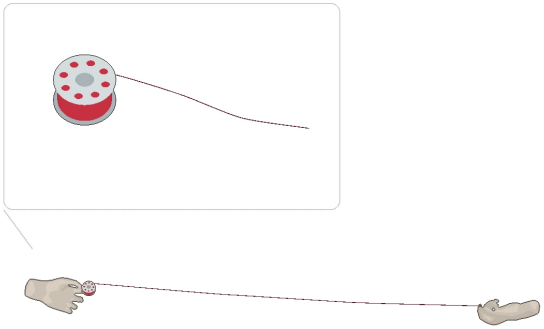
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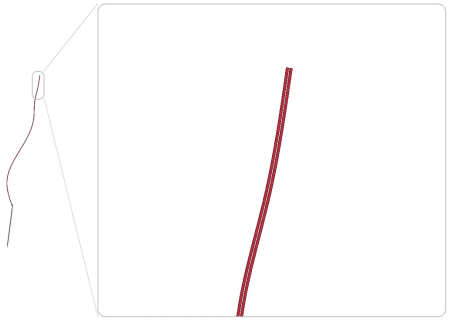
1 Thread a needle



Step help

Unwind a comfortable arm-length of red basting thread from the metal bobbin.

2 Tie a starter knot

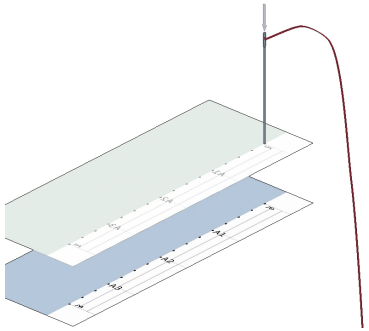


Step help

Bring both free ends together. Treat the two strands as one.

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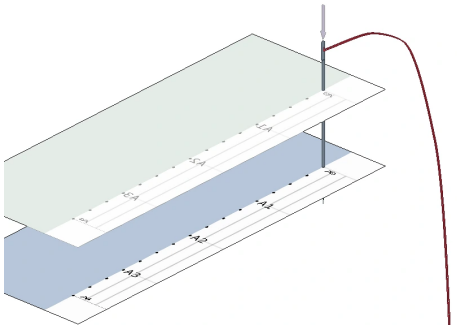
1 Pierce A0 on top



Step help

Pierce A0 on the top piece from its unprinted side. The loose thread stays behind the needle eye.

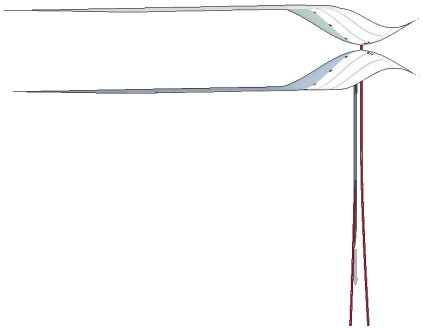
2 Pierce A0 on the bottom



Step help

Continue through A0 on the bottom piece, from its printed side. Do not pull the thread tight yet.

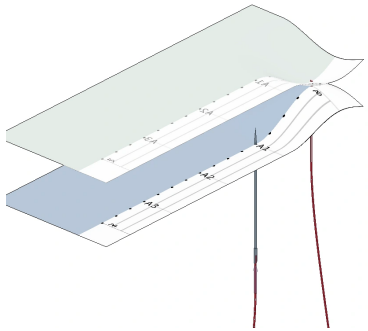
3 Pull A0 together



Step help

Pull the needle through until the starter knot meets the top A0. Bring only the two A0 points together; leave the rest of the pieces apart.

4 Return through A1 on the bottom

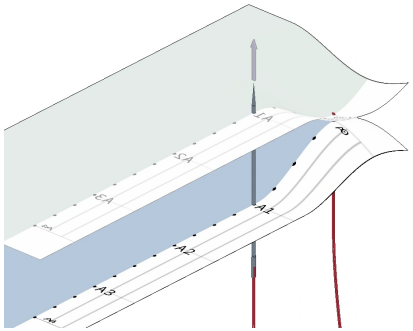


Step help

From below, poke the needle tip through A1 on the bottom piece. The thread still runs from A0 to the needle eye.

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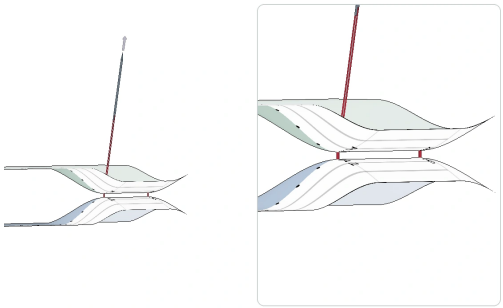
5 Return through A1 on top



Step help

Continue upward through A1 on the top piece. Pull the needle eye and thread through both pieces.

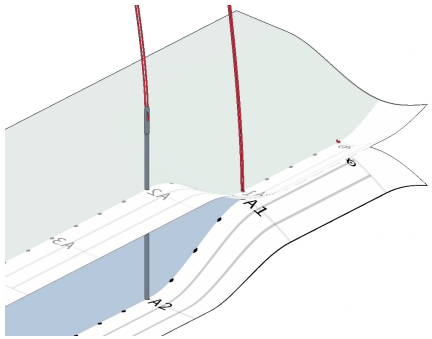
6 Pull A1 snug



Step help

Pull the thread taut to remove any slack, but stop before the fabric puckers. This is your first stitch, visible from the bottom of your piece stack.

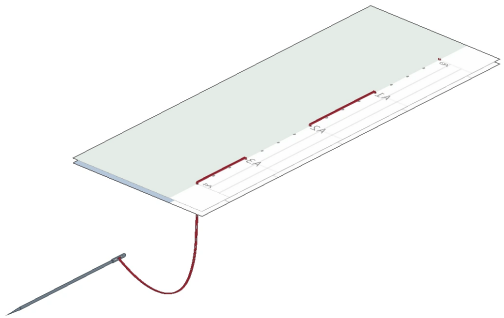
7 Stitch through A2



Step help

Your next stitch will be visible from the top. Pierce the top piece from the unprinted side through the third labeled dot, and then the bottom piece from the printed side through the matching dot. Pull the stitch taut.

8 Keep alternating

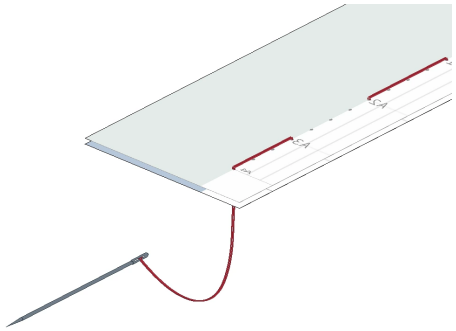


Step help

Repeat this process, alternating between making a stitch visible from the bottom and top.

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9 Finish at the last dot

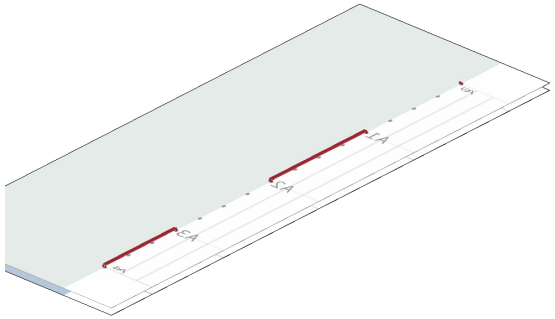


Step help

When you have reached the final labeled dot of the seam, you will sometimes see that the final labeled dot is much closer to the previous dot, and may only have 1 or 2 unlabeled dots between them. If this is the case, your final stitch will just be short.

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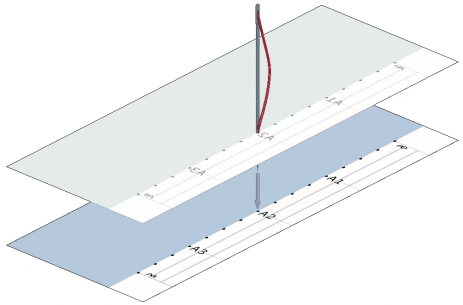
1 Tips 1



Step help

Use the red basting thread on the metal bobbin, doubled through your needle. Remove these long temporary stitches after sewing the permanent seam.

2 Tips 2



Step help

With opaque fabric you cannot see through the layers, so piercing one at a time will let you make sure the dots are lined up.