# **SPECIALTY FABRICS**

**JEANS & DENIM** 

**LEATHER, VINYL &** 

**PLASTIC** 



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### **SEWING JEANS & DENIM**

Jeans Foot #8/8D is the best choice for stitching through multiple layers of heavy fabrics. You can tell by the name that it is a perfect choice for stitching denim, but it also works for stitching other sturdy materials such as canvas and upholstery fabrics when sewing items like seat cushions, slipcovers, pillows, outdoor tarps and furniture covers.

Foot #8 is the foot to use when you need a reinforced seam. This seam is stitched in the same way as a standard seam except instead of a regular straight stitch, use a triple straight stitch. It results in a strong straight seam that can be pressed to the side or open.



Jeans Foot #8/8D

#### **Supplies & Settings**

- Two pieces of denim, 5" x 4" each
- Cotton or polyester thread
- Jeans Foot #8/8D
- Size 110/16 or 110/18 Jeans or Denim needle
- Straight Stitch needle plate focuses the needle for the most penetrating power
- Center needle position
- Stitch: Triple Straight Stitch

#### Reinforced Seam, Topstitching, & Hemming

- 1. Insert a Jeans needle into the machine.
- 2. Attach Jeans Foot #8/8D to the machine.
- 3. Select the Triple Straight Stitch.
- 4. With right sides together, sew a 5/8" seam along one 5" side. Press seam to one side.
- 5. Topstitch the seam from the right side using the edge of the foot along the seam as a guide, and stitching through the seam allowances.
- 6. Turn up the lower edge twice, about ½" each time.
- 7. Stitch the hem in place from the right side. Hint: Sew toward the "gradual rise" of thick seams rather than toward the thickest part of the seam. Use the Height Compensation Tool (included with your machine) to keep the presser foot level; this helps keep the foot in contact with the fabric, and the fabric in contact with the feed dog.



## **SEWING LEATHER, VINYL & PLASTIC**

Non-stick feet have coated soles and are made to move over "sticky" fabrics such as leather, plastic, vinyl, microfibers, etc. These feet all correspond to familiar uncoated counterparts that are commonly used for sewing fabrics.

- Zigzag Foot #52/52C/52D
- Straight Stitch Foot #53
- Zipper Foot with Guide #54
- Open Embroidery Foot #56

#### **Supplies & Settings**

- Two pieces of soft leather or vinyl, 3" x 4" each
- Cotton or polyester thread
- Non-Stick Foot Open Embroidery Foot #56
- 80/12 Universal needle for vinyl or soft leather
- Needle position as indicated below
- Stitch: Straight Stitch

#### **Lapped Seam**

Here's a great flat seam for leather and vinyl that is sewn with Non-stick Embroidery Foot #56. It is a sturdy, flat seam stitched with Non-stick Embroidery Foot #56 that adds a nice tailored look to your project.

- 1. Overlap the two pieces with the seamlines stacked on top of each other. Use clips or tape to hold them together.
- 2. Place the pieces under the foot with the edge of the top piece aligned with the inside right toe of the foot. Adjust your needle position so that the stitches fall along the edge of the top piece and then stitch.
- 3. Sew a second line of stitching in the same way except, move the needle to the far-left position. This results in two beautiful parallel lines of stitching.



Non-Stick Zigzag Foot #52/52C/52D



Non-Stick Zipper Foot #53 Non-Stick Zipper Foot with Guide #54 Non-Stick Open Embroidery Foot #56

