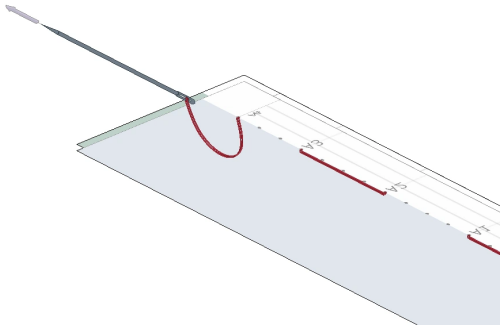
Tug the thread

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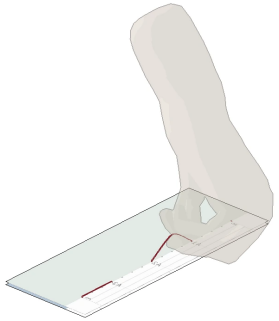
1 Pull the needle away



Step help

Pull the threaded needle away from the end of the seam, until taut.

2 Snug each stitch



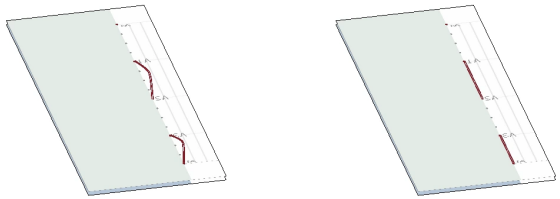
Step help

Pinch a basting stitch with your thumb and forefinger. Gently draw its slack through, working from A0 toward the end. Keep the fabric smooth.

Tug the thread

3 Check the stitch tension

✕ Loose ✓ Taut

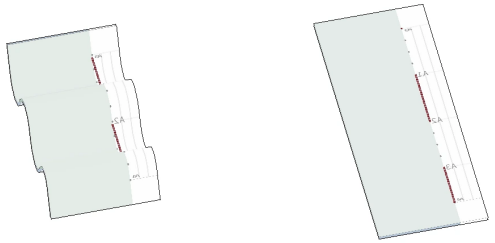


Step help

Check both sides. Pull slack through the following stitches until each rests against the fabric, without puckering.

4 Smooth out puckers

✕ Puckered ✓ Flat

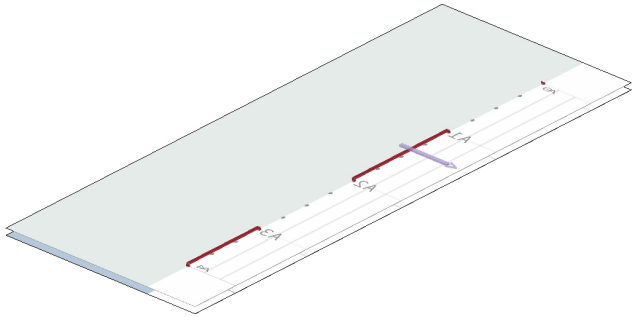


Step help

If the seam puckers, ease the fabric along the thread until it lies flat. Keep the matching dots together.

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Step help

On curved seams, tug on each individual stitch from start to end to remove every last bit of slack.