

Seam allowance



Seam allowance measurements are etched into the throat plate underneath and beside the needle on the sewing machine. Measuring from the needle to the edge of the fabric is the seam allowance. The seam allowance is set out in the pattern and is normally 5/8inch (1.5cm) for garments. In quilting 1/4inch (0.6cm) seam allowance is used. For other projects the seam allowance is personal choice.



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