Helpful hints

Replacing thread spools

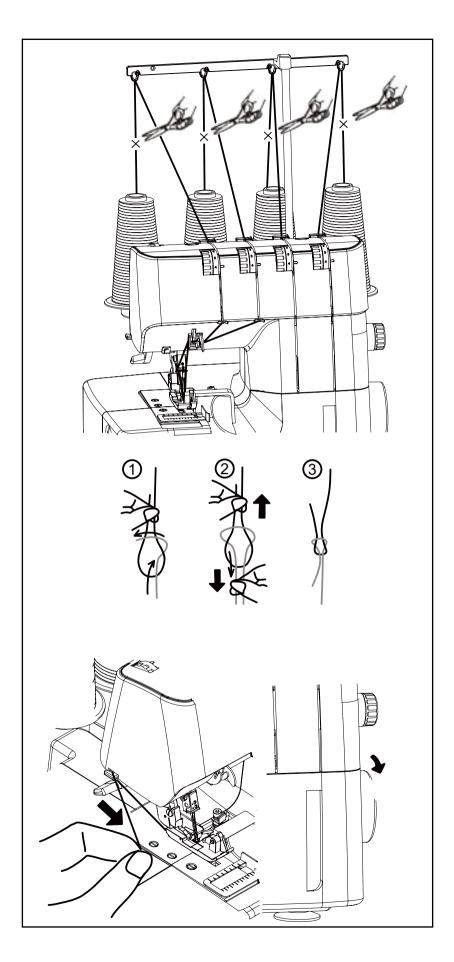
When replacing thread spools, the following steps may be helpful for quick changeover.

- 1. Cut off existing threads near the spools. Tie the cut ends thread from new spools as illustrated.
- 2. Raise presser foot.
- 3. Lower needle bar to its lowest position by turning hand wheel away from you. Carefully pull the existing threads until the connecting knots pass through needle eye and looper eyes.

Trimming needle thread

Frayed thread may make needle threading difficult.

Draw the thread passing under the thread knife and turn hand wheel towards you to obtain clear cut end as illustrated.



Testing overlock stitches

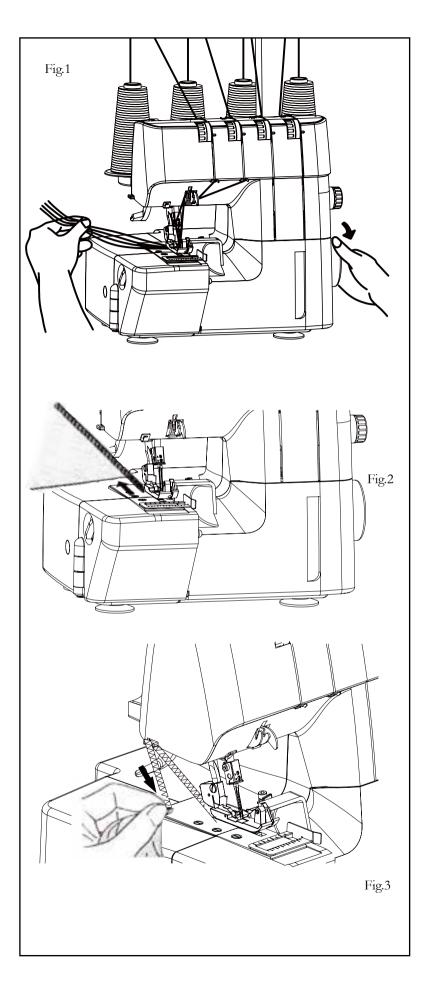
After threading is completed, use a scrap of the same fabric you are planning to sew on and test sew following the instructions below.

1. With all threads under the presser foot, gently pull all threads to the left, then lower the presser foot. Rotate the hand wheel towards you a few times to see if the lock stitches are properly formed.

2. Start the machine at low speed and feed in test fabric under the presser foot by slightly pushing it forward. (This can be done with the presser foot down on most fabrics except bulky materials.)

Guide the fabric gently as machine automatically feeds the fabric.

- 3. Check thread tensions by test sewing on spare fabric.
- 4. At fabric end, carry on running machine at low speed, gently pulling the fabric towards the back, until about 5 to 6cm (2 to 2.5") of extra lock stitches are produced without fabric.
- 5. Cut thread by thread knife on face cover, or with scissors.



Three-thread overlock with one needle

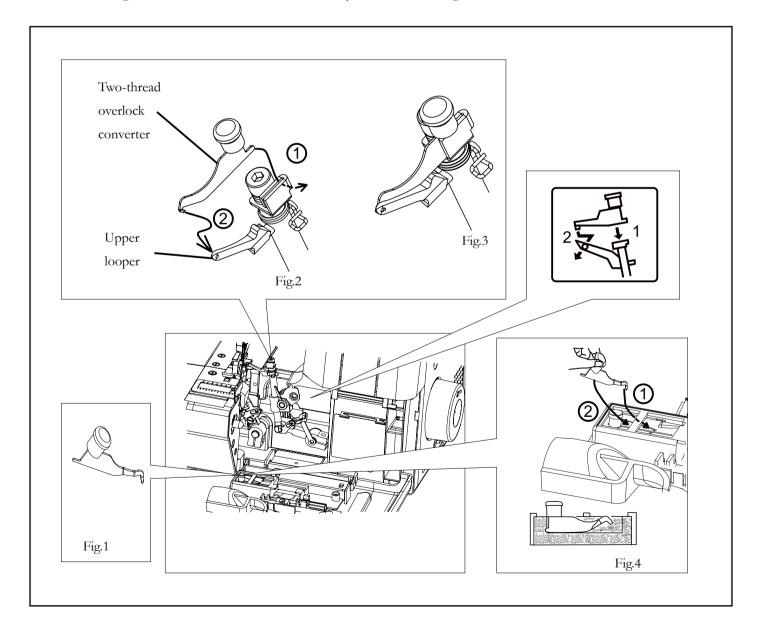
By threading the LEFT needle only a width of 7mm will be produced and by threading the RIGHT needle only a width of 3.8mm will be produced.

Converting to two-thread use

To convert to two thread use, first open the front cover and working table and raise needle to its highest point by turning hand wheel towards you. When 2-thread sewing, only one needle is used, so place a needle in either the right or left position, depending on the stitch you are planning to sew.

Place the unused needle back into the needle pack or into the accessory bag.

- 1. Pull out the converter as shown in Fig.1.
- 2. Attach the two-thread converter onto the upper looper as shown in Fig. 2, Fig.3.
- 3. When not using converter, insert it into its holder securly, as illustrated in Fig. 4.



Narrow and rolled hem, picot stitch

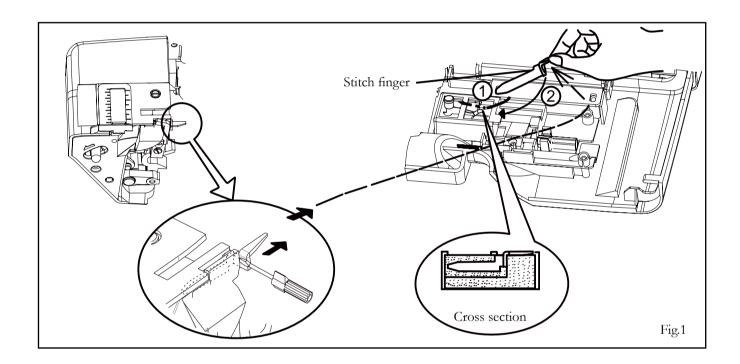
Narrow and rolled edges are ideal for use on fine fabrics such as organza, lightweight cotton, silk, etc.

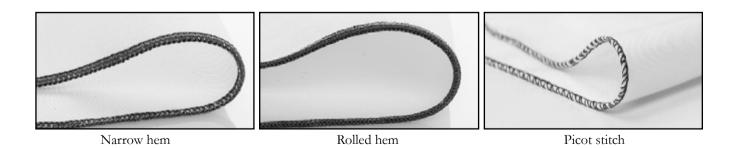
Also, the picot stitch can be used for edge finishing on fine fabrics such as sheers, rayon, voile, and more.

Due to the nature of these hems, they are not suitable for heavier weight fabrics.

- 1. Raise the presser foot.
- 2. Open the front cover and working table.
- 3. Remove the stitch finger from the needle plate by screw driver and place it securely in the front cover, as illustrated, or in the accessory bag.
- 4. Set the machine according to page 19.

NOTE: After finishing, reset the stitch finger in its place. Please ensure inserting it deep as illustrated in Fig 1. After removing the stitch finger from the machine, insert it securely in its holder on machine inside cover, as illustrated in Fig. 1, or place it in the accessory bag.





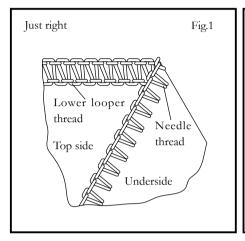
Adjusting thread tensions

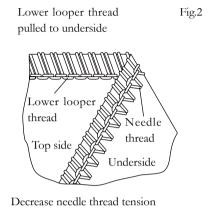
Turning tension dial to a higher number gives a tighter thread tension. Turning tension dial to a lower number gives a looser thread tension.

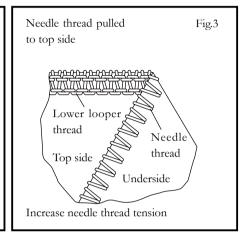
Test each thread tension on a scrap of the fabric you plan to use.

Increase tension Decrease tension

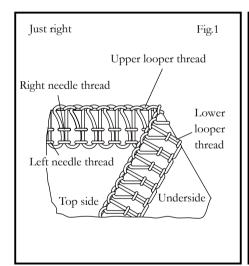
Two-thread use

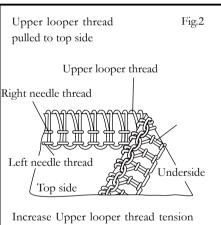




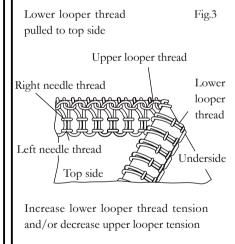


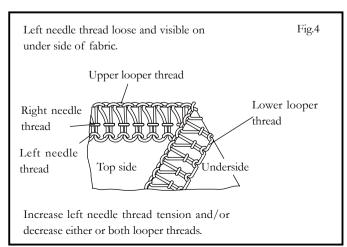
Four-thread use

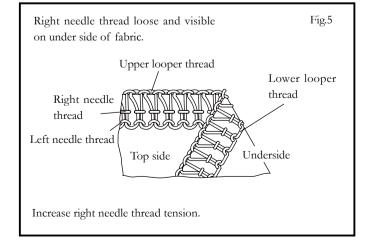




and/or decrease lower looper tension







Adjusting stitch length

Turn the stitch length dial until the required length is indicated.

The higher the number, the longer the stitch. This dial can adjust the stitch length from 1 to 5mm.

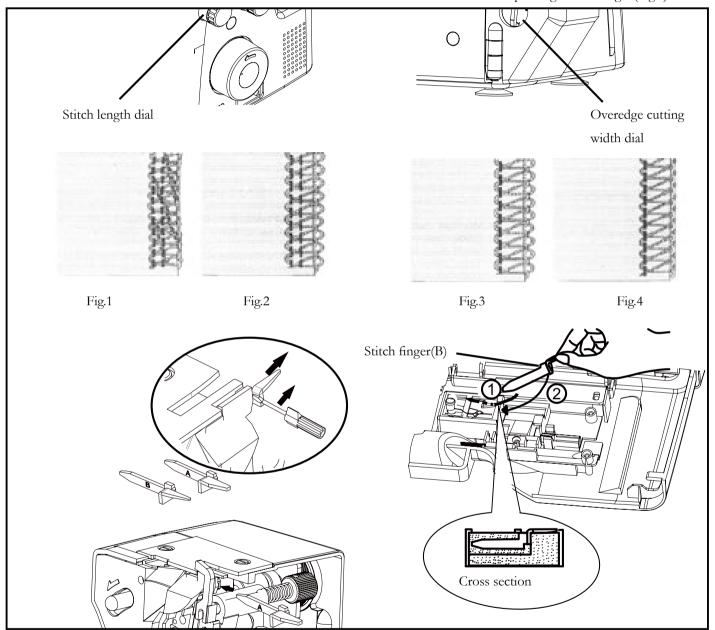
Adjusting overedge cutting width

Overedge cutting width can be adjusted from 4 to 7mm by simply turning overedge cutting width dial according to the type of fabric.

It is set at standard width of 6mm when delivered from the factory.

Turn it towards "5" if fabric edge puckers while sewing. (Fig.1)

Turn it toward "7" if loops hang off the edge. (Fig.2)



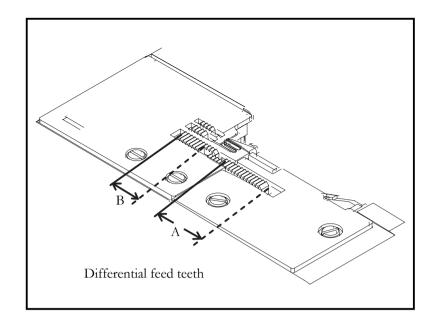
Stitch finger (B)

Loops may hang off the edge, when you sew with lightweight fabric using 3 threads (right needle only), and setting cutting width dial at 4-5(Fig. 3). In such a case change the stitch finger(A) to (B) to get neat stitching(Fig. 4).

Differential feed

The differential feed has two independent feed teeth, one front (A) and one rear (B).

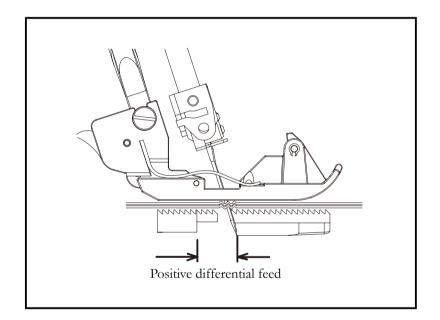
Each row of feed teeth has an individual feed mechanism which enables the feeding of fabric at a different ratio.



Positive differential feed

When set for positive differential feed, the front row of feed teeth (A) makes a longer stroke than the rear row of feed teeth (B).

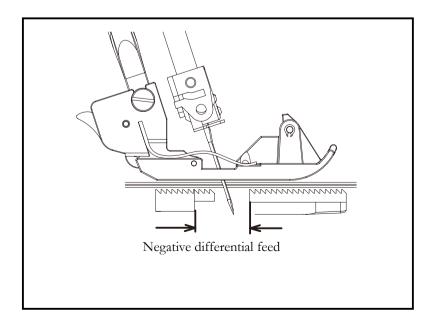
This has the effect of accumulating fabric under the presser foot to offset the wavering on the fabric, removing distortion.



Negative differential feed

When set for negative differential feed, the front row of feed teeth (A) makes a shorter stroke than the rear row of feed teeth (B).

This has the effect of stretching fabric under the presser foot to offset the puckering on the fabric.



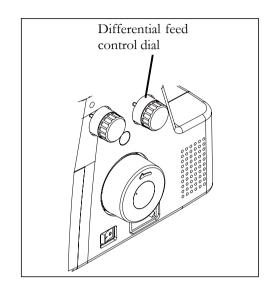
Setting differential feed

Set by simply turning the differential feed control dial in the direction desired referring to the chart below.

The adjustment can be made between 0.7 (negative effect) and 2 (positive effect). These settings give the best ratio of feeding. For normal sewing, the dial should be set at 1.

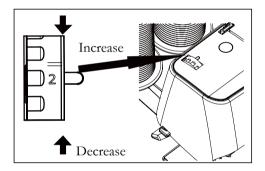
The dial can be reset even while sewing.

EFFECT AND APPLICATION	TYPE OF FEEDING	SETTING	FEED RATIO REAR: FRONT
Waver-free seams, Gathering	Positive differential feed	1-2	F— + ———1
No differential feed	Neutral feed	1	├ -
Pucker-free seams	Negative differential feed	0.7-1	├ -



Presser foot pressure regulator

Presser foot pressure has been correctly set at the factory, so you do not need to adjust it for most of ordinary sewing. If adjustment is necessary, turn the presser foot pressure regulator to higher number to increase or to lower number to decrease pressure.

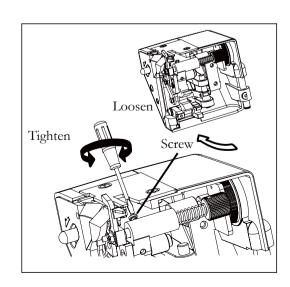


Sewing with extra heavyweight fabric or multiple layers of fabric

A wide range of fabric can be overlocked on this machine, but it is recommended to tighten screw as illustrated, when sewing with extra heavyweight fabrics or multiple layers of fabric. Open working table for adjustment.

Loosen the screw when sewing with light to normal weight fabric or turning overedge cutting width dial, or otherwise fabric may not be well cut.

The machine is set for normal weight fabrics from the factory.



Basic techniques

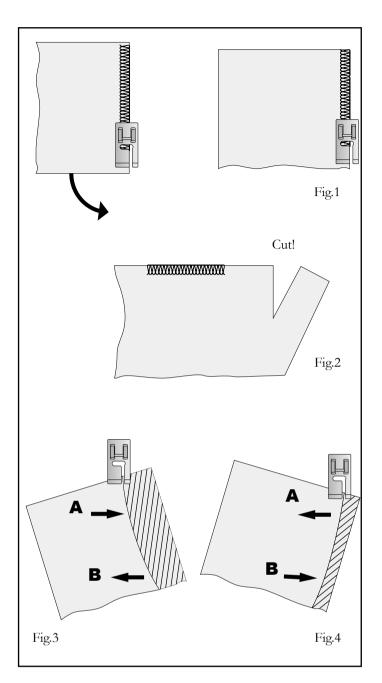
- 1. When you reach the fabric edge, stop stitching with the needle above the fabric.
- 2. Raise the presser foot and gently pull on the thread chain just enough to clear the stitch finger.
- 3. Turn the fabric, lower the presser foot and begin stitching in the new direction. Fig. 1.

NOTE: When overlocking and trimming at the same time, cut the fabric along the new stitching line for about 3cm, before turning the fabric. Fig. 2.

Turning curved edges

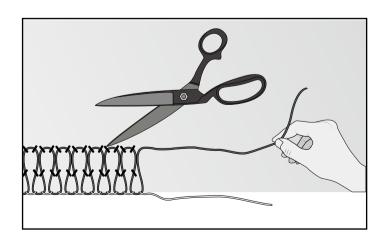
For inside curves, guide fabric gently with trimming line of the fabric under the right front of the presser foot (or a little to the left), applying pressure at point A in the direction of the arrow with your left hand, and at the same time applying a little opposite pressure at point B with your right hand. Fig.3.

For outside curves place under the presser foot in a similar manner but applying the pressure in the opposite directions. Fig. 4.



Removing stitches from sewn fabric

To remove stitches already sewn, snip off needle thread (s) at intervals and pull out looper threads.



Corded overlock

Corded overlock can be used to strengthen shoulder, sleeve or side seams especially when sewing stretch garments. As a decorative feature you can use knitting yarn of contrasting colors to further enhance your garment. Your machine is equipped with a presser foot which has been designed to feed your cord or yarn to the left of the safety stitch or to the right. Follow instructions as follows:

- 1. Place a "filler" cord, such as a crochet cotton, gimp, wool, knitting yarn, or shirring elastic at the rear of the machine spool pin. Pass the cord through the cord guides (1) and (2) and then through the left needle thread guide (3). See Fig. 1.
- 2. Insert the cord through either the front or rear hole (according to the operation, see diagrams Figures 2 and 3), in the presser foot and pass it under and to the rear of the foot.
- 3. Place the fabric to be sewn as normal.

Start at slow speed observing if cord is feeding correctly and increase speed as desired.

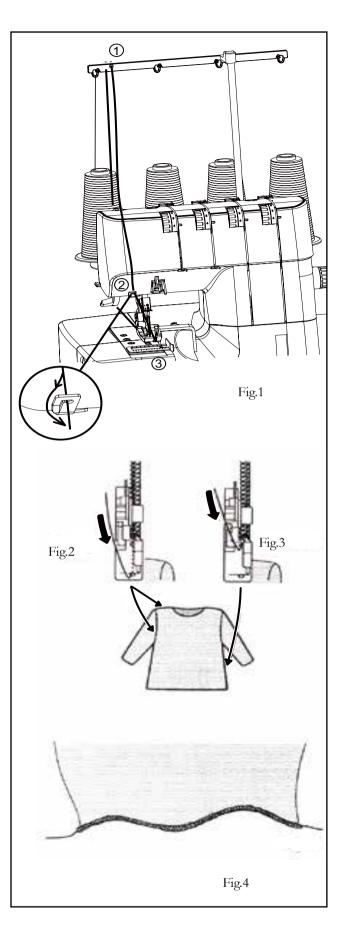
For joining shoulder or sleeves, pass the cord through the front hole, ensuring that it is fixed between the left and right needle threads as it is guided through the front hole. (Fig.2).

For joining side seams, pass the cord through the rear hole, ensuring it is positioned to the right needle thread. (Fig.3)

For decorative effects, you may pass contrasting colors either through the front or rear hole or if you desire, pass cord or yarn through each hole.

For making wawy hem with filler cord (Fig. 4), pass the filler cord through the rear hole and start ROLLED HEM.

This is used for the hem of skirt, etc.



Decorative effects

In addition to normal overlocking which is fully described in this instruction book, your machine can also be used for a number of decorative applications such as flatlocking, butted seams, pintucking or making lengths of decorative braid. See below.

Decorative flatlocking using two threads or using three threads (flat seam)

Fold fabric along the line to be flatlock and sew over the folded edge, making sure not to cut into the fold. Fig. A.

Unfold the fabric, pull the ends of the threads to the underside and press flat.

The final appearance can be enhanced by using buttonhole twist or embroidery thread on the lower looper.

Butted seams using two threads or using three threads (flat seam)

Place two pieces of fabric wrong sides together and overlock along the edge. Unfold and press.

By using different colored fabrics and thread a pleasing 'patchwork' effect can be achieved.

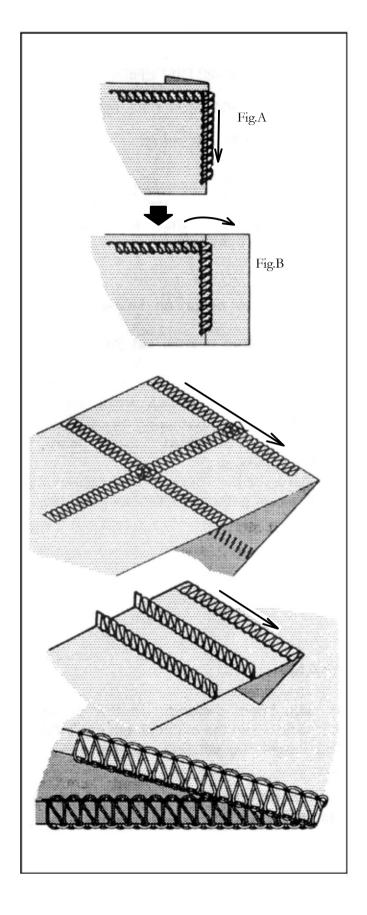
Pintucking using three threads

Fold fabric along a line to be pintucked and overlock sew along the folded edge, making sure not to cut into the folded edge of the fabric. (See page 25). Pull ends of threads to underside and press.

Making decorative braid using three threads

Overlock over a cord braid, holding it carefully with both hands, making sure not to cut the edge. (See page 25).

NOTE: Reduce the tension when using thicker, decorative threads.



Differential feed applications

Please refer to pages 26-27, Differential feed.

Differential feed is designed to minimize puckering and wavering. It is also very effective for gathering.

1. Puckering

Puckering tends to occur on woven or sheer fabrics.

To obtain pucker-free seams, set the differential feed control dial at less than 1.

2. Wavering

Wavering tends to occur on knitted or stretchable fabrics.

To obtain waver-free seams, set the differential feed control dial at more than 1.

3. Gathering

Differential feed makes gathering easier on lightweight fabric. Use it on waistlines, sleeve heads, sleeve bottoms and ruffles, etc.

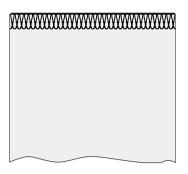
Set the differential feed control dial between 1.5 and 2 to obtain the best gathering effect for your use.

It can also be helpful to increase tension on the needle thread(s) and lengthen the stitch length setting.

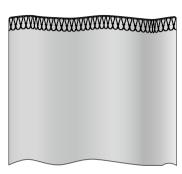
Important

The exact adjustment depends on the thickness and elasticity of fabric. Even the stitch length can influence the setting. The longer the stitches, the more the fabric is contracted.

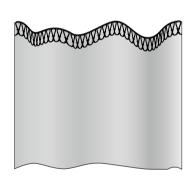
Always do a test run with a piece of actual fabrics you use and find the best settings.



Pucker or waver-free seams



Puckering



Wavering



3. CARING FOR YOUR MACHINE

Replacing the moving cutter

Replace the moving cutter as follows, if it becomes blunt. A spare cutter will be found in your accessories.

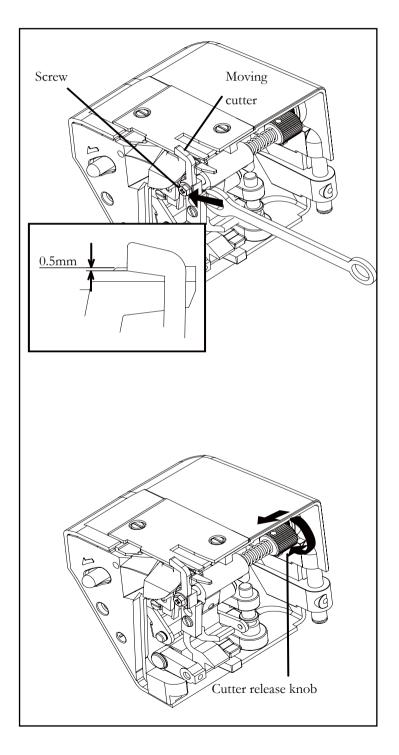
NOTE: You should not need to replace fixed cutter, which is made of special hard alloy material.

FIRST REMOVE THE POWER PLUG FROM THE SUPPLY SOCKET-OUTLET.

- 1. Loosen screw and take out moving cutter.
- Close the working table. Lower cutter driving arm to its lowest position by turning the hand wheel towards you by hand. In this position, set replacement cutter in position and secure it with screw, ENSURING THAT THE EDGE OF THE MOVING CUTTER IS APPROXIMATELY 0.5MM BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE FIXED CUTTER.



If you want to sew without cutting, open the working table and disengage the moving cutter by pushing the cutter release knob to the left and turning it towards you as illustrated. Ensure that fabric edge is not wider than overedge width selected or upper looper and needle can be damaged.



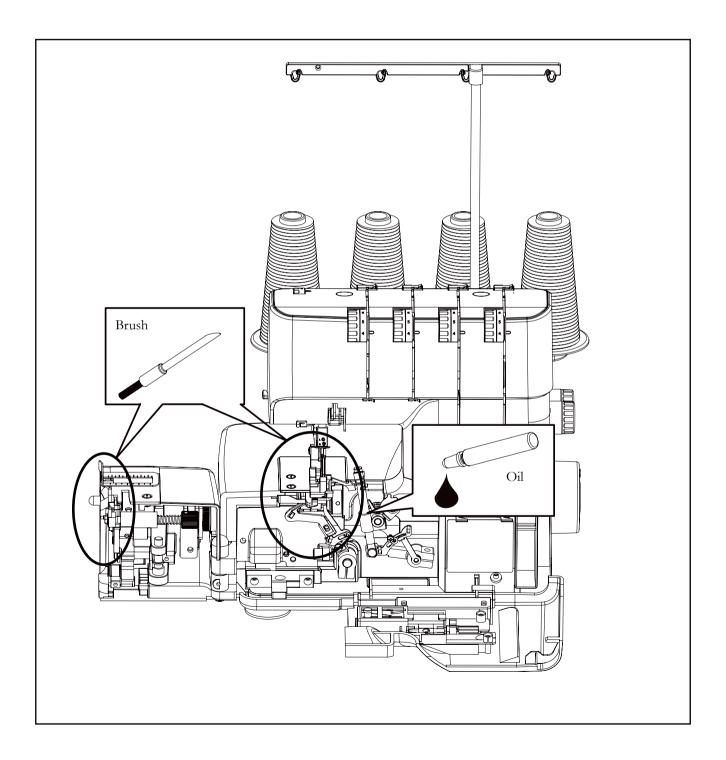
Cleaning and oiling

To keep the machine running smoothly, keep it clean and lubricated at all times.

FIRST DISCONNECT MACHINE FROM POWER SUPPLY BY REMOVING PLUG FROM SOCKET-OUTLET.

- 1. Open the front cover and working table. Using the brush provided, remove dust and lint that have accumulated.
- 2. Apply a few drops of oil to the points indicated by arrows.

ALWAYS USE A GOOD QUALITY SEWING MACHINE OIL.



4. CHECKING PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS

PROBLEM	PROBABLE CAUSE	CORRECTION
Irregular stitches	 Incorrect thread tension(s). Incorrect size needle. Improper threading. Pulling fabric. Loose presser foot. 	 Reset thread tension(s). Choose correct size needle for thread and fabric. Re-thread machine. Do not pull fabric; guide it gently. Reset presser foot.
Breaking needle	 Pulling fabric. Incorrect size needle. Incorrect setting of needle. Loose presser foot. 	 Do not pull fabric; guide it gently. Choose correct size needle for thread and fabric. Reset needle. Reset presser foot.
Puckering	 Incorrect thread tension(s). Bent or blunt needle. Differential feed is set incorrectly. 	 Reset thread tension(s). Insert new needle. Set it at less than 1.
Wavering	Differential feed is set incorrectly.	Set it at 1 or at more than 1.
Skipping Stitches	 Improper threading. Incorrect size needle. Bent or blunt needle. Incorrect setting of needle 	 Reset thread machine. Choose correct size needle for thread and fabric. Insert new needle. Reset needle.
Breaking Threads	 Improper threading. Bent needle. Thread tension(s) too tight. Incorrect setting of needle. Thread spool tangled. Thread guide pole not extended. 	 Re-thread machine. Insert new needle. Reset thread tension(s). Reset needle. Reset spool properly. Fully extend guide pole.