

basic sewing steps and troubleshooting

BEFORE YOU START

- 1. Check the thread routing.
- 2. Check the position of the take-up arm. Turn the wheel ONLY toward you.
- 3. Control the thread ends—10 o'clock position.
- 4. Set the needle by hand.
- 5. Cycle two strokes by hand, then sew to the end of the row.
- 6. Last two stitches by hand; stop with the needle coming 1/2-way up.
- 7. Lift the presser foot and turn the work.
- 8. Clip the starting thread and dispose in the trash can.
- 9. At the end, overstitch 3 inches to lock the stitch (minimum 1-1/4").
- 11. Stop with the tension arm up.
- 12. Left the presser foot, pull gently keeping the stitch row tight, rock the wheel to establish 6" thread slack.
- 13. Remove the work.
- 14. Clip and dispose of the thread ends; place fabric scrap under the presser foot.

SIMPLE TROUBLESHOOTING

Check the thread routing from the spool to the needle.

Re-thread the bobbin, and check correct orientation and tension. TEST

Right needle for the thread?

Correct orientation of the needle?

Remove the bobbin case and bobbin, check the inside of the bobbin case for dirt and the surrounding area for stray pieces of thread.

Remove the needle, check the point for mushrooming and the eye for cracks. Dress or replace as needed. TEST

Correct top tension (first)?

Correct bobbin tension (last)?

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