

Stay Stitching

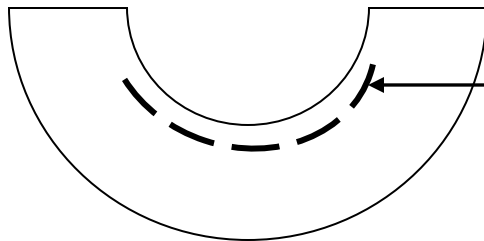


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Stay stitching holds the fabric in place and is done generally in deep curves or areas such as collars, gathers in arm holes, etc. It is intended to “stay” the fabric from stretching (causing puckers after sewing).



Generally done just inside the sewing lines of a collar, curved item, shoulder edges, interfaced waistbands...anyplace where a firm stay of the fabric is required. You should use the standard length of stitch to sew with—not a gathering length.

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Tips to Remember:

- Use the standard stitching length you have set for your seams in the project.
- Do not stretch or pull the fabric as you sew around the curve.
- Clip curves but not too close to stitching.
- Stitching should not show outside of seamed area. It is intended to be inside to hold the fabric in place (not stretch).
- Pattern directions will inform you when you need to stay stitch.
- If you are uncertain whether or not you need to stay stitch and the pattern does not call for it, call pattern manufacturer or check with someone more advanced in sewing. I usually err on the side of caution and if it's a deep curve, I stay stitch.
- If you need to contrast the color to see where you have stitched, just change to that color and stitch as you would normally. Hand stitching a stay stitch will only hold if your backstitch by hand is firm and close together.