

Perfect Hems

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<http://www.burdastyle.com/techniques/perfect-hems>



Uses: Hems are used on the bottoms of tops, dresses and sleeves. Because the best-looking hems are topstitched, it is important to have very straight hems to catch the fabric underneath. Check out more techniques at: <http://sewhappyclothes.blogspot.com/search/label/Techniques>.

Step 1 — Wide fold



Using the wider cardboard as a guide, fold and press your hem.

Step 2 — Small fold



Unfold. Place the skinner strip along the fold line. Fold the raw edge over the strip and press.

Step 3 — Press



For good measure, keep the smaller strip in place and fold again along the original fold line and press, pressing the raw edge under.

Step 4 — Topstitch



Turning to the right side, topstitch at the width between your widest fold and smallest fold. So for mine I stitched at 1 1/4".

Step 5 — Inspect



On the wrong side, you should have a neat seam with all the raw edges sewn under. If anything is sticking out, you may be able to tuck it back in using handstitching or tape.

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