

Identifying Machine Stitches

Name: _____

Directions: Complete the sentence below by writing the name of the correct machine stitch in the blank to the left of each statement. Some machine stitches will be used more than once.

- _____ 1. Straight lines of gold stitches down the legs of blue jeans show that ___?___ can be both decorative and functional.
- _____ 2. Even before joining garment pieces, you may need to use ___?___ to help them keep their shape.
- _____ 3. ___?___ acts as an anchor, holding the ends of stitching lines fast.
- _____ 4. When used on straight fabric grain, ___?___ stitching may run either left to right or right to left.
- _____ 5. With ___?___ stitching, 10 to 12 stitches per inches (2 to 2.5 mm in length) is common.
- _____ 6. As the name suggests, ___?___ tightly holds fabric pieces close to the finished area.
- _____ 7. Narrow ___?___ stitches create a decorative effect; broader stitches are more functional.
- _____ 8. ___?___ stitching runs next to a seam line to secure fabric.
- _____ 9. ___?___ is often used to “hide” facing and bottom layers of fabric.
- _____ 10. Garment parts held together only by ___?___ stitches need more careful handling than completed parts.
- _____ 11. Since diagonal lines add excitement to a design, ___?___ stitching can be added for dramatic effect.
- _____ 12. Tiny ___?___ stitches add strength by securing only a few fabric yarns per stitch.
- _____ 13. The length of ___?___ stitching varies with the weight of the fabric.
- _____ 14. Unless a pattern piece specifies a seam width of more or less than 5/8-inch (1.5 cm), you should use ___?___ stitching.
- _____ 15. ___?___ is placed within the seam allowance of one piece of fabric.
- _____ 16. Gathering fabric into ruffles is one use for ___?___ stitches.
- _____ 17. Add ___?___ stitches to a seam before giving an area a closer trim.

Stitching by Machine

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1. List the three stitch lengths from longest to shortest. _____

2. When in the sewing process is staystitching added and what is its purpose? _____

3. Why is understitching used? _____

4. How did the stitch-in-the-ditch get its name? _____

5. Explain what is meant by "chaining off". _____

6. What points should you look for when checking a machine before sewing? _____

7. What are the steps in unit construction? _____

8. What tools are used for removing stitches? _____
