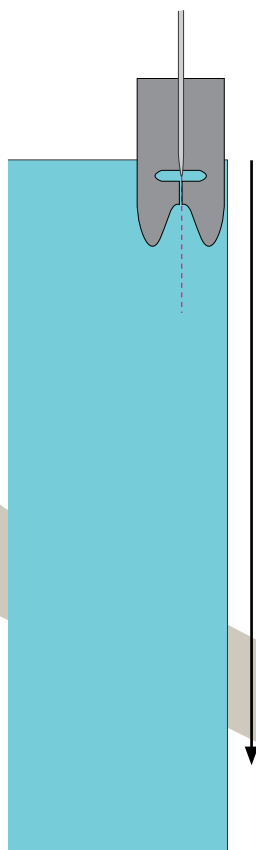
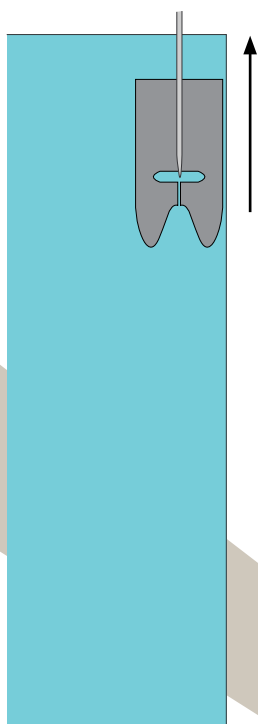


Straight stitch.

When your machine sews straight stitch, it is simply pushing thread in and out of your fabric in a long line. If you were to pull at the thread at one end of your row of stitching you could begin to work it loose. You need to prevent this from happening and can do so very simply.

Your machine sews naturally 'forwards', towards you, as if it is gently chomping your fabric and excreting it out behind it. Whenever you begin a row of straight stitch you will naturally wish to start sewing right at the far edge of your fabric. However, you need to position your needle about 2cm 'inland'. With your needle so positioned, put your machine-foot down and set your machine to sew backwards. Cover this distance in reverse with a short line of straight stitch.



When your needle is at the far edge of the fabric, you can begin to sew forwards, directly over the line you have just sewn. This will hold the stitches in position and ensure you are making strong, long lasting garments. When you finish your line of straight stitch, sew backwards for about 2cm, over the top of your last few stitches, holding them in place.

