

How to Easily Remove Serger Stitches, Step by Step

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I suppose I can call myself a pro when it comes to removing sewing machine stitching but when I began serging in 2008, I had a problem. I was good at making mistakes while serging but I wasn't good at removing the stitches and starting afresh! Along came some research and today I have an easy method (which was derived from different sources), that can take away the frustration and hassle that comes with removing serger stitches. Find this tutorial and others on my crafting blog: St. Gemma's Art and Needlework Rebekah Fox

Step 1 — The Tools



You will need two tools to help you out: a seam ripper and a pair of tweezers. (My serger came with the tweezers I am using here.)

Step 2 — My Serged Sample



The serged sample I am using in the photos is a three-thread overlock stitch where medium blue thread was used for the loopers and a navy for the needle.

Step 3 — Clipping the Needle Thread



Begin removing the serger stitches by cutting the needle thread (the navy blue thread), with your seam rippers near the end of the fabric if you can.

Step 4 — Clipping the Entire Stitching Line



Then cut the stitching line every couple inches along the entire length of the serging. No need to cut through the loops!

Step 5 — Plucking the Needle Thread



After all the clipping is done, take your tweezers and pull on the needle thread at one end of the serging. The needle thread will easily be removed because of the consecutive clippings you did with the seam ripper.

Step 6 — The Needle Thread Removed



Above you can see the needle thread has been removed and only the loops remain.

Step 7 — How to Pluck the Needle Thread



Continue removing the needle thread with the tweezers. I have found it easier to pull on the thread from the middle rather than the ends.

Step 8 — Remove the Loops



Once the thread has been removed completely, simply pull away the loops. It will happen in one satisfying swoop.

Step 9 — Serger Stitches Removed



And you are left with a raw edge ready to be serged again. One last tip: fabric holes left by the needle can be removed simply by misting the fabric with a solution of 1 to 2 teaspoons of white vinegar to 1 cup water. Steam iron until fully dry.

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