OWNER'S MANUAL



MODEL 385. 17526

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Dear Customer:

You have just invested in a very fine zigzag sewing machine. Before using your new Kenmore machine, please pause for a moment and carefully read this booklet which contains instructions on how to operate and care for your machine.

Specific instructions are given on threading, tension adjustments, cleaning, oiling, etc. This will help you obtain the best sewing results and avoid unnecessary service expense for conditions beyond our control.

Advice on the operation and care of your machine is always available at your nearest Sears Retail Store. Please remember, if you have questions about your machine or need parts and service, always mention the model number and serial number when you inquire.

Kenmore Sewing Machine

Record in space provided below the model number and serial number of this appliance. The model number and serial number are located on the nomenclature plate, as identified on Page 4 of this booklet.

Model No. 385.Serial No.Retain these numbers for future reference.

THIS MODEL IS A CENTER NEEDLE, LOW BAR SEWING MACHINE.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Your sewing machine is designed and constructed only for HOUSEHOLD use. Read all instruction before using this sewing machine.

DANGER-To reduce the risk of electric shock:

- 1. An appliance should never be left unattended when plugged in. Always unplug this appliance from the electric outlet immediately after using and before cleaning.
- 2. Always unplug before relamping. Replace bulb with same type rated 15 Watts.
- 3. Do not reach for the appliance that has tallen into water. Unplug immediately .
- 4. Do not place or store appliance where it can tall or be pulled into a tub or sink. Do not place in or drop into water or other liquid.

WARNING-To reduce the risk of burns, fire, electric shock,

or injury to persons.

- 1. Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when this appliance is used by or near children.
- Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual. Use only attachments recommended by the manufacturer as contained in this manual.
- Never operate this appliance if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped or damaged, or dropped into water. Return the appliance to the nearest authorized dealer or service center to examination, repair, electrical or mechanical adjustment.

- 4. Never operate the appliance with any air opening blocked. Keep ventilation openings of the sewing machine and toot controller free from accumulation of lint, dust, and loose cloth.
- 5. Never drop or insert any object into any opening.
- 6. Do not use outdoors.
- 7. Do not operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- 8. To disconnect, turn all controls to the off ("0") position, then remove plug trom outlet.
- 9. Do not unplug by pulling on cord. To unplug, grasp the plug, not the cord.
- 10. Keep fingers away from all moving parts. Special care is required around the sewing machine needle.
- 11. Always use the proper needle plate. The wrong plate can cause the needle to break.
- 12. Do not use bent needles.
- Do not pull or push tabric while stitching. It may deflect the needle causing it to break.
- 14. Switch the sewing machine off ("0") when making any adjustment in the needle area, such as threading needle, changing needle, threading bobbin, or changing presser foot, and the like.
- 15. Always unplug the sewing machine from the electrical outlet when removing covers, lubricating, or when making any other adjustments mentioned in the instruction manual.

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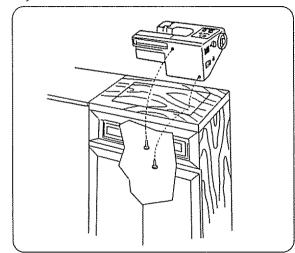
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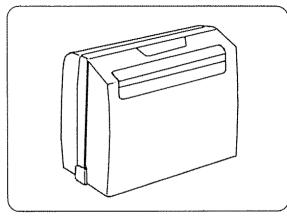
A Portable Case or Cabinet is Available

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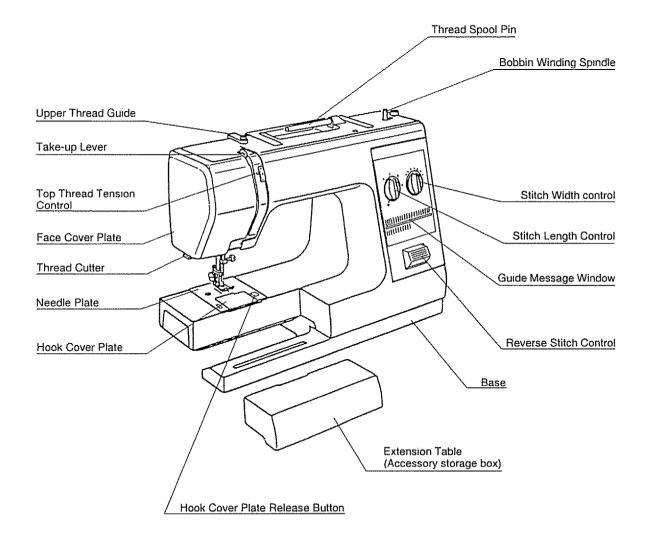
A tull line of sewing cabinets is available at your nearest Sears retail store or through our general catalog.

Another option buy a Carrying Case then your Kenmore goes anywhere, can be stored anywhere.



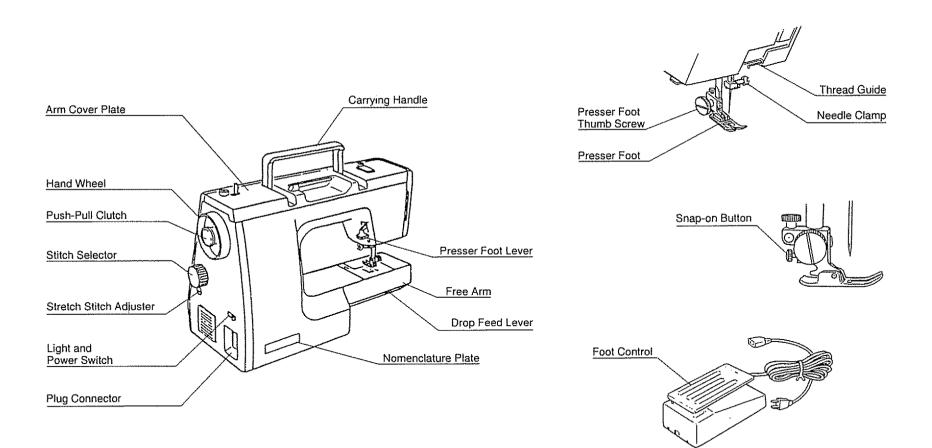


Locate and Identify the Parts



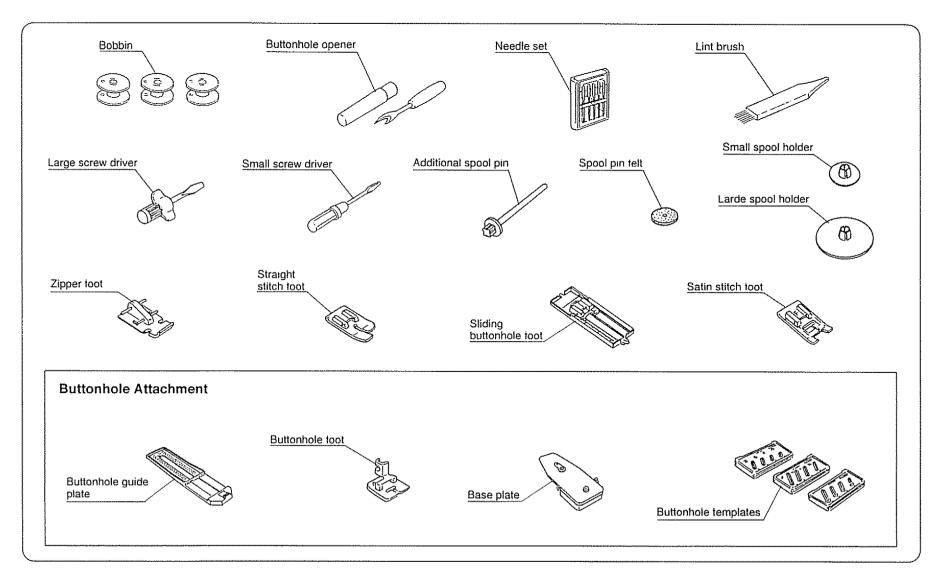
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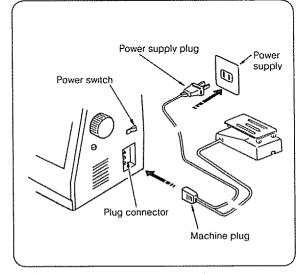
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Identify the Accessories



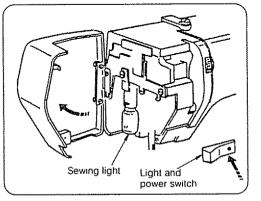
Set Up the Machine

• Plug in the Machine and Switch on the Power



NOTE: Before inserting the plug into your machine, be sure the power switch is OFF.

- 1. Check your outlet to be sure it is a 110 to 120 Volt AC outlet.
- 2. Insert the machine plug into the three-prong outlet, as shown. It will only fit one way.
- 3. Insert the power supply plug into the outlet.

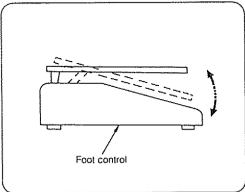


4. Push the power switch to turn on the power and sewing light.

SAFETY FEATURE:

Your machine will not operate unless the power switch is turned on. If you are interrupted or stop sewing, turn off the power switch to prevent injury to children.

Foot Control Use



The foot control regulates the speed at which you sew.

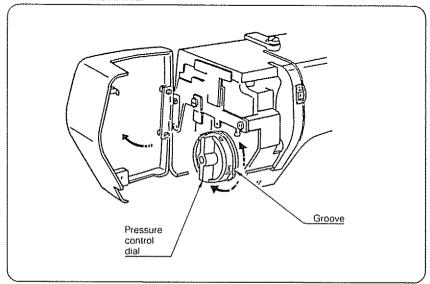
To increase speed, gently press down with the ball of your toot.

To decrease speed, release your toot pressure slightly.

NOTE: The foot control is sensitive and will increase or decrease your sewing speed immediately. Practice on a scrap of fabric to

regulate your sewing speed to your taste and needs.

• Set the Pressure Dial



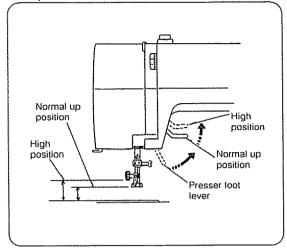
The pressure control dial is located inside the tace cover plate.

Set the dial aligning the setting mark on the dial with the groove as tollows.

- 3 ····· most sewing
- 2 applique and Cut-Out work
- 1 basting, sewing chiffon, lase, organdy and other lightweight tabrics. Also for velours and knits (with more stretch).
- 0 manual darning and embroidery
- NOTE: The pressure dial should be rest at 3 after changing pressure, so the machine is ready tor most normal sewing the next time you use it.

Set Up the Machine (Continued)

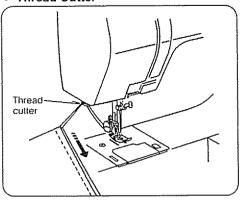
Adjust the Presser Foot Lever



The Presser Foot Lever raises and lowers your presser toot.

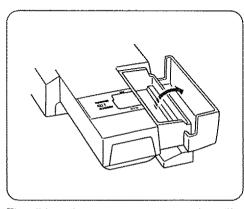
You can raise it about 1/4" higher than the normal up position for easy removal of the presser foot or to help you place heavy fabrics under the presser toot.

Thread Cutter



You don't need a pair of scissors to cut the thread after you finish sewing. Just use the handy thread cutter.

Accessory Storage Box

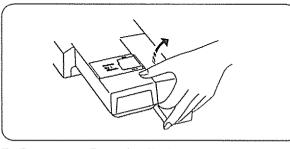


The lid of the accessory storage box lifts open toward you.

Sewing accessories are conveniently located in the box.

• Free-Arm Sewing: the Removable Extension Table

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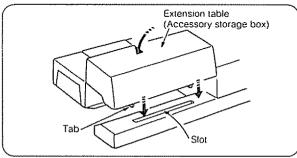


To Remove the Extension Table

(for tree-arm sewing)

- 1. Grip the table with your index finger and thumb, as shown.
- 2. Pull gently toward you. The extension table will snap out.

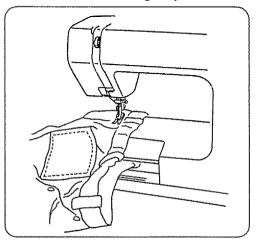
To Attach:



To Attach the Extension Table (for flat-bed sewing)

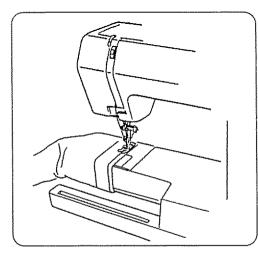
- 1. Fit the tab into the slot, as shown.
- 2. With your thumb and index finger, gently snap in.

Your sewing machine can do free arm sewing. This feature makes sewing easy for:

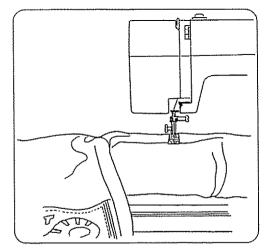


* Bar tacking to reinforce pockets, plackets and waistlines on ready-made or homemade garments to avoid tabric bunching around the needle.

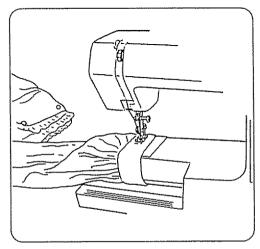
Set Up the Machine (Continued)



* Stitching sleeves, waistbands, pants legs, or any circular garment area.



* Darning socks or mending knees, elbows, or areas of wear in children's clothes.



* Sewing buttons on sleeves, waistbands, etc.

Know What the Presser Feet Will Do

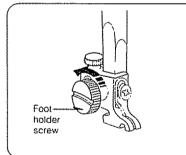
Check The Presser Foot

The Presser teet are an important teature this machine. You need to know what each does in order to use them effectively.

Your presser toot is held in place by a Foot Holder. Each presser toot merely snaps on the toot is holder, which is seldom removed.

If you need to remove or attach the toot holder, here is what you do:

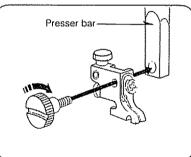
To Remove:



To Remove:

Turn the screw toward the back of the machine. Use the large screw driver.

To Attach:



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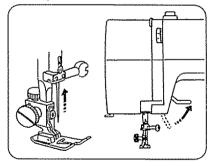
- Match the hole in the toot holder with the thread hole in the presser bar.
- 2. Fit the toot holder screw into the hole.
- 3. Tighten the screw by turning it toward you.

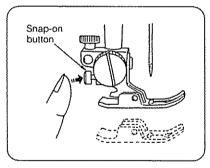
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· Change the Presser Foot

Use the correct presser toot for the stitch you wish to sew. Consult the Stitch Pattern Chat and the detailed direction for sewing with the various presser toot.

To Snap Off:





To Snap Off the Presser Foot::

- 1. Raise the needle bar to its highest position by turning the hand wheel toward you.
- 2. Raise the presser toot.
- 3. Press the snap-on button on the back of the toot holder. The presser toot will drop off.

Know What the Presser Feet Will Do (Continued)

· Change the Presser Foot (Continued)

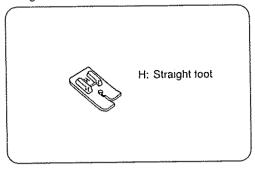
• Presser Foot Types





Use this foot for both straight and zigzag stitching.

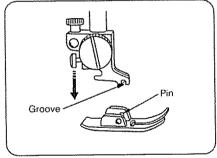
Uses: Zigzag stitching (see page 36), Bar tacking (see page 38), Button sewing (see page 40), Overcasting stitch (see page 41), Blind hemming (see page 42), Lace work (se page 43). Three-step zigzag (see page 44), Box stitching (see page 45), Two-point shell stitching (see page 46), Fagoting (see page 46), Two-point box stitch (see page 47), Overedging stitch (see page 47), Rick-rack stretch (see page 49), Overcast stretch (see page 50), Smoking (see page 50), Elastic stretch (see page 51), Stretch patching (see page 52), Herring bone stretch (see page 53), Decorative stretch patterns (see page 53). Twin needle stretching (see page 61). Straight Foot



Use this exclusively tor straight stitching using center needle position only.

Uses: Straight stitching (see page <u>31</u>), Topstitching (see page <u>32</u>), Straight stretch (see page <u>49</u>).

To Snap On

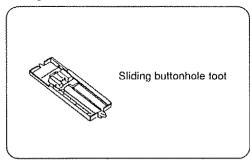


To Snap On the Presser Foot:

- Place the presser toot so the horizontal pin on the foot lies just under the groove of the toot holder.
- 2. Lower the presser toot holder to lock the presser foot in place.
- NOTE: If you do not hear the presser toot snap in place, press down on the presser toot holder firmly until you hear the snap.

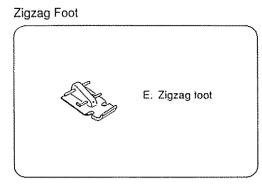
Presser Foot Types (Continued)

Sliding Buttonhole Foot



Use this tor buttonholes of built-in system. It is marked to measure your buttonholes accurately.

Uses: Buttonhole making (see page 54)



This toot can be set sew on each side of your zipper. The edges of the toot guide the zipper and keep the straight.

Uses: Zipper application (see page 33)

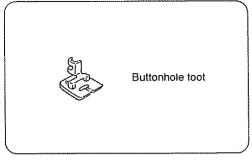
Satin Stitch Foot

Use this transparent toot for satin stitch and outlining applique.

Uses: Darning (see page <u>35</u>), Monogramming (see page <u>36</u>), Satin stitch (see page <u>37</u>), Applique (see page <u>38</u>), Shell stitching (see page <u>45</u>), Geometric decorative stitching (see page <u>48</u>), Twin needle stitching (see page <u>61</u>).

• Presser Foot Types (Continued)

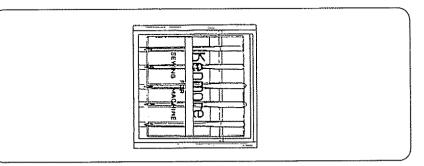
Buttonhole Foot



Use this toot when making buttonholes with buttonhole attachment system.

Uses: Buttonhole making (see page 57)

Choose the Needle and Thread



Your choice of needle and thread depends on the tabric your sewing.

In the needle case, you will find the tollowing color-coded needles:

Blue (11)	tor stretch tabric
Orange (11)	tor lightweight tabric
Red (14)	tor medium or medium-heavy weight fabrics
Purple(16)	tor medium-heavy weight and decorative
	topstitching on the these fabrics
	(This needle has a larger thread hole for
	thicker topstitching thread.)
Green (18) · · · · · · · · · · · ·	for heavy weight tabrics and decorative
	topstitching on these fabric

• Check the Needle

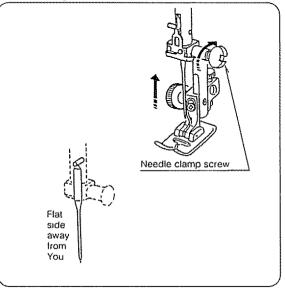
- 1. Look tor a barbed or blunt point.
- 2. A damaged needle can cause permanent snags or runs in knits, fine silks and silk-like tabrics.

Always buy a good quality thread. It should resist tangling and be strong, smooth and consistent in thickness.

• Fabric, Needle, Thread and Stitch Length Chart

FABRIC	NEEDLE SIZE AND COLOR	THREAD SIZE	RECOMMENDED STITCH LENGTH SETTING
Lightweight: Batiste, Dimity, Chiffon, Silks, Fine Lace, Organza, Crepe, Taffeta, Voile, Organdy	11-ORANGE	Polyester Core/Cotton Wrap Fine Mercerized Cotton Silk A	2 (12 stitches per inch)
Mediumweight: Cotton, Cotton Blend, Percale, Gingham, Shantung, Pique, Seersucker Satin, Knit, Suitings, Linen, Wool Crepe, Leather	14-RED	50 Mercerized Cotton Polyester Core/Cotton Wrap Silk A	2–2.5 (10-12 stitches per inch)
Medium Heavyweight: Corduroy, Denim, Wool, Sailcloth, Wool Flannel, Gabardine, Velvet, Leather	14-RED 16-PURPLE	50 Mercerized Cotton Mercerized Heavy-duty Polyester Core/Cotton Wrap Silk A	23 (8-10 stitches per inch)
Heavyweight: Coating, Upholstery Cotton Duck, Heavy Twills, Canvas	16-PURPLE 18-GREEN	Heavy-duty Mercerized Cotton Polyester Core/Cotton Wrap Silk A	3 (8 stitches per Inch)
Decorative top-stitching on all types of fabric	16-PURPLE 18-GREEN	Buttonhole Twist (Use as top thread only)	3–4 (6-8 stitches per inch)
Stretch Fabric: Polyester Double Knit, Nylon Tricot, Jersey, Stretch Terry, Spandex, Cire Tricot	11-BLUE (STRETCH FABRIC NEEDLE)	Polyester Core/Cotton Wrap 50 Mercerized Cotton	2–2.5 (10-12 stitches per inch)

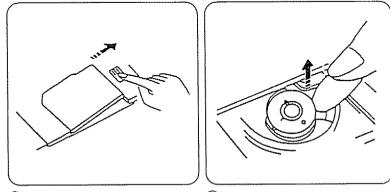
• To Change the Needle



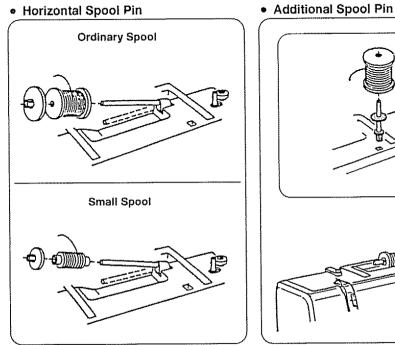
- NOTE: Raise the needle bar to its highest position by turning the hand wheel toward you.
- 1. Loosen the needle clamp screw by turning it toward you.
- 2. Remove the needle by pulling it downward.
- 3. Insert the new needle into the needle clamp with the flat side away from you.
- 4. Push the needle up as tar as it will go.
- 5. Tighten the needle clamp screw firmly with the large screwdriver trom your accessory storage box.

Prepare the Bobbin

• To Remove the Bobbin from the Machine



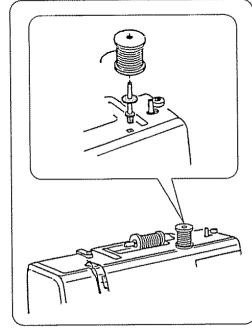
(1) Remove the cover plate by (2) Take out the bobbin. sliding the hook cover plate release button the right.



Tilt up spool pin. Place the spool of thread on spool pin with the thread coming off the spool as shown.

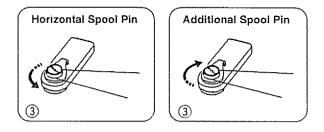
Attach the large spool holder pressing it firmly against the thread spool.

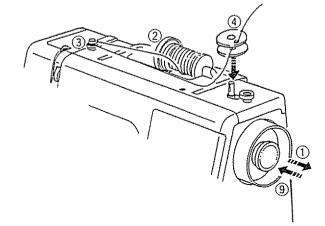
• The small spool holder is used with narrow or small thread spools.

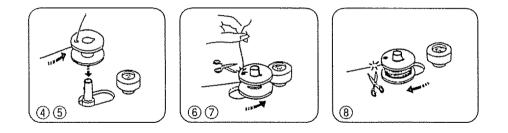


The additional spool pin is used to wind extra bobbins without unthreading the machine. To use, insert the additional spool pin in the hole. Place the and the splool on the pin.

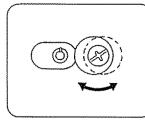
· Bobbin Wind

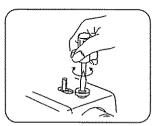






- ① Pull the clutch knob away from the machine to disengage clutch.
- ② Draw the thread from the spool.
- ③ Guide the thread around the bobbin winder thread guide.
- ④ Insert the thread through the hole in the bobbin, threading from the inside to the outside.
- ⑤ Put the bobbin on the bobbin winding spindle, and push it to the right.
- (f) With the free end of the thread held in your hand, depress the foot control.
- ⑦ Stop the machine when it has made a tew turns, and cut the thread close to the bobbin. Depress the toot control again. When the bobbin is tully wound, it will stop automatically.
- (8) Return the bobbin winder to its original position by moving the spindle to the left, and cut the thread as shown.
- (9) Push in the clutch knob to engage clutch.
- * The machine will not sew until the clutch knob is pushed in.

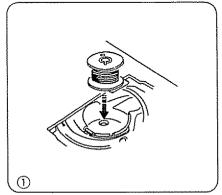




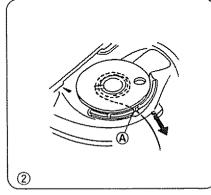
NOTE: The bobbin winder stopper can be adjusted for the amount of thread needed on the bobbin (example 1/2 tull or tull etc.). To make the adjustment use your large screw driver and loosen the screw one turn or less. This will allow you to adjust the position of bobbin winder stopper. Do not take screw all the wayout.

Prepare the Bobbin (Continued)

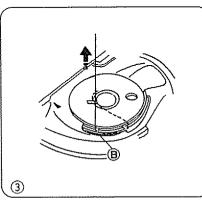
• Insert the Bobbin into the Bobbin Holder



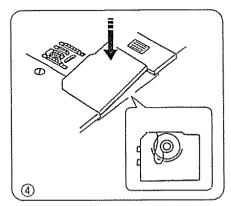
1. Put the bobbin into the bobbin holder so that the thread teeds counter-clockwise (left).



2. Pull about 4 inches of thread toward you through the tension slot (A).



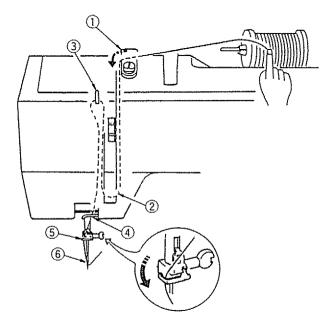
3. Then pull the thread clockwise toward the back of the machine through the slot (B).



4. Pull out about 15 cm (6") of thread and attach the hook cover plate.

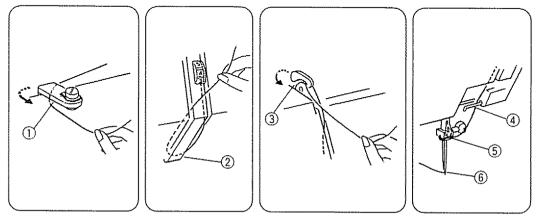
Prepare the Top Thread

• Thread the Needle



The numbered steps above tollow the numbers on the illustrations.

Dotted lines show places where the thread loops and then is pulled tight.



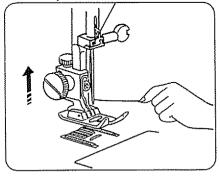
Raise take-up lever to its highest position by turning hand wheel toward you. Raise presser toot lever.

Place the spool on the spool pin as shown, with thread coming from the back of the spool.

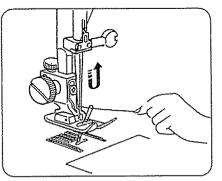
- 11. Draw thread into thread guide using both hands.
- 2. While holding thread near spool, draw thread down into the tension area and then around the check spring holder.
- 3. Firmly draw thread up and through take-up lever from right to left.
- 4. Draw thread down and slip it through the thread guide.
- 5. Thread then is slipped into needle bar thread guide.
- 6. Thread needle from front to back.
- NOTE: Cut the end of the thread with sharp scissors for easier needle threading.

Prepare the Top Thread (continued)

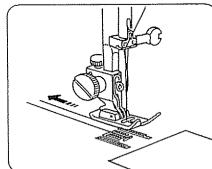
Pick Up the Bobbin Thread



1. Raise presser toot lever. Hold needle thread loosely in left hand and rotate hand wheel toward you one complete turn.

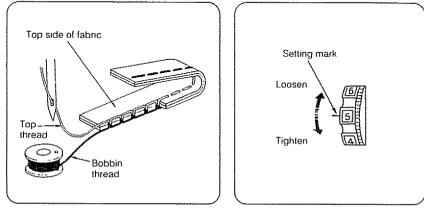


2. Bring bobbin thread up by pulling top thread.



 Pull both threads under and to the back of the presser toot, leaving 4 to 6 inches of thread clear.

Adjust the Top Thread Tension

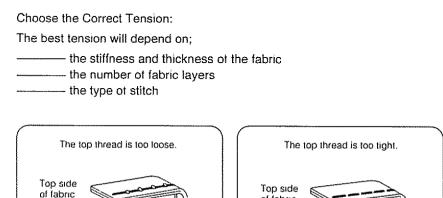


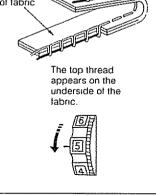
For Straight Stitch

The ideal straight stitch will have threads locked between the two layers of tabric, as shown above, magnified to show detail.

If you look at the stitch, tront and back, you will notice that there are no gaps, that each stitch is smooth and even.

When adjusting top thread tension, the higher the number, the tighter the top thread.





Tension is too loose:

The top thread shows through the bottom of the fabric. The bottom side of the stitch will teel bumpy.

Tension is too tight:

of fabric

The bobbin thread will come through the top of the fabric. The top side of the stitch will feel bumpy.

The bobbin thread

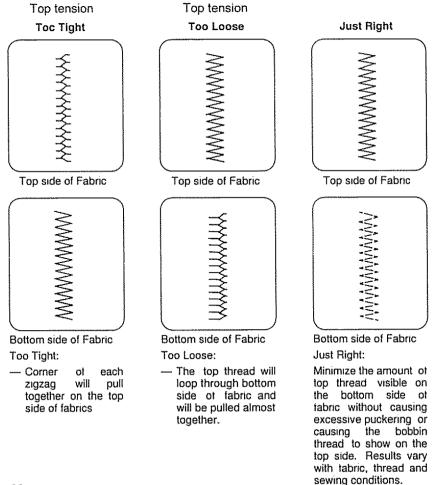
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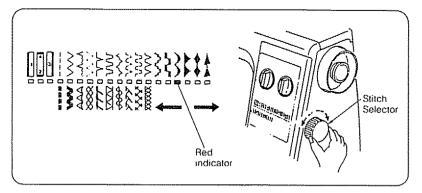
fabric.

For Zigzag Stitch

In the correct zigzag stitch, the bobbin threads will not show on the top side of fabric and the top threads will show slightly on the bottom side. See below for the correct appearance. To match this appearance, adjust the top tension.



Stitch Selector



The stitch selector control determines the stitch you select. Simply turn this control until the desired stitch is indicated by the red indicator on the stitch indicator panel. The bottom row of stitches is selected when the stitch length control is set at the stretch stitch position.

NOTE: To avoid needle or tabric damage, be sure your needle is up and out of fabric when selecting a stitch.

Stitch patterns are color-coded to recommend setting zones at the stitch length control.

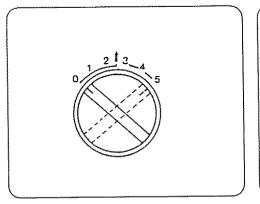
ZONE

- RedStraight, zigzag and utility stitches
- Green
 Green
 Geometric decorative stitches
- Blue
 Blue
- Yellow
 Stretch stitches

Stitch Width Control

Stitch Length Control

Adjusting Stretch Stitch Balance

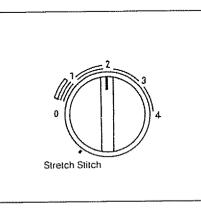


The stitch width control regulates the width ot the stitch you select.

The higher the number, the wider the stitch.

The " Π " is the maximum width for twin needle stitches.

The blue zone is adjustable area for button hole stitches.



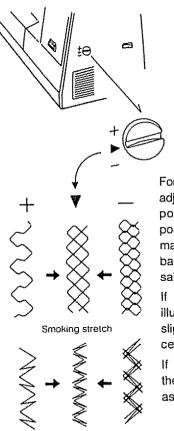
The stitch length control regulates the length of stich, and also has a stretch stitch setting.

The higher the number, the longer the stitch.

0 means no feed.

To select the Stretch Stitch, set this control at Stretch Stitch.

NOTE: When you select decorative stitches (green) or built-in buttonhole (blue), make sure that you do not set the stitch length control at 'Stretch Stitch''. Study the red, green, yellow and blue sections around this control. These are recommended zones of stitch length and color-coded to the stitches pictured on the stitch indicator panel.



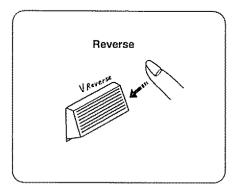
Rickrack stretch

For stretch stitch sewing, the stretch stitch adjuster should usually be in a neutral position \blacktriangleright or between "+" and "-" position. When sewing some tabrics, you may need to adjust this control to balance the stitches for appearance sake.

If the design seems open like the illustration to the left, adjust the control slightly toward "-" until it looks like the center design.

If the design appears illustrations, turn the control toward "+" until stitching is as you desire.

Reverse Stitch Control



To reverse stitch, hold down this control during sewing.

Release to sew forward again.

Starting To Sew

Now that you are tamiliar with the controls on your machine and with the accessories provided for the machine, you are ready to start to sew with your new Kenmore sewing machine. Below are some good habits to tollow each time you sit down to sew:

- Inspect the needle. It should be straight, properly set and sharp on the point. It should be the correct size for the fabric and thread being used. Do not be atraid to change your needle trequently. Many of the new fabrics made of synthetic blends tend to dull needles more easily than fabrics made of natural fibers.
- 2. Before placing the material on the machine, see that the ends of the threads have been drawn about 4 inches to the rear of the machine. Hold on to threads during the sewing of the first 3 or 4 stitches of the seam.
- 3. Test the machine stitch on a scrap of the fabric you plan to use. The fabric should be double thickness. Adjust the machine for the length of stitch and tension suitable to the fabric.
- 4. Fabric should be placed under the presser toot with the bulk of the material to the left of the needle and the right edge of the material placed on the 5/8" seam marking on the needle plate when making a simple seam.
- 5. Run the machine at a slow even speed. The more pressure you put on the toot control, the taster the machine will sew.
- 6. Fasten each seam by back tacking, sewing a tew stitches in reverse.
- 7. Always finish sewing each seam with the needle at its highest point.
- 8. Guide the tabric gently with your hand in front of the needle. Never pull or hold the tabric in such a way that the normal teeding is altered.
- 9. When turning the hand wheel manually, always turn it toward you.

Practical Stitch Chart

Stitch	Stitch Selection	Foot and Other Attach.	Needle	Thread Tension	Stitch Length	Stitch width	Uses	Refer to page
STRAIGHT		Straight Zigzag Zipper toot	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Red Zone	0	Regular seams, zippers, topstitching, quilting darning, etc.	31 ~ 35
STRAIGHT STRETCH		Straight Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	0	Use on knits and other stretch tabrics, good tor topstitching.	49
ZIGZAG	Ş	Satin Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3~8	Red Zone	1~5	Finish edges, buttons, satin stitch, applique, monogram, embroidery, sewing bar tacks.	36 ~ 48
RICK-RACK STRETCH	/7007071	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	2~5	Decorate garments with one row or several.	49
BLIND HEM STITCH	Ymym	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Red Zone	2~3	Use tor finishing seams and hemming.	42

Stitch	Stitch Selection	Foot and Other Attach.	Needle	Thread Tension	Stitch Length	Stitch width	Uses	Refer to page
OVERCAST STRETCH	AAA	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	3~5	Use tor swimwear, ski pants and other garments that require stretch.	50
THREE-STEP ZIGZAG	~~	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2 ~ 6	0.5 - 1	5	Use tor finishing seams. Use tor mending.	44
SMOCKING STRETCH	8	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2 - 6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	3~5	Use in smocking or as a decorative stitch.	50
SHELL STITCH		Satin	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	4 ~ 9	Red Zone	3~5	Finish hems, sleeve and neck openings. Use on nylon tricot and other lingerie to overcast and seam. Do shell tucking on blouses and lingerie.	45
SERGING	444	Zigzag	Blue (11) on p. <u>15</u>	3 - 6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	3 ~ 5	Finish hems, sleeve and neck openings. Use on nylon tricot and other lingerie to overcast and seam. Do shell tucking on blouses and lingerie.	51

Practical Stitch Chart (Continued)

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	JWV	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3 - 8	Red Zone	3~5	Use tor overlapping seams.	45
ELASTIC STRETCH	X	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3 ~ 6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	3~5	Use tor applying elastic.	51
	~~~	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3~8	0.5 ~ 2	5	Join two tolded edges for decorative open-work appearance.	46
	*	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2 ~ 6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	5	Use tor patchwork quilting and patching.	52
TWO-POINT SHELL STITCHING	~~~	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3~8	Red Zone	3~5	Do shell tucking on blouses and lingerie. This stitch also be used as a single. Overlock stitch.	46

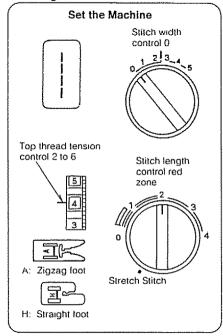
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	XXX	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Yellow Stretch Stitch . Position	3 - 5	Use as hemming stitch for blankets, tablecloth and draperies.	52
	2022	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3~8	Red Zone	3~5	Use tor overlapping seams.	47
	MMM.	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3 - 8	Red Zone	3~5	Use for overedging.	47
DECORATIVE GEOMETRICS	<ul> <li></li> <li></li></ul>	Satin	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3~8	Green Zone	3~5	Decorate garments with one row or several, one stitch or a combination.	48
STRETCH STITCH DECORATIVE	XXXXX	Zigzag	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position	3~5	Use in smocking or as a decorative stitch.	53

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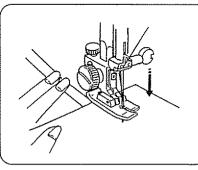
Stitch	Stitch Selection	Foot and Other Attach.	Needle	Thread Tension	Stitch Length	Stitch width	Uses	Refer to page
		Sliding buttonhole	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	Blue Zone	Blue Zone	Buttonhole: also corded buttonhole.	55 - 56
	3	Buttonhole attachment	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	2~6	4	2	Round end buttonhole and keyhole buttonholes.	57 ~ 60
TWIN NEEDLE STITCHES		or Satin	Twin Needle (option)	3 ~ 7	Yellow Stretch Stitch Position or Green Zone	Ţ	Use tor sewing parallel rows straight or decorative stitches adding an exquisite touch to table linen and clothing.	61
SATIN STITCH	$\searrow$	Satin	Check Chart on p. <u>15</u>	3~8	0.5 ~ 1	2~5	Use tor applique work, also as a decorative finish tor placemats, blankets, collars, cuffs and pockets.	38

#### **Straight Stitches**

#### Straight Stitch



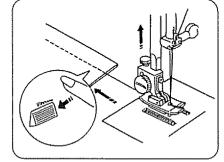
NOTE: Best sewina results are obtained with the straight stitch toot, but the zigzag toot will also provide acceptable results.



Before sewing with the straight stitch 7. At the beginning and end of the toot, always set the stitch width control to 0 to avoid breaking the needle.

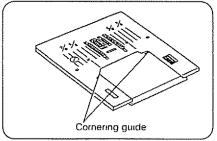
- 1. Raise the presser toot.
- 2. Raise the needle to its highest position.
- 3. Place the edge of the tabric next to a stitching guide line on the needle plate (5/8" is most common).
- 4. Draw the threads towards the back and lower the presser toot.
- 5. Press the toot control.
- 6. Hold the fabric loosely, and gently guide it along the guide line, so that it feeds naturally.

Do not force the fabric or try to pull it tight.



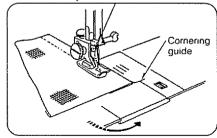
- seam, you may want to reverse to lock the stitch.
- 8. Raise the presser toot and remove the fabric.
- 9. Cut the threads.

#### Use the Seam Guides



The seam guides on the needle plate are engraved to help you measure seam width. The lines are 1/8" apart. with the 5/8" and 7/8" lines marked.

Turn a Square Corner

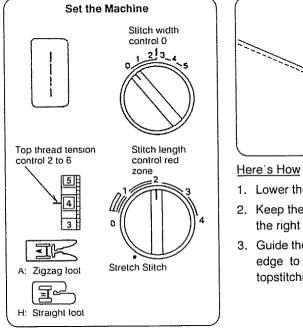


To turn a square corner 5/8" from the tabric edge:

- 1. Stop stitching and lower the needle by turning hand wheel toward you when the tabric edge tacing you lines up with the cornering guide, as shown.
- 2. Raise the presser toot and turn the fabric to line the edge with the 5/8" seam quide.
- 3. Lower the presser foot and begin stitching in the new direction.

## Straight Stitches (Continued)

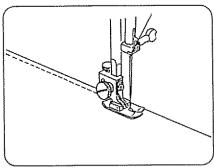
#### Topstitching



### The Stitch and Its Uses

Topstitching emphasizes the lines of your garment and keeps seams and edges flat and crisp.

Accent suits or blouses with one or two rows of topstitching around the outer edges of cuffs, lapels or collars.



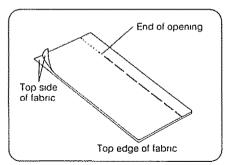
- 1. Lower the presser toot.
- 2. Keep the edge of the tabric next to the right edge of the presser toot.
- 3. Guide the fabric evenly along this edge to produce an even row of topstitching 5/8" trom the edge.

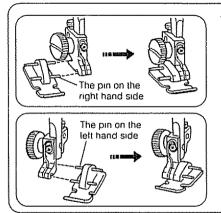
#### • Sew in a Zipper

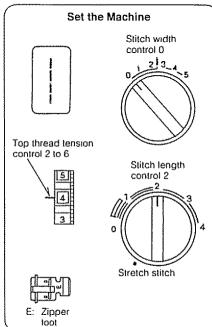
Fabric Preparation:

Put the top sides of the fabric together and sew to the end of the zipper opening. Use the reverse to lock the stitches.

Sew the zipper opening with stitch length at "4" and top thread tension at "3".

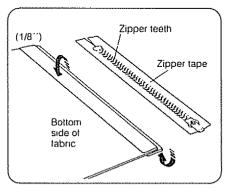






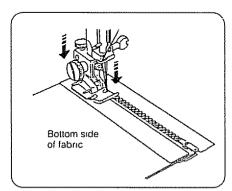
To attach the zipper foot:

- To sew on the left side of the zipper, attach the presser bar to the right pins on the zipper foot.
- To sew on the right side of the zipper, attach the presser bar to the left pins on the zipper foot.



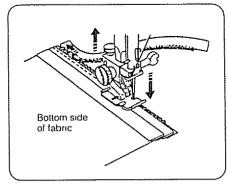
#### Sew :

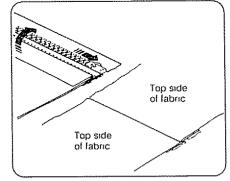
- Reset stitch length at 2 and top thread tension at 2 to 6.
   Fold back the left seam allowance as shown.
- 2. Turn under the right seam allowance to torm a 1/8" told.
- Place the zipper teeth next to the 1/8" told and pin in place.



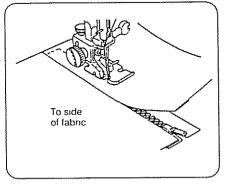
- 4. Attach the presser bar to the right pins on the zipper toot.
- 5. Lower the zipper toot on the top side at the bottom of the zipper so that the needle pierces the told and the zipper tape.
- Sew through the fold and the zipper tape to the point where the slider begins.
- 7. Lower the needle to hold the tabric and raise the presser foot.

### Straight Stitches (Continued)





- 8. Open the zipper.
- 9. Lower the presser foot and stitch the rest of the seam.
- 10. Close the zipper and turn the fabric top side up.

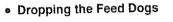


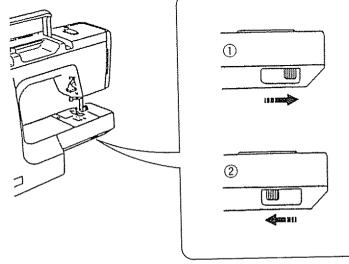
- 11. Remove the zipper toot and attach the presser bar to the left pins on the zipper toot.
- 12. Stitch across and below the bottom of the zipper.
- Turn the corner and continue to guide the foot along the zipper teeth, as shown.
   Stitch through the tabric and zipper

tape.

Top side of fabric

- 14. Stop about 2" from the top of the zipper.
- 15. Lower the needle into the tabric and raise the presser foot.
- 16. Remove the basting stitches and open the zipper.
- 17. Lower the toot and stitch the rest of the seam. Make sure the told is even.



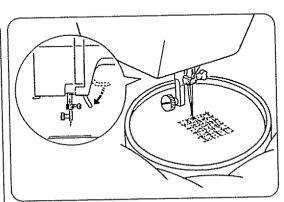


The drop teed lever is located underneath the free arm bed on the back side of the machine.

- lever in the direction of the arrow as illustrated. Then turn the handwheel.
- * Feed dogs must always be up for normal sewing.

① To raise the teed dogs, push the ② For dropping the feed dogs, push the lever in the direction of the arrow as illustrated.

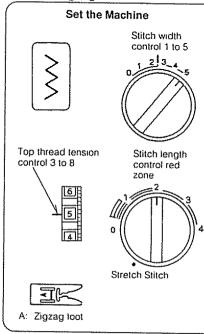
 Darning Set the Machine Stitch width control 0 Top thread tension control Stitch length control any number 2 to 6 inot necessary to adjust) 3 n IN Stretch Stitch F: Satin stitch toot Pressure dial: 0 A .... Drop leed lever



- 1. Drop the teed dogs.
- 2. Stretch the tabric with the hole in the center between embroidery hoops, as show.
- 3. Lower the presser bar and sew at a slow speed.
- 4. Move the tabric back and forth slowly until you have covered the darning area.
- 5. Turn the fabric 1/4 turn and sew another layer ot stitching over the first layer.
- NOTE: If your tabric is thin or badly damaged, use a separate piece of fabric under the hole to reinforce it.
- 6. When you finish darning, return the pressure dial to 3.

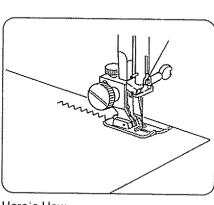
### **Zigzag Stitches**

Basic Zigzag



### The Stitch and Its Uses

The zigzag stitch is one of the most common and most versatile stitches on your machine. It can be a utility stitch for sewing buttons, buttonholes, hemming, overcasting, mending and darning. It can also be used to decorate with trims, appliques and cut-out work or as a decorative stitch.



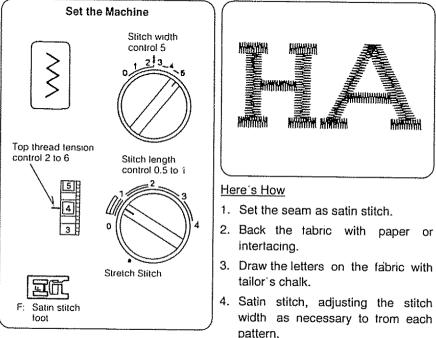
### Here's How

There are many ways to sew a zigzag stitch.

Consult the specific variations for detailed directions.

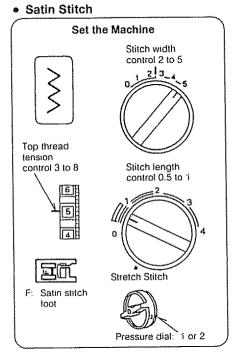
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### Monogramming



5. If using paper, carefully remove it when you have finished sewing.

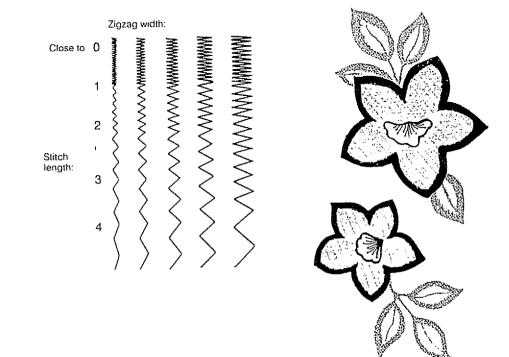
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### The Stitch and Its Uses

The Satin stitch is a versatile and often used decorative stitch, but it can also be used to overcast a raw edge (for example, blankets, linens, tablecloths and napkins).

The Satin stitch is especially attractive in applique.

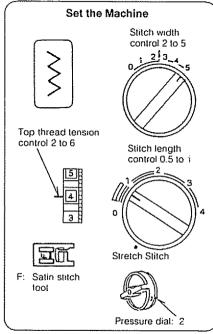


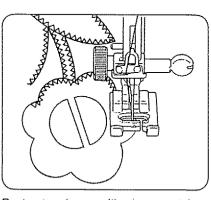
### Here's How

Once your machine is set up to stitch, you may want to experiment on a scrap of the fabric you are planning to use. Too tight a satin stitch may pucker some lightweight tabrics.

## **Zigzag Stitches (Continued)**

### Applique

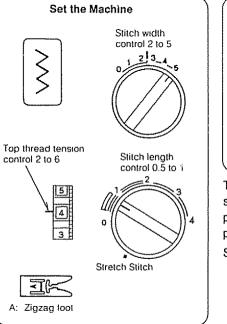


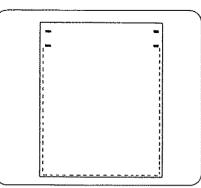


Baste (or fuse with iron-on tabric joiner) applique pieces on the tabric. Stitch around the applique making sure the needle talls along the outer edge of the applique.

When sewing corners, lower the needle down into the fabric. Raise the presser toot and pivot the fabric to the right or left.

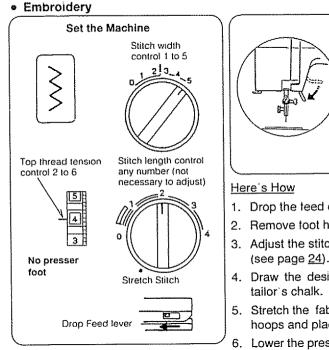
#### Bar Tacking





This stitch is similar to a very short satin stitch and is used to reinforce points of strain such as corners or pockets and straps on lingerie.

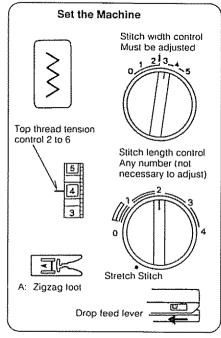
Sew 4 to 6 zigzag stitches.

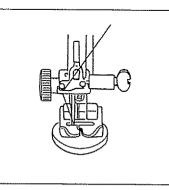


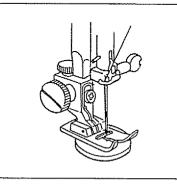
- 1. Drop the teed dogs (see page 35).
- 2. Remove toot holder (see page 11).
- 3. Adjust the stitch width as desired (see page <u>24</u>).
- 4. Draw the design on to the fabric with tailor's chalk.
- 5. Stretch the fabric between embroidery hoops and place under the needle.
- 6. Lower the presser toot lever to engaged the thread tension.
- 7. Holding the top thread in your left hand, rotate the hand wheel toward you one complete turn.
  - Pull the top thread to draw bobbin thread through to the surface of the fabric.
- 8. Using a medium speed, stitch along the marked outline, guiding the tabric caretully by hand.
- When finished embrodiering, raise the feed dogs (see page <u>35</u>).
   An embroidery foot is an o ptional item for all models. Available at many sears stores.

### **Zigzag Stitches (Continued)**

#### · Sew a Button



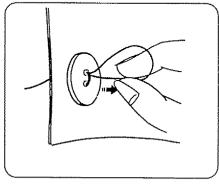




- Drop the feed dogs (see page 35).
- 1. Match the center of the button holes to the center of the slot on the presser foot.
- 2. Adjust the stitch width so that needle will drop in each hole.
- 3. Lower the toot to hold the button in place.

Turn the hand wheel by hand so that needle will enter either hole of the button.

4. Stitch several times.

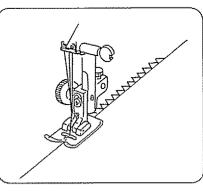


<u>To strength the shank</u>, cut the threads leaving a 8" tail. Bring the needle thread down through the hole in the button and wind it around the shank.

Draw the thread to the bottom side and knot.

When finished, raise the teed dogs (see page <u>35</u>).

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### Helptul Hints

Start overcasting about 1/8" inside the raw corner of your seam. If you start right at the edge, the tabric will bunch up and the stitches will become tangled.

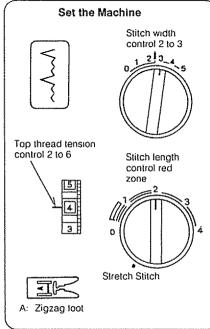
### The Stitch and Its Uses

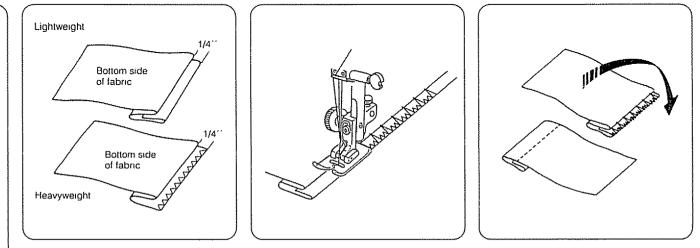
A: Zigzag foot

This zigzag variation is very useful in garment construction and in finishing raw edges of any sewing project.

### Zigzag Stitches (Continued)

#### Blind Hemming

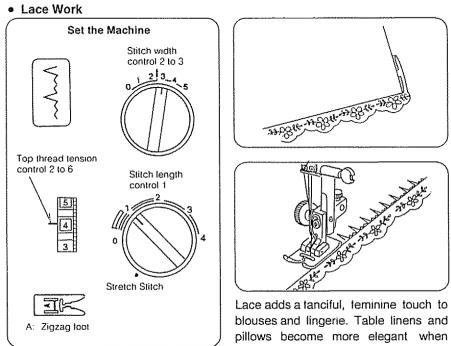




- 1. Finish the raw edge of your hem any way you desire (see overcasting page 41).
- 2. Measure, turn up your hem and pin.

NOTE: For light weight fabrics, you may need a double told.

- 3. Fold the material (bottom side out) on the edge to be stitched, as shown, leaving 1/4" of the finished hem edge showing.
- 4. Place garment under presser foot in such a manner that narrow zigzag stitches will be sewn on extended edge. The wide zigzag stitch should just catch the fold of the garment.
- 5. After hemming, press both sides of the finished hem. The top side of the garment will show only the blind stitches.



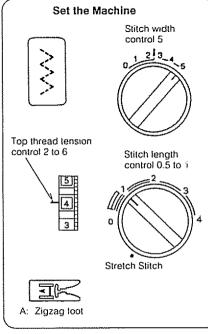
blouses and lingerie. Table linens and pillows become more elegant when trimmed with lace. Turn raw edge of fabric under at least

5/8". Place lace underneath and topstitch using stretch blind hem stitch.

Trim excess tabric close to stitching.

### Zigzag Stitches (Continued)

#### Three-Step Zigzag

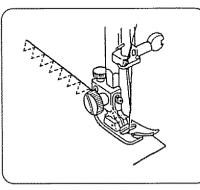


### The Stitch and Its Uses

The three-step zigzag is a combination zigzag and straight stitch. You may use the three-step zigzag everywhere you would use the basic zigzag stitch. It has more strength, elasticity, and is flatter than a regular zigzag.

The three-step zigzag stitch is especially useful for:

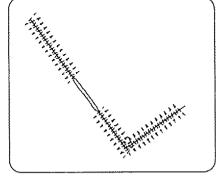
- mending
- sewing patches smoothly and securely
- repairing straight tears
- finishing seams



### Seam Finishing (Overcasting)

Place the tabric under the presser foot so that the edge will be slightly inside the right hand side of the presser toot.

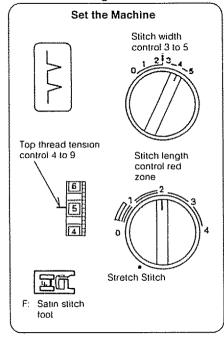
Guide the work so the right-hand stitches tall at the edge of the tabric.



### Mending

Position the tear under the needle so that the stitching will catch both sides.

#### Shell Stitching

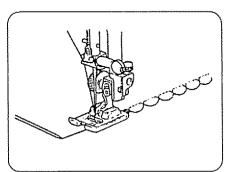


#### The Stitch and Its Uses

The Shell Stitch is tormed by sewing a blind hem over tolded fabric. Several rows of shell stitching are called shell tucks.

Shell stitching can be used to finish hems, sleeve and neck openings.

Shell tucking can be used to create scalloped tucks on blouses and lingerie.



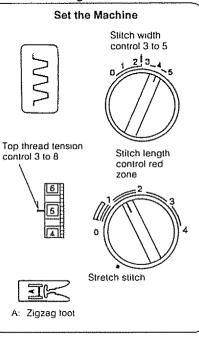
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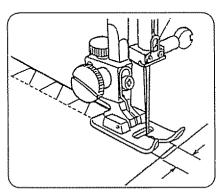
1. For best effect:

- set the stitch length as you desire.
- you may need to tighten the top thread tension slightly.
- allow the needle to just clear the tolded edge of the tabric when it zigzags.
- 2. If you sew rows of shell stitches, space the rows 1/2" apart.

You can sew shell stitch on knits or soft silky wovens in any direction.

#### Box Stitching



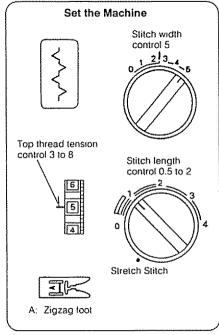


Use this stitch to join heavy weight interlining.

Overlap two raw edges together and use this stitch to join them.

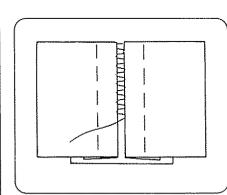
### **Zigzag Stitches (Continued)**

#### · Fagoting Stitch



Use this stitch to join two pieces of tabric to create an open work appearance and design interest.

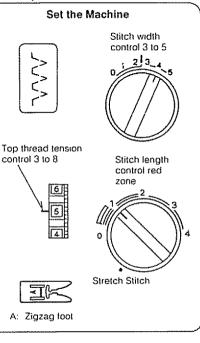
The Stitch and Its Uses

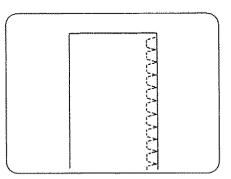


### Here's How

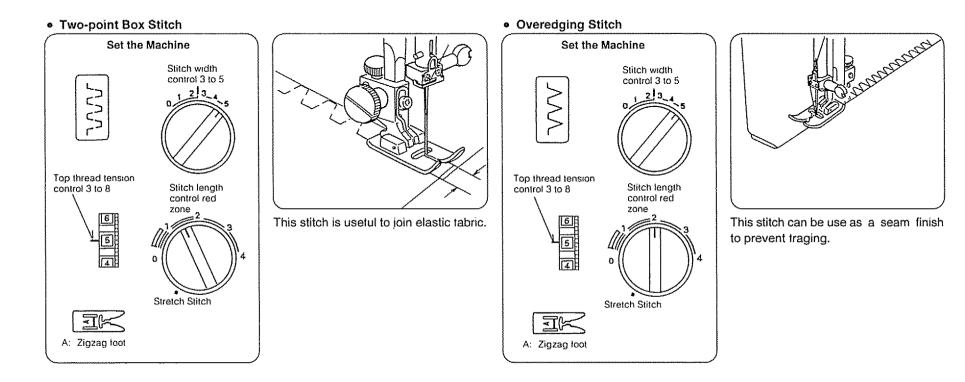
- 1. Fold under each tabric edge 5/8" and press.
- 2. Pin the two edges to paper or tear-away backing 1/8" apart.
- Sew slowly, guiding the tabric so the needle catches the tolded edge on each side.

#### • Two-point Shell Stitch



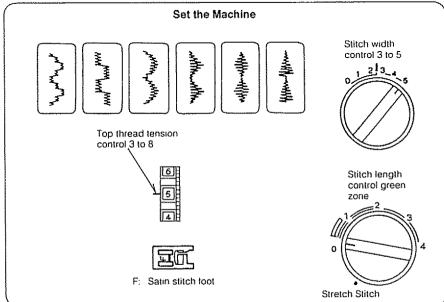


This stitch can also be as a single overlock stitch.



### **Zigzag Stitches (Continued)**

#### · Decorate with Geometric Patterns

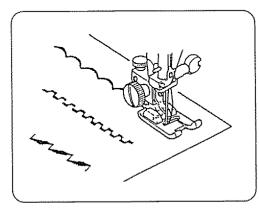


The Stitches and Their Uses

These stitches are purely decorative.

You can sew one row or several or vary the stitch width and length for special effects.

Experiment on a scrap of fabric to see what special effects are possible.

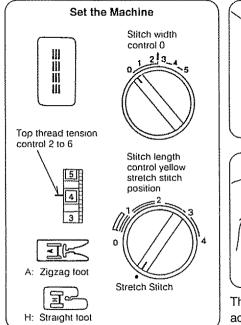


#### Here's How

- 1. Adjust the stitch width and length as you desire.
- 2. Practice the stitch on a scrap of fabric.
- 3. Mark the lines for decoration on the fabric, using a washable fabric marker.
- 4. Lower the needle at the starting point.
- 5. Lower the presser foot.
- 6. Gently guide the tabric along the maked line.

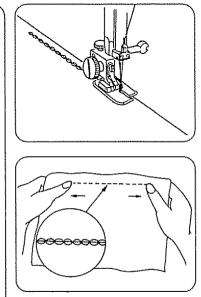
#### **Stretch Stitches**

#### Straight Stretch



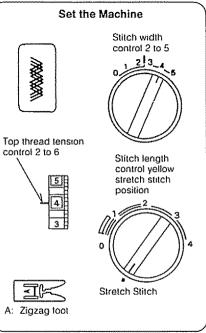
#### The Stitch and Its Uses

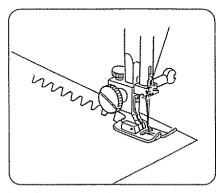
This stitch is the stretch variation of the straight stitch, especially developed for knits and stretch tabric. Stretch stitching can be used on other tabric as well. It works well on curved seams and on any garments that will receive a great deal of strain (ex: children's clothes).



The stretch stitch does not actually stretch as it is being sewn, but is stitched in a torward and back motion (sometimes called a "reverse-action" stitch), so that it will give when the tabric stretches instead of breaking. This stitch can also be used for topstitching on all tabrics.

#### Rick-Rack Stretch





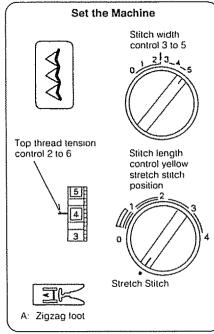
#### The Stitch and Its Uses

Sew on stretch tabrics in any area that you might use a zigzag stitch.

This stitch can be used as a decorative top stitch as well.

### Stretch St itches (Continued)

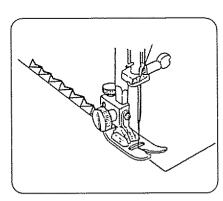
#### Overcast Stretch Stitching



#### The Stitch and Its Uses

This stitch can be used for sewing a NOTE: seam with an overcast finish.

The seam is tormed and finished in one operation. It can be used when you are making swimwear, ski pants and other garments that require stretch.



#### Here's How

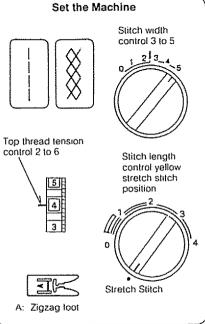
Place the raw edge of the labric to the LEFT of the needle as shown.

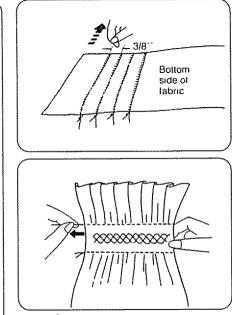
Stitch so the needle pierces the fabric just short of the outside edge.

Or, place your tabric to allow a 5/8" seam, then trim seam allowance after. Raw or worn edges of older garments can be overcast to prevent turther raveling.

OTE: Use a blue stretch fabric needle, which effectively prevents skipped stitches.

#### Smocking

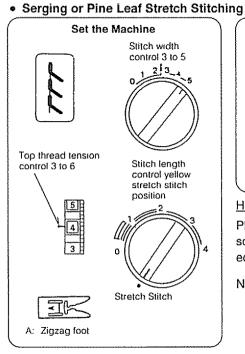




With the stitch length at "4", sew straight stitcing lines 3/8" apart across the area to be smoked.

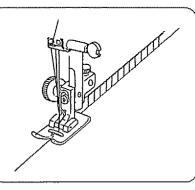
Knot the threads along one edge. Pull the bobbin threads and distribute the gathers evenly. Secure the threads at the other end. Sew the decorative stitch between the gathering stitches. Pull out the gathering stitches.

NOTE: Loosen the top thread tension to make gathering easier.



### The Stitch and Its Uses

Use this stitch when you want a narrow seam that you do not need to press open flat. It is ideal for 1/4" seams on knits or on medium to heavyweight woven tabrics where you want a narrow seam. It is also great for making spandex swim wear.

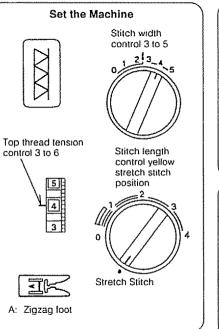


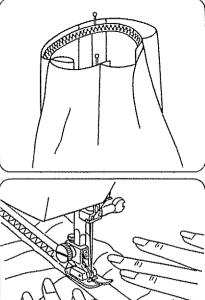
#### Here's How

Place the tabric under the presser toot so that the stitches are made over the edge.

NOTE: When using stretch knit fabric, use a blue stretch tabric needle which effectively prevents skipped stitches.

#### · Elastic Stretch Stitch



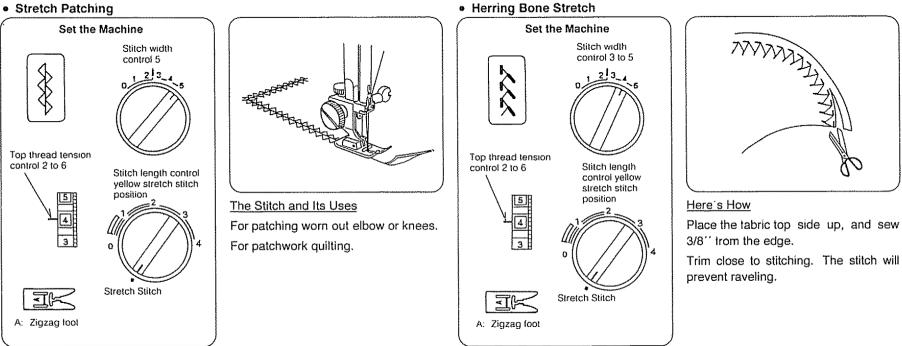


Choose this stitch to attach elastic to garments.

- Mark the elastic into quarters and match these to the center tront, center back and side seams.
- 2. Place the middle of the elastic under the center of the presser foot and stitch into place, making sure the elastic is evenly distributed.

### Stretch Stitches (Continued)

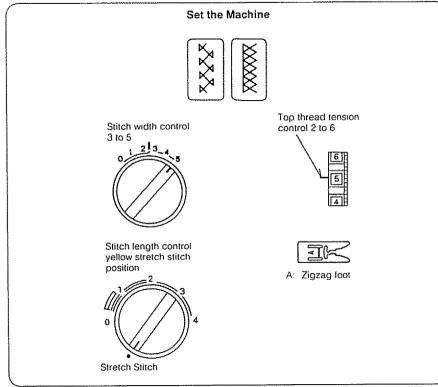
### Stretch Patching

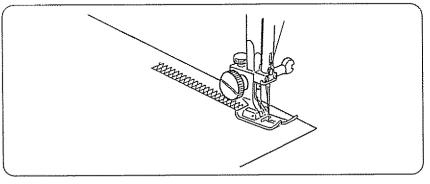


The Stitch and Its Uses

Use as hemming stitch tor blankets, tableclothes and draperies.

#### Decorative Stretch Patterns





### The Stitch and Its Uses

Decorative stretch patterns can be used for adding creative and personalised touch to the items you sew for your home and family.

You can decorate children's clothes, women's blouses, curtains, etc.

### **Buttonhole Making**

#### • Learning to Sew Buttonholes

With you Kenmore sewing machine you have two methods of making buttonholes. You may use the built-in system or you may use the snap-in automatic buttonhole attachment system.

#### Choose the buttonhole style

- Built-in buttonholes (rectangular). Choose this style for waistband, cuffs, belt slots or where you will need only one or two buttons.
- Round end buttonholes (Template No. 213504005, 213505006). Choose this style for series of buttonholes on dresses, blouses, vests, jackets or coats.
- Keyhole buttonholes (Template No.213506007). Choose this style for tailored vests, jackets, coats, or any time you need more room for button shank.

### Tips on buttonholing

Always make a practice buttonhole on a scrap of fabric you plan to use. Try the buttonhole with the button you will use.

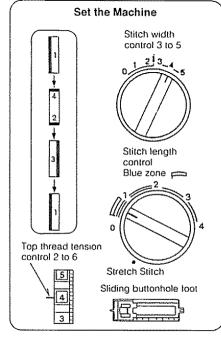
Always use an intertacing in area of garment where buttonholes are placed.

Tissue paper or regular intertacing can be used. Tear paper away after stitching, if it is used.

For heavier weight tabrics, loosen your top thread tension slightly.

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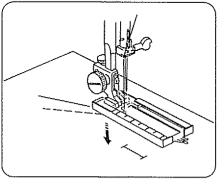
#### · Built-in System



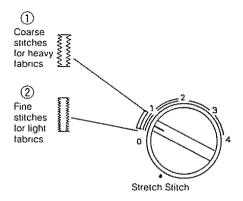
Adjusting the Stitch Density

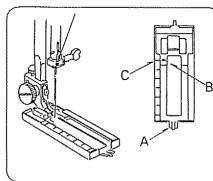
Depending upon your tabric or your own preterence in buttonholes, you may after the buttonhole stitch density within blue buttonhole range on the stitch length dial.

- 1. For less density, turn the dial toward "1".
- 2. For more density, turn the dial toward "0",
- NOTE: Iways make a practice buttonhole on a scrap tabric you plan to use to find the more suitable stitch length.

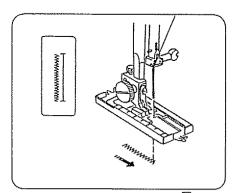


- 1. a. Carefully mark the buttonhole 2. a. Move the slider (A) toward you so length on your garment.
  - b. Change to the sliding buttonhole toot.
  - c. Insert the garment under the toot with the buttonhole marking running toward you.



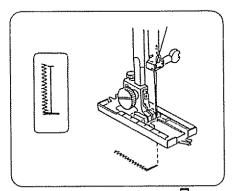


- that the top mark (C) on the slider meets the start mark (B).
- b. Line up the markings on the toot with the top mark on your garment.
- c. Lower the presser toot.
- NOTE: The marking on the slider are engraved in centimeters

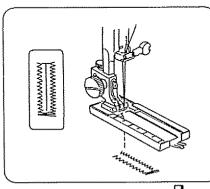


- 3. a. Set the stitch selector at b. Sew torward until you reach the
  - tront marking of your buttonhole.
  - c. Stop sewing at the left stitch.

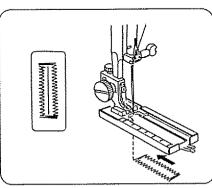
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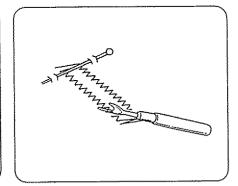
- 4. a. Set the stitch selector at
  - b. Sew 4 to 6 stitches.
  - c. Stop sewing at the right stitch.



- 5. a. Set the stitch selector at .
  b. Sew until you reach the back marking of the buttonhole.
  - c. Stop sewing at the right stitch.



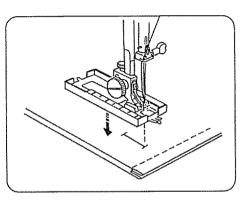
- 6. a. Set the stitch selector at 
  b. Sew 4 to 6 stitches.
  - c. Stop sewing at the left stitch.
  - d. Raise the presser toot, and draw the fabric away from you. Cut both the needle and bobbin threads leaving about 10 cm (4^{''}) thread ends. Draw the needle thread to wrong side of fabric by pulling the bobbin thread. Then, knot the threads.



 Remove the tabric and cut the hole open with the buttonhole opener in your accessory storage box..

### NOTE:

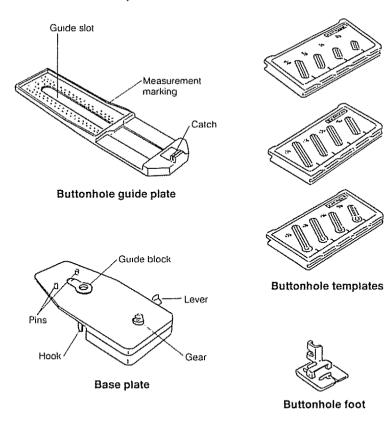
When sewing at the edge of fabric, set sliding buttonhole toot as illustrated and sew in reverse  $(3 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2})$ .

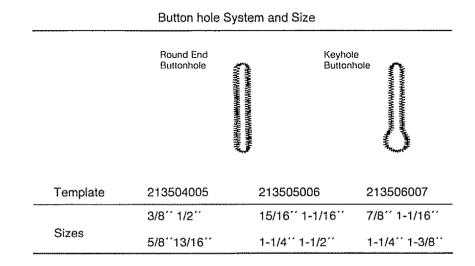


#### • Using Buttonhole Attachment

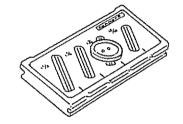
#### **Buttonhole Attachment System**

For more varied and accurate buttonholes, you will enjoy using the buttonhole attachment and templates. Know the parts and carefully read how to set up your machine property. You will need these item for the buttonhole attachment system.

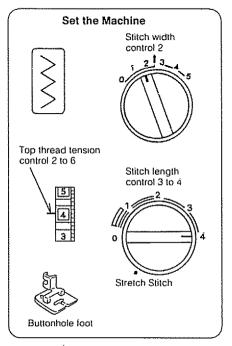




NOTE: Buttonholes marked on template show actual length of buttonhole to be sewn. You will find the most suitable buttonhole length easily by matching the button with the proper illustration on the template.



### **Buttonhole Making (continued)**

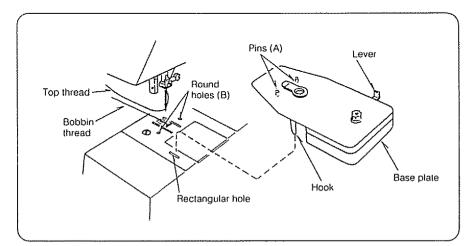


#### **Helptul Hints**

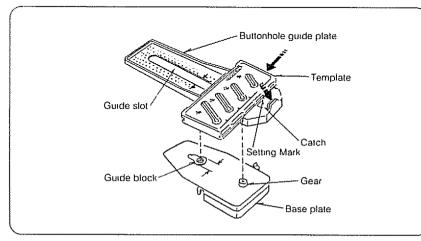
Best results are obtained by using  $#60 \sim #80$  light weight threads as bobbin thread.

NOTE: It is advisable to use a blue stretch tabric needle when sewing knits and synthetic tabrics. You can obtain buttonholes

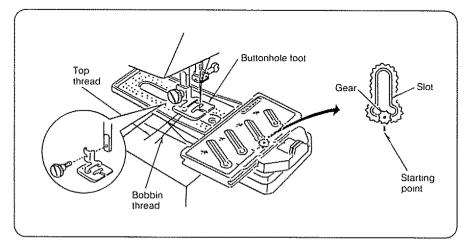
with a wider cutting space by setting the stitch width control at 1.5 instead of 2.



- 1. a. Remove the extension table.
  - b. Raise the needle to its highest position.
  - c. Remove the foot holder.
  - d. Pull bobbin thread out about 3" straight back toward rear of machine.
  - e. Insert hook of base plate into rectangular hole of needle plate.
  - f. Pull lever back to align the hook with the rectangular hole.
  - g. Snap base plate down to fit two pins (A) at back of base plate into two round holes (B) on needle plate.
     Release lever.



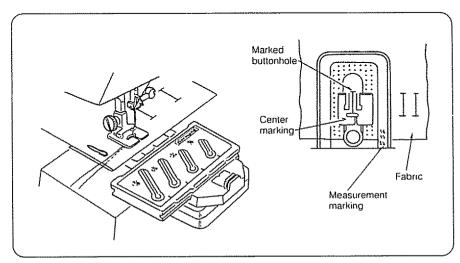
- 2. a. When you have selected the template with size and style buttonhole you need, slide the template into the guide plate.
  - b. Pull catch toward you while sliding the template until the buttonhole size you have chosen is at the setting mark.
  - c. Insert gear of base plate into slot of template and fit guide block into the center of the guide slot.



- 3. a. Attach the buttonhole toot.
  - b. Adjust position of gear so it is aligned with the starting point of template. The lever can be used to change gear position.
  - c. Pull the bobbin thread up through guide slot by turning the hand wheel toward you while holding top thread.
  - d. Place the bobbin and top threads to the left side guide plate.

Leave 3 to 4 inches of thread.

### **Buttonhole Making (continued)**



- 4. a. Mark your buttonhole position carefully on the garment.
  - b. Placing your garment behind the machine, insert it the between the guide plate and the buttonhole foot as shown.
  - c. Align marked buttonhole with center marking on buttonhole toot.
  - d. Line up your tabric edge with the measurement markings on the guide plate just in front of the buttonhole toot as shown.
  - e. Pierce the tabric with the needle at the beginning of the buttonhole.
- NOTE: If you want your buttonhole to be 1/2 inch trom the garment edge, line up the fabric with the 1/2 inch marking each time you start to sew a buttonhole.

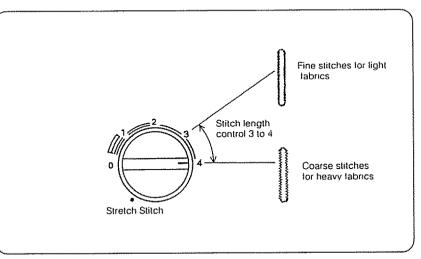
We recommended the use of intertacing when marking buttonholes. If the tabric does not feed smoothly from the start, increase the stitch length.

- 5. a. Lower the buttonhole foot.
  - b. Start sewing slowly.
  - c. Allow the machine to do the work by itself. (Do not try to guide the tabric.)
  - d. Stop sewing when the needle returns to the position where it begins.

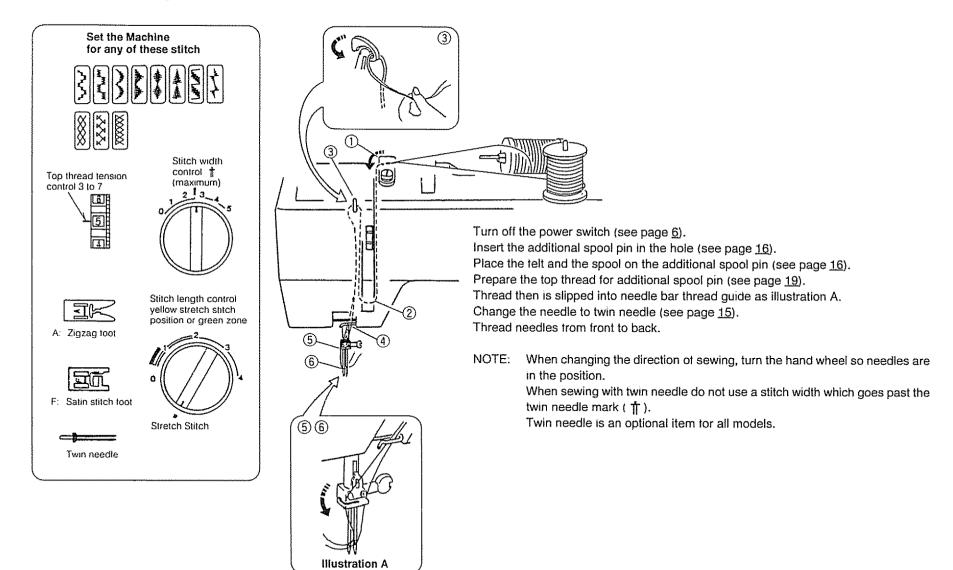
To release the buttonhole base plate, pull the lever toward you and lift the base plate off the machine.

#### Adjusting the stitch density

You may alter the closeness of the stitches by turning the stitch length control between 3 to 4.



**Twin Needle Stitching** 



## SECTION 4. PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS CHART

### What to Do When

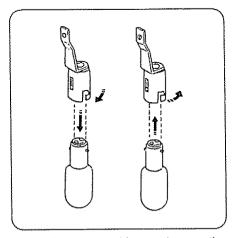
PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION				
	Incorrect size needle.	Choose Correct size needle for thread and tabric.				
	Improper threading.	Rethread machine.				
	Loose upper thread tension.	Tighten upper thread tension.				
Irregular Stitches	Pulling tabric.	Do not pull fabric; guide it gently.				
	Loose presser toot.	Reset presser foot.				
	Unevenly wound bobbin.	Rewind bobbin.				
	Nicks or burrs at hole of needle plate.	Replace needle plate, or polish off burrs completely.				
	Pulling tabric.	Do not pull fabric; guide it gently.				
Breaking Needle	Incorrect size needle.	Choose correct size needle tor thread and fabric.				
	Incorrect setting of needle.	Reset needle.				
	Loose presser toot.	Reset presser toot.				
Bunching of Thread	Upper and lower threads not drawn back under presser foot before starting seam.	When starting a seam be sure to draw both threads under and back of presser foot about 4" and hold until a few stitches a formed.				
	Incorrect thread tension. Using two different sizes or kinds of thread.	Reset thread tension. Upper thread and bobbin thread should be same size and kind				
Puckering	Bent or blunt needle.	Insert new needle.				
, oononig	Loose presser toot.	Reset presser foot.				
	Fabric too sheer or too soft.	Use underlay of tissue paper.				

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PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION				
	Incorrect size needle.	Choose correct size needle tor thread and tabric.				
Skipping Stitches	Bent or blunt needle.	Insert new needle.				
	Incorrect setting of needle.	Reset needle.				
	Tight upper thread tension.	Loosen upper thread tension.				
	Starting to stitch too tast.	Start to stitch at a medium speed.				
	Improper threading.	Rethread machine.				
Breaking Upper Thread	Tight upper thread tension.	Loosen upper thread tension.				
	Incorrect size needle.	Choose correct size needle for thread and fabric.				
	Sharp eye in needle.	Insert new needle.				
	Nicks or burrs at hole of needle plate.	Replace needle plate, or polish off burrs completely.				
Breaking Bobbin Thread	Improper bobbin case threading.	Check bobbin case threading.				
breaking bobbin Anela	Lint in bobbin holder or hook race.	Clean bobbin case and shuttle.				
	Darning plate in place.	Remove darning plate.				
Fabric not Moving	Stitch Length set at 0.	Adjust Stitch Length Control.				
	Thread knotted under tabric.	Place both threads back under presser foot before beginning				
		to stitch.				
••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Push-pull clutch is disengaged.	Push in the clutch.				
Machine Jamming Knocking Noise	Thread caught in hook race.	Disassemble and clean hook race.				
	Lint in bobbin case or shuttle.	Clean bobbin holder and hook race.				

## SECTION 5. CARE FOR THE MACHINE

### **Replacing the Light Bulb**

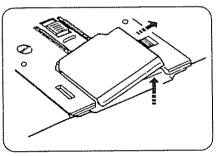


- 1. Unplug the machine and open the tace cover plate.
- CAUTION! The light bulb could be HOT. Protect your fingers when you handle it.
- 2. Push the bulb up and turn the bulb counter-clockwise to remove it.
- 3. Put the new bulb in by pushing it up and turning it clockwise.

### Cleaning the Machine

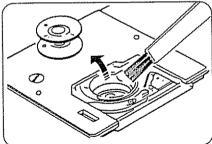
To insure that your machine operates at its best, you need to keep the essential parts clean at all times.

The bobbin area can collect dust and lint. Your machine can become sluggish or knock loudly if a thread is caught.

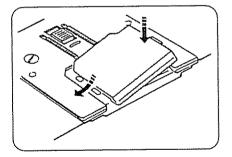


Turn off the power switch or unplug the machine.

Remove the cover plate by sliding the hook cover plate release button to on the right.



Take out the bobbin. Brush out dust and lint; or you may use a vacuum cleaner.

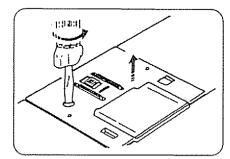


Insert the bobbin.

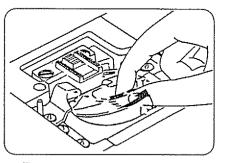
Attach the hook cover plate.

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### Clean the Hook Race and Feed Dogs



- 1. Unplug the machine and remove 5. Take out the bobbin. Lift up the the presser foot and needle.
- 2. Remove the bobbin cover plate.
- 3. Remove the screw on the left side of the needle with the large screw driver.
- 4. Remove the needle plate.

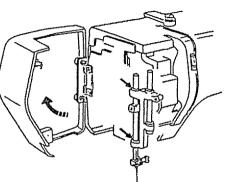


bobbin holder and remove it.

### **Oiling the Machine**

Open face cover plate and oil two points as shown below at least once a year. One or two drops of oil is sufficient.

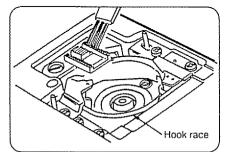
Remove excess oil, otherwise it may stain tabrics.



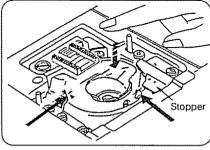
In case machine is not used for an extended time, oil it before sewing. Use good quality sewing machine oil.

#### No other oiling is required

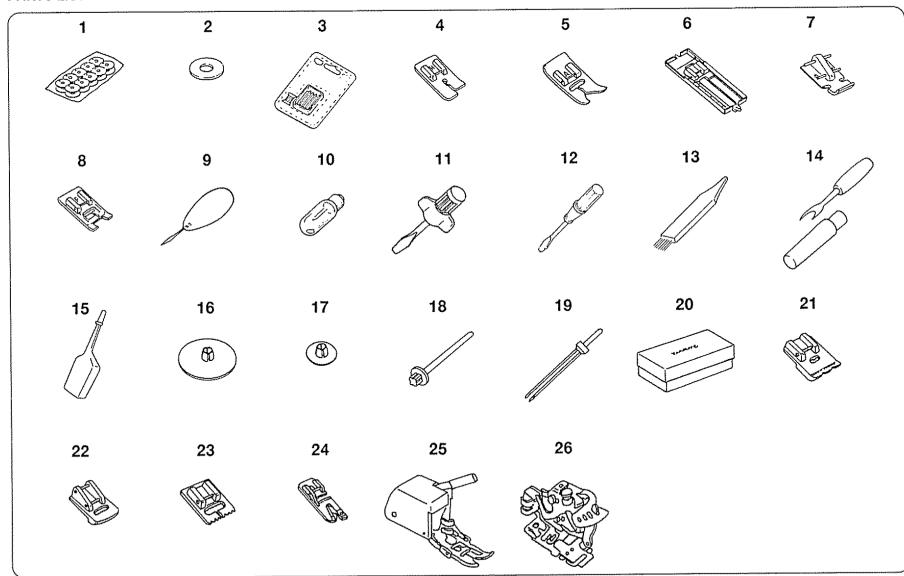
Above points are only area which require oiling on this machine.



6. Use the ling brush to clean the teed 7. Line up the triangle, marks and dogs, hook race and bobbin holder. Also use a soft, dry cloth.



position the bobbin holder so the notch fits next to the stopper in the hook race.



PARTS LIST

All parts listed herein may be ordered from any Sears Roebuck and Co. store or service center.

WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS, ALWAYS GIVE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- 1. PART NUMBER
- 2. PART DESCRIPTION
- 3. MODEL NUMBER
- 4. NAME OF ITEM

If the parts you need are not stocked locally, your order will be electronically transmitted to a Sears Repair Parts Distribution Center for expedited handling.

Ret. No.	Part No.	Description							
1	102869107	10 bobbins							
2	102403202	Spool pin telt							
3	813404013	No. 11 Stretch fabric needles (BLU)							
	647814020	No. 11 Single needles (ORG)							
	647814031	No. 14 Single needles (RED)							
	647814042	No. 16 Single needles (PUR)							
	647814053	No. 18 Single needles (GRN)							
4	652806014	Straight toot							
5	685502019	Zigzag foot							
6	825813005	Sliding buttonhole foot							
7	823803006	Zipper toot							
8	822804118	Satin stitch toot							
9	784805004	Needle threader							
10	000009906	Light bulb							
11	820832005	Large screw driver							
12	647803004	Small screw driver							
13	802424004	Lint brush							
14	647808009	Buttonhole opener							
15	131402005	Oil							
16	822020503	Large spool holder							
17	822019509	Small spool holder							
18	625031500	Additional spool pin							
19	*826815000	Twin needle							
20	213702016	Buttonhole attachment							
21	*200002008	Piping toot							
22	*200003009	Gathering foot							
23	*200005001	Pin-tucking toot							
24	*200013105	Hemmer foot							
25	*214872000	Walking toot							
26	*941620000	Ruffler							
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#### **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

"For appliances with a polarized plug (one blade wider than the other). To reduce the risk of electric shock, this plug is intended to fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not modify the plug in any way."

"Foot Controller Model YC-482P or YC-530 for use with Sewing Machine Models

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## WARRANTY

## FULL 25-YEAR WARRANTY ON SEWING MACHINE HEAD

For 25 years from the date of purchase, Sears will, free of charge, repair detects in material or workmanship which appear in the mechanical components of the sewing machine head.

## FULL TWO YEAR WARRANTY ON ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT OF SEWING MACHINE

For two years from the date of purchase, Sears will, free of charge, repair defects in material or workmanship which appear in the electrical equipment of the sewing machine, including electronic components, motor, wiring, switch and speed control.

### FULL 90-DAY WARRANTY ON ALL PARTS AND MECHANICAL ADJUSTMENTS

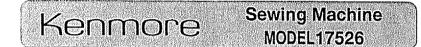
For 90 days from the date of purchase, Sears will, free of charge, replace any parts and provide mechanical service necessary for proper operation of the sewing machine, except for normal maintenance.

WARRANTY SERVICE IS AVAILABLE BY RETURNING THE SEWING MACHINE TO THE NEAREST SEARS SERVICE CENTER/DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

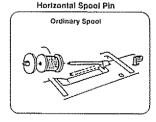
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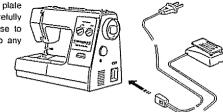
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#### SETTING UP YOUR MACHINE

- You'll find the spool pin on the top cover. Tilt up the spool pin. Place the spool of thread on the pin with the thread coming off the back of the spool as shown.
- Plug loot control into machine receptacle. Then connect cord into any 110 ~ 120 volt A.C. wall outlet.
- Your Kenmore sewing machine has been thoroughly oiled at the factory.
   Be sure to wipe off the needle plate area, bed plate and shuttle carefully before sewing a garment. It is wise to practice on a scrap of fabric so any



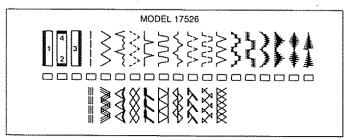


#### STITCH SELECTOR

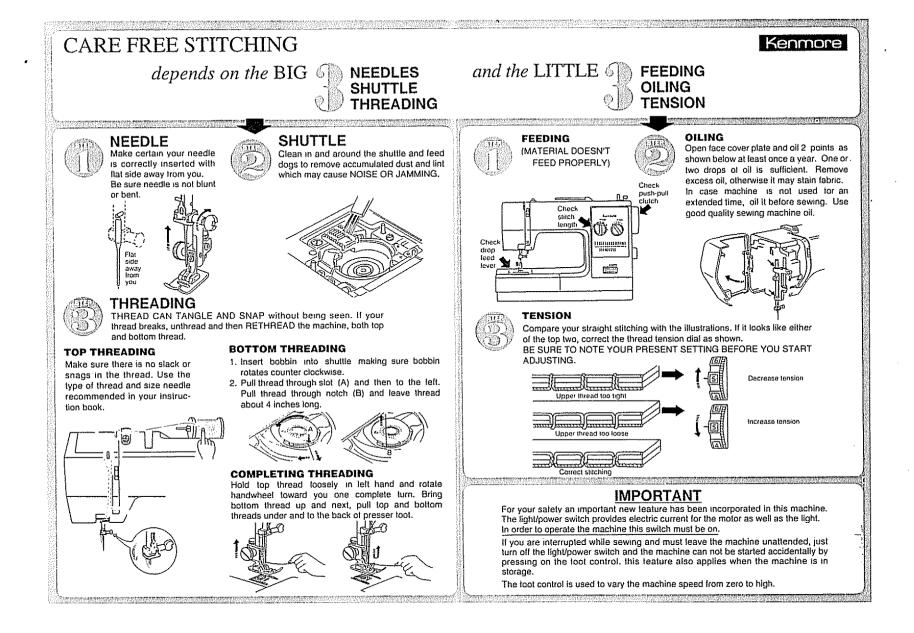
surplus oil is absorbed.

There are certain types of stitches that are used more often than others in your garment construction. Because of their frequent use, you will soon realise the convenience offered to you by this control.

The desired stitch will be obtained by turning the Stitch Selector Dial until the stitch is indicated by the red on the indicator panel.



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