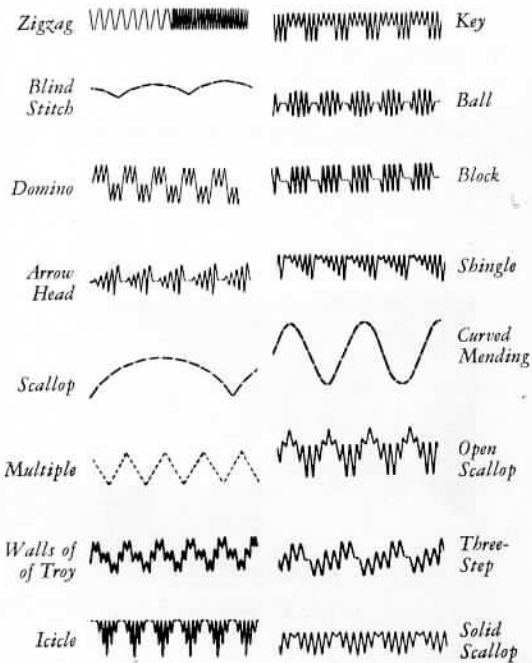
Automatic Zigzagger



Zigzag stitching, decorative pattern stitching, applique—all of these and more may be done *automatically* on your SINGER with the Automatic Zigzagger Attachment.

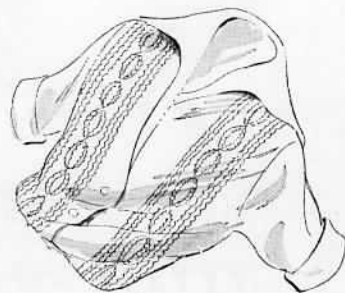
You can blindstitch hems, mend rips and tears, reinforce seams, overedge seam edges and stitch scallop facing easily and quickly.

Merely insert one of the many Stitch Patterns into the Automatic Zigzagger and sew.



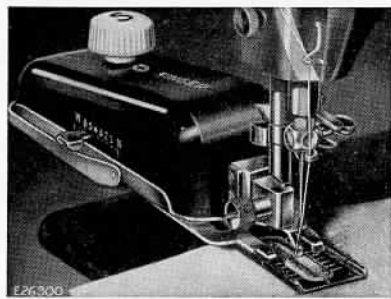
Applied Table Cloth Border

Blouse with Blindstitch Border Design



Girls' Dress with Border Design in Domino Pattern

The Buttonholer



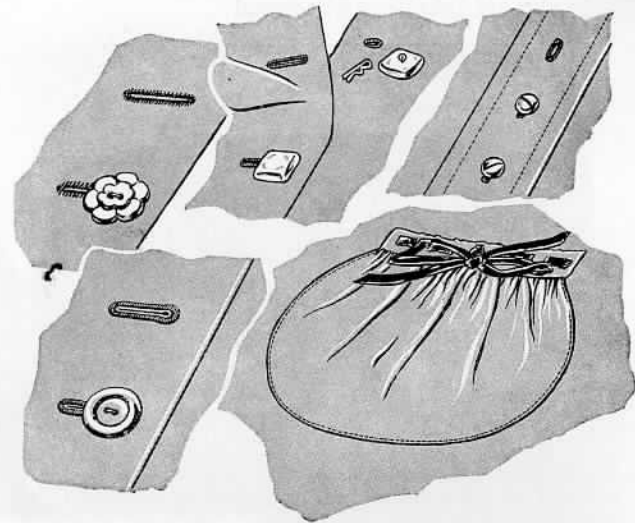
Beautiful, evenly stitched buttonholes may be made on your SINGER Machine with the Buttonholer, as easily as you do straight stitching.

Merely slip the template, for the size buttonhole you require, into the attachment and replace the presser foot with the Buttonholer. Every buttonhole will



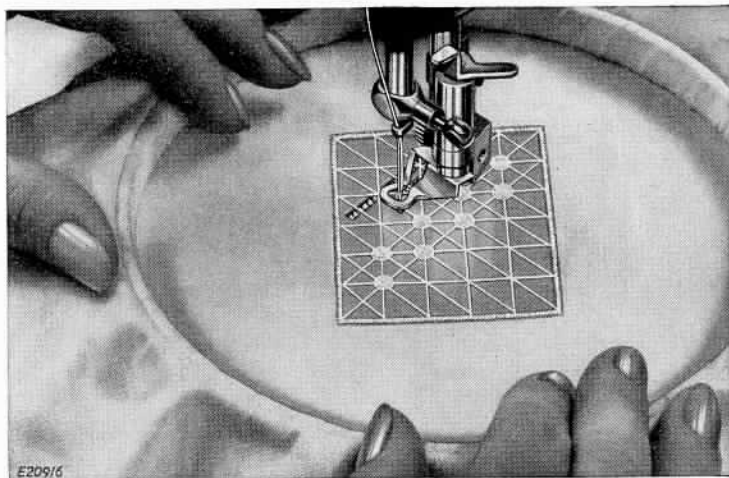
*Sample of
Work
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Buttonholer*

be identical. The Buttonholer does the work for you—straight buttonholes in seven lengths: $\frac{5}{16}$ " , $\frac{3}{8}$ " , $\frac{1}{2}$ " , $\frac{5}{8}$ " , $\frac{13}{16}$ " , $\frac{15}{16}$ " and $1\frac{1}{16}$ " ; keyhole, in two lengths: $\frac{5}{8}$ " and $1\frac{1}{16}$ " .



Samples of Work Produced by SINGER Buttonholer

Darning and Embroidery Attachment



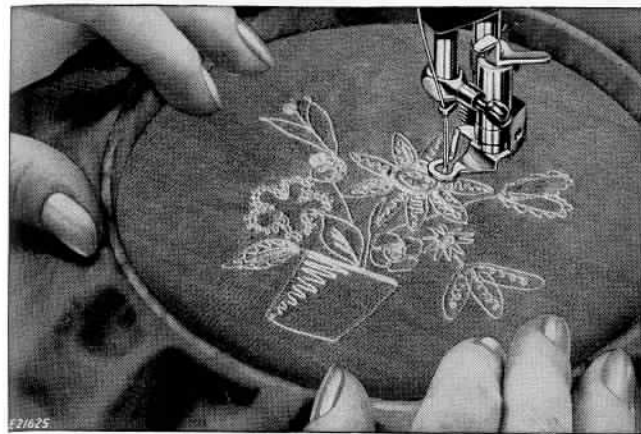
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The Web Lace Stitch

The Darning and Embroidery Attachment contributes to the ease with which free-motion sewing is accomplished. Lovely embroidered effects are possible on a wide range of fabrics.

The foot merely holds the fabric down while the stitch is being formed and releases the fabric when the needle has risen to allow free movement of the work for variety of embroidery effects.

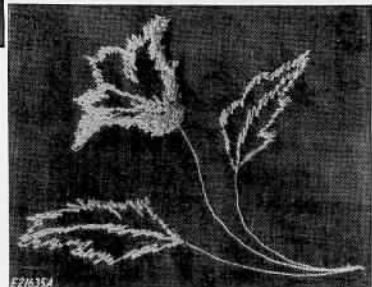
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The Tracing Stitch

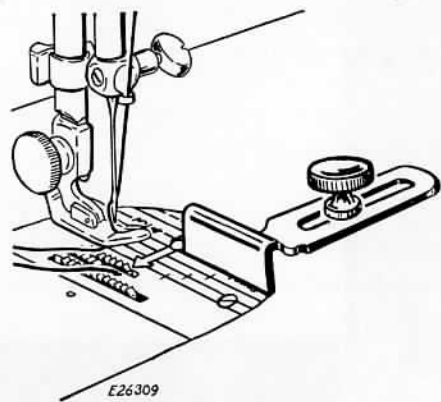
The Darning Stitch



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Seam Guide



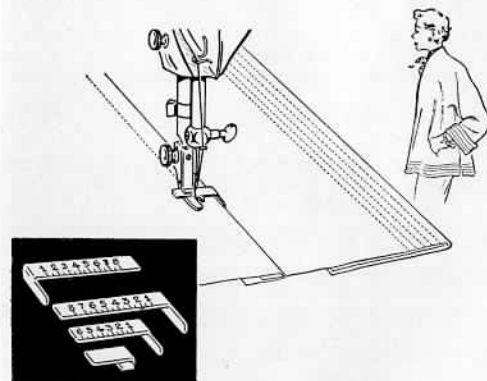
The Seam Guide

The Seam Guide is helpful in stitching seams an exact width, and for stitching a uniform distance from a finished edge.

Especially helpful for those just learning to sew and an aid to those demanding greater uniformity in seam width than the eye might give, the seam guide is a useful addition to your sewing equipment.

The scoring on the throat plate of your SINGER Machine makes it easy for you to set the Seam Guide to an exact distance from the needle.

Gauge Presser Foot



The Gauge Presser Foot

gauged evenly along lapel and facing edges, welt seams, or hems.

An accurate set of gauges (lined at $\frac{1}{8}$ " and numbered at $\frac{1}{4}$ " intervals)—one for use at the left of needle and three for use at right of the needle, accompany the Gauge Presser Foot.

Expert and beautiful stitching is accomplished with a minimum of skill and preparation through the use of the SINGER Gauge Presser Foot. Single or multiple rows of stitching may be

The side walls of the gauges vary in depth to accommodate fabrics and constructions of different thickness. Smart, even stitching accents are effectively placed with the Gauge Presser Foot.

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