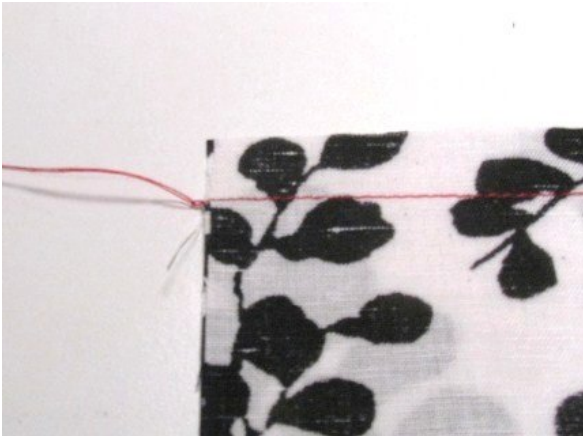


Sewing seams on sheer fabrics

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Tops and dresses made of sheer fabrics are very popular these days but sewing with these unpredictable fabrics can be a real pain. Aside from dealing with their sliver thin, slippery nature the simple act of stitching seams with this fabric can sometimes be an issue. Case in point, backstitching to lock seams. Sometimes when sewing in reverse at the beginning and end of a seam the fabric, due to its very thin, delicate nature will either bunch up or can get stuck in the throat plate creating a knotty mess. To further complicate matters, these fabrics have a tendency to fray excessively so removing these mishaps simply encourage more fraying. To avoid this from happening don't backstitch to lock your seams. Instead, lock your seams with a tiny stitch at the beginning and end of the seam.

Step 1 — Begin stitching seam



As you start to stitch a seam, reduce the stitch length to a tiny 1.0 cm length. Sew, going forward, while gently pulling the thread tails to prevent the fabric from sinking into the throat plate. Stitch at this length for the first quarter inch.

Step 2 — Finish the seam



Once past the quarter inch, increase the stitch length to the usual setting and continue to sew the seam. When about a quarter inch from the end, repeat the process. Reduce the stitch length to the 1.0 cm. setting and sew off the end of the seam. No bunching, puckering or knotting at the ends. Just a nice clean, smooth seam with just enough hold to keep the seam locked.

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