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PINTUCK PRIMER

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What is a Pintuck?

- Pintucks are simply a small tuck in the fabric. Most commonly they are stitched in place, but they can also be folded and pressed without stitching.
- Using a pintuck is purely decorative and doesn't have a function in sewing.
- A pintuck is different from sewing a dart which creates shape in a garment

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Presser Feet

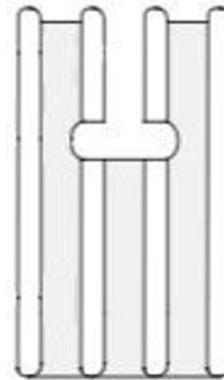
More is always better!

These are the four BERNINA pintuck presser feet. Each one has grooves on the sole that helps pull the fabric up to form a tuck. The differences in these presser feet are the size and number of grooves, resulting in various sizes of pintucks. These feet are designed to be used with double needles that correspond to the size of the grooves on the sole.

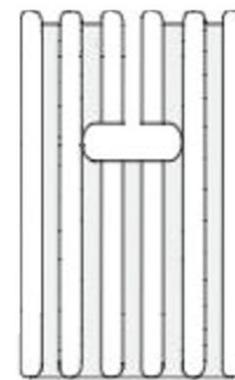
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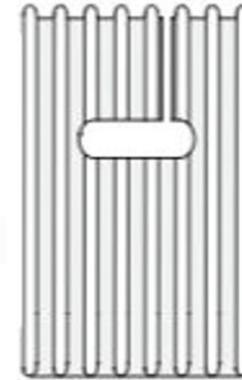
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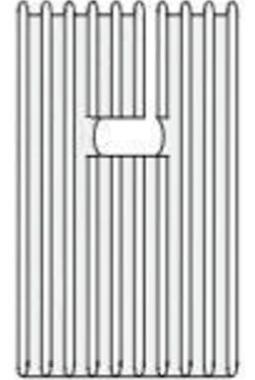
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7-groove



9-groove



Presser Foot	Needle	Fabrics
3-groove Pintuck Foot #30	Double Needle 4.0mm	Heavy fabric
5-groove Pintuck Foot #31	Double Needle 3.0mm	Medium to heavy weight fabrics
7-groove Pintuck Foot #32	Double Needle 2.0mm	Light to medium weight fabrics
9-groove Pintuck Foot #33	Double Needle 1.6.0mm	Very delicate fabric

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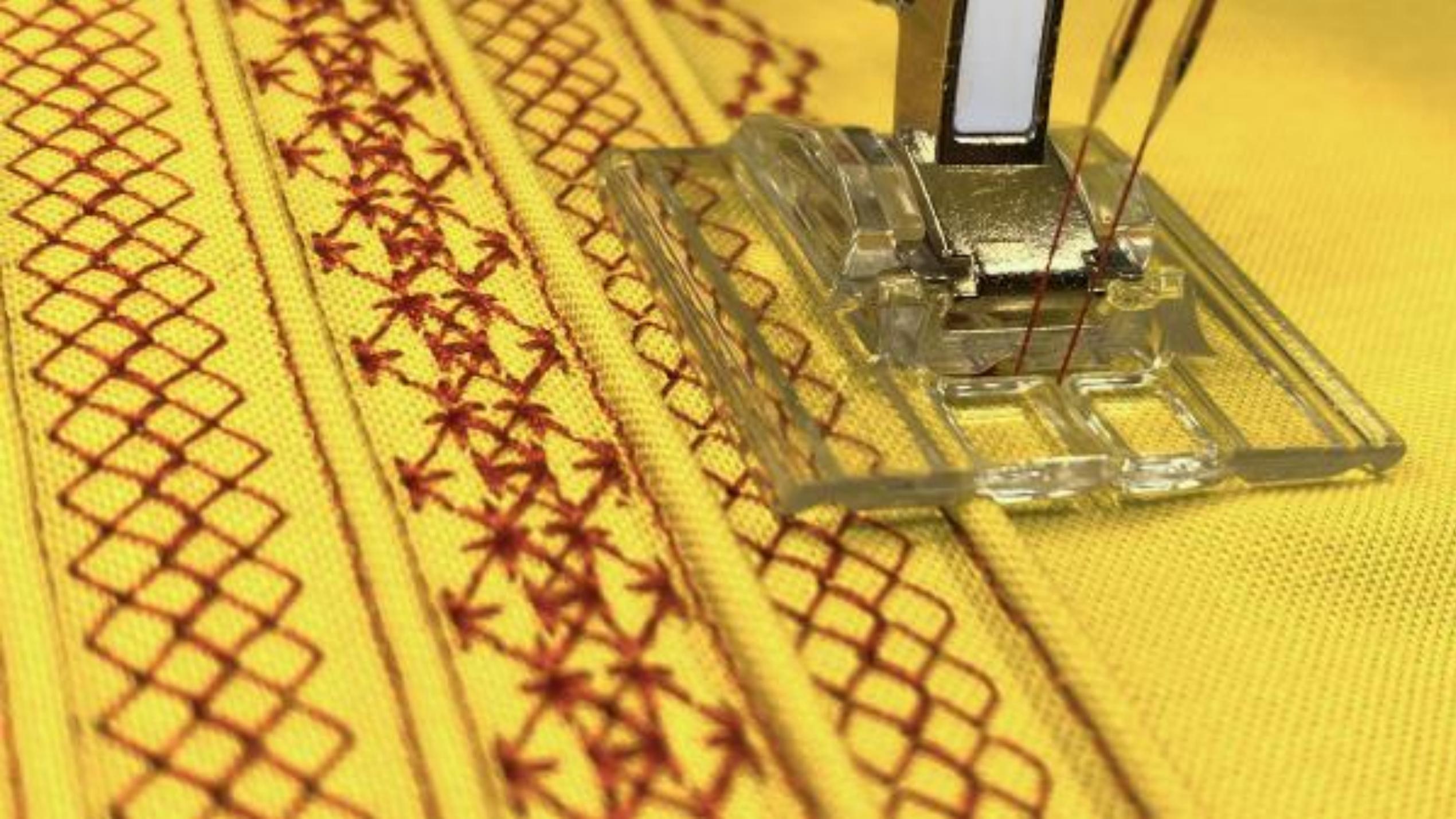


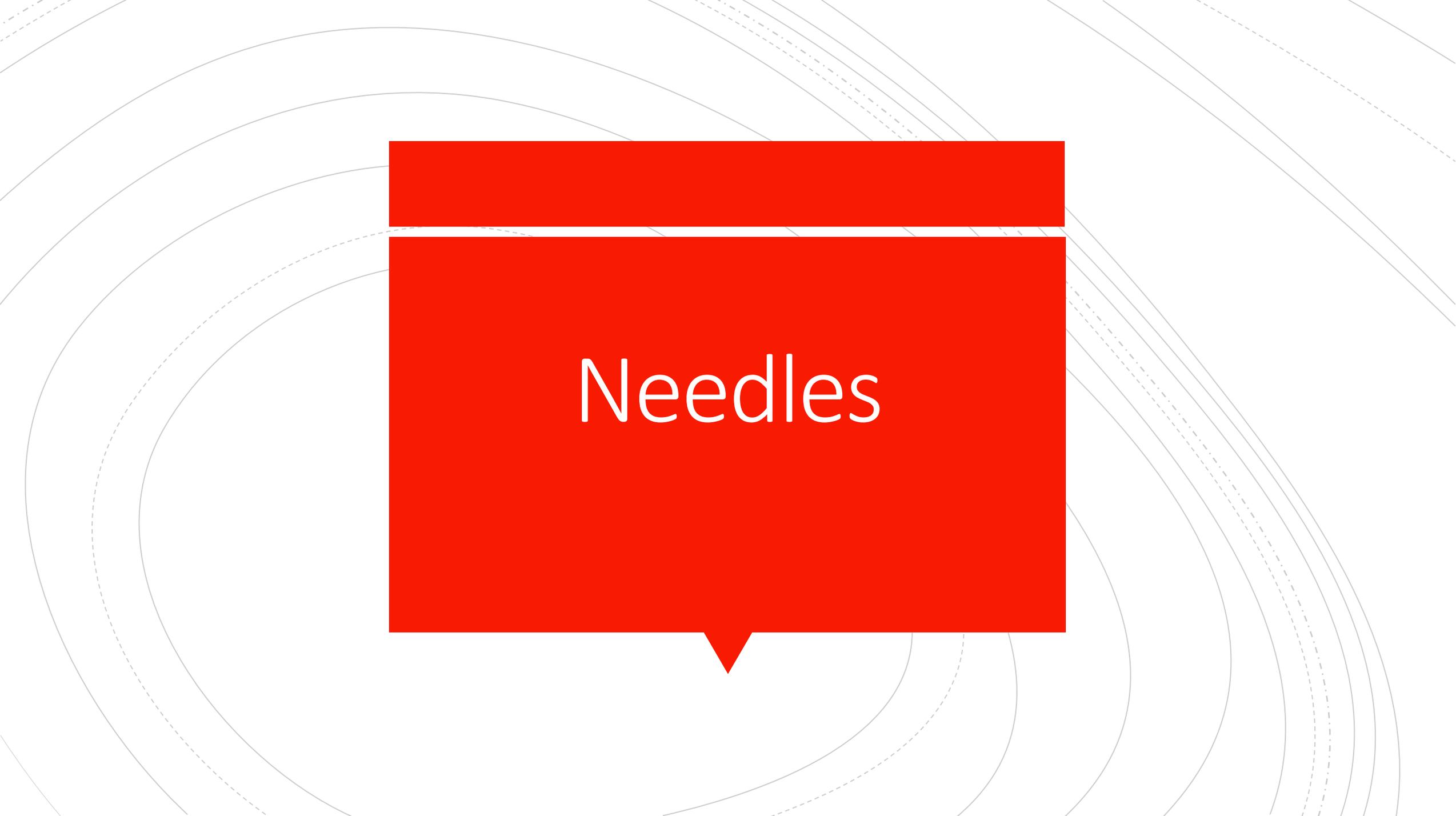
The clear sole always provides a perfect view of the stitching area.

The pintucks are sewn first, with the finished pintucks lying in the grooves on the bottom of the foot.

In a second step, the Pintuck and decorative-stitch foot with clear sole #46C is used to embellish the pintucks with precisely parallel lines of stitching – so there's no need to trace the lines beforehand.

3mm Double needle works best with this foot.





Needles

Double Needle – aka Twin Needle

Double needles are labeled according to the point size and the distance between the two needles.

The package may be marked 90/3.0. This means:

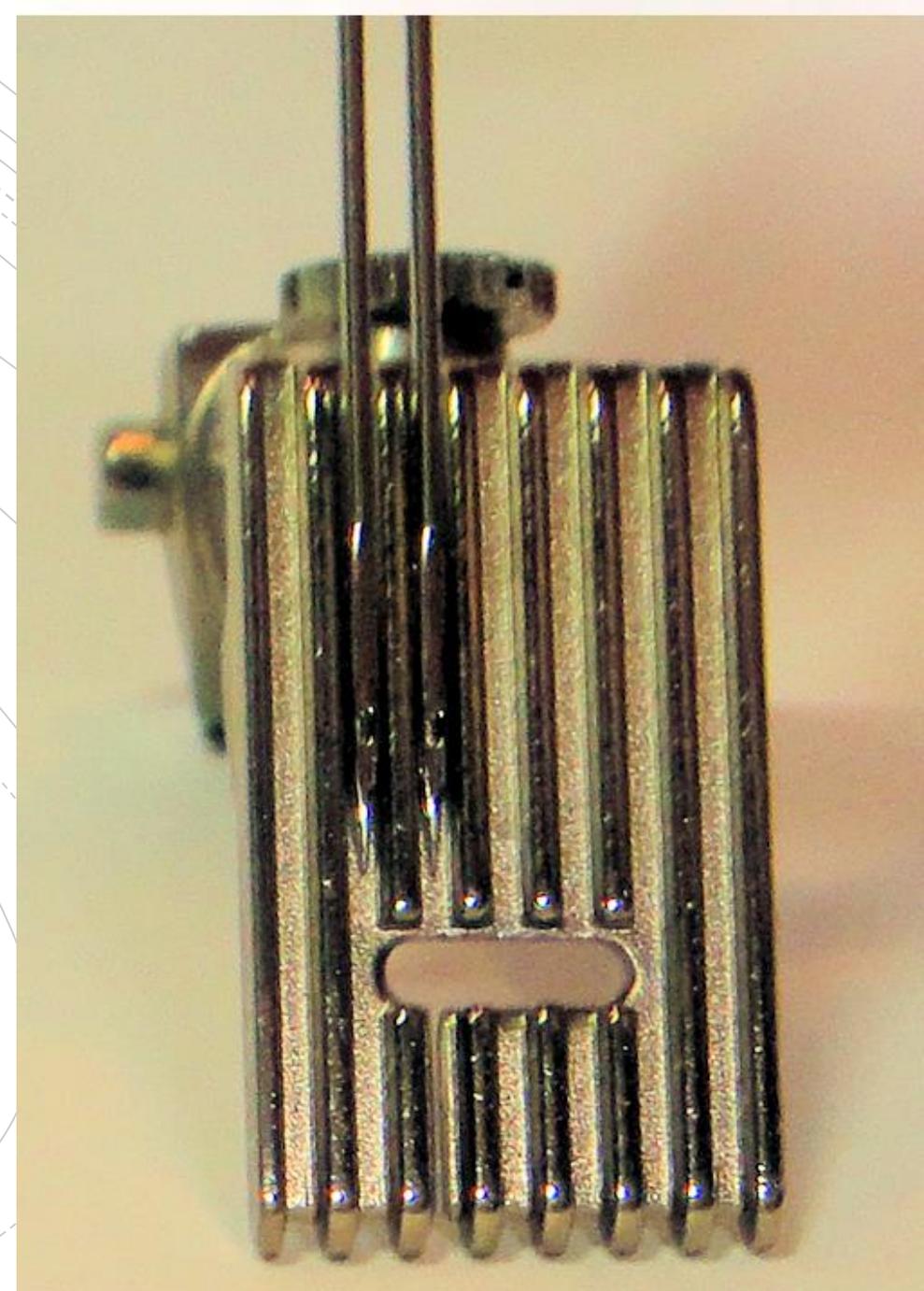
- The needle is a size 90 and
- The needles are 3mm apart

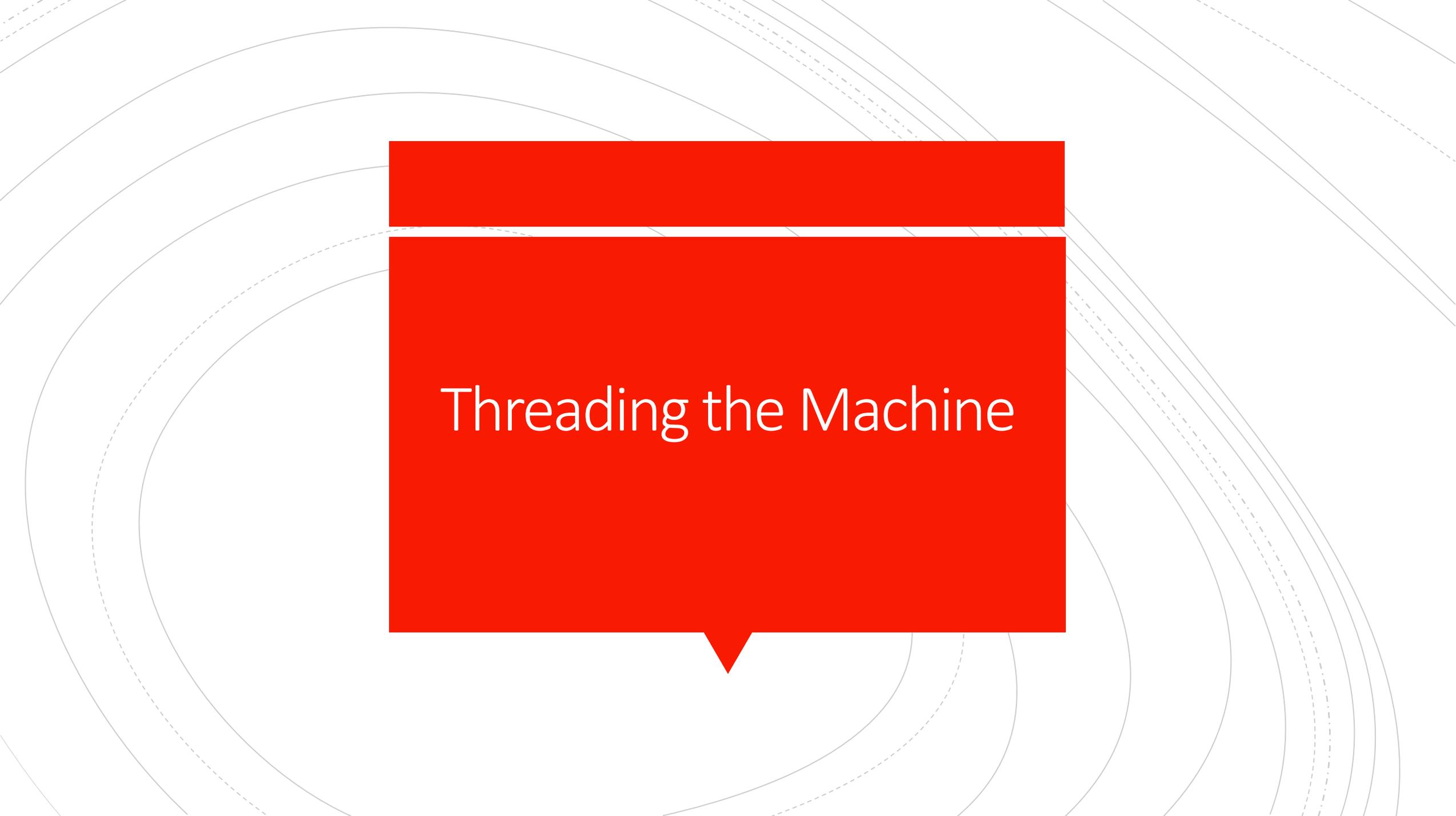


Check the fit

To test whether a needle can be used with a particular pintuck foot, place the needles in the grooves on the bottom of the sole.

The needles should be side by side in two adjacent grooves. If they both fit in one groove or if there is an empty groove between the two grooves that the needles fit into, the double needle will not work with the foot.



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Threading the Machine

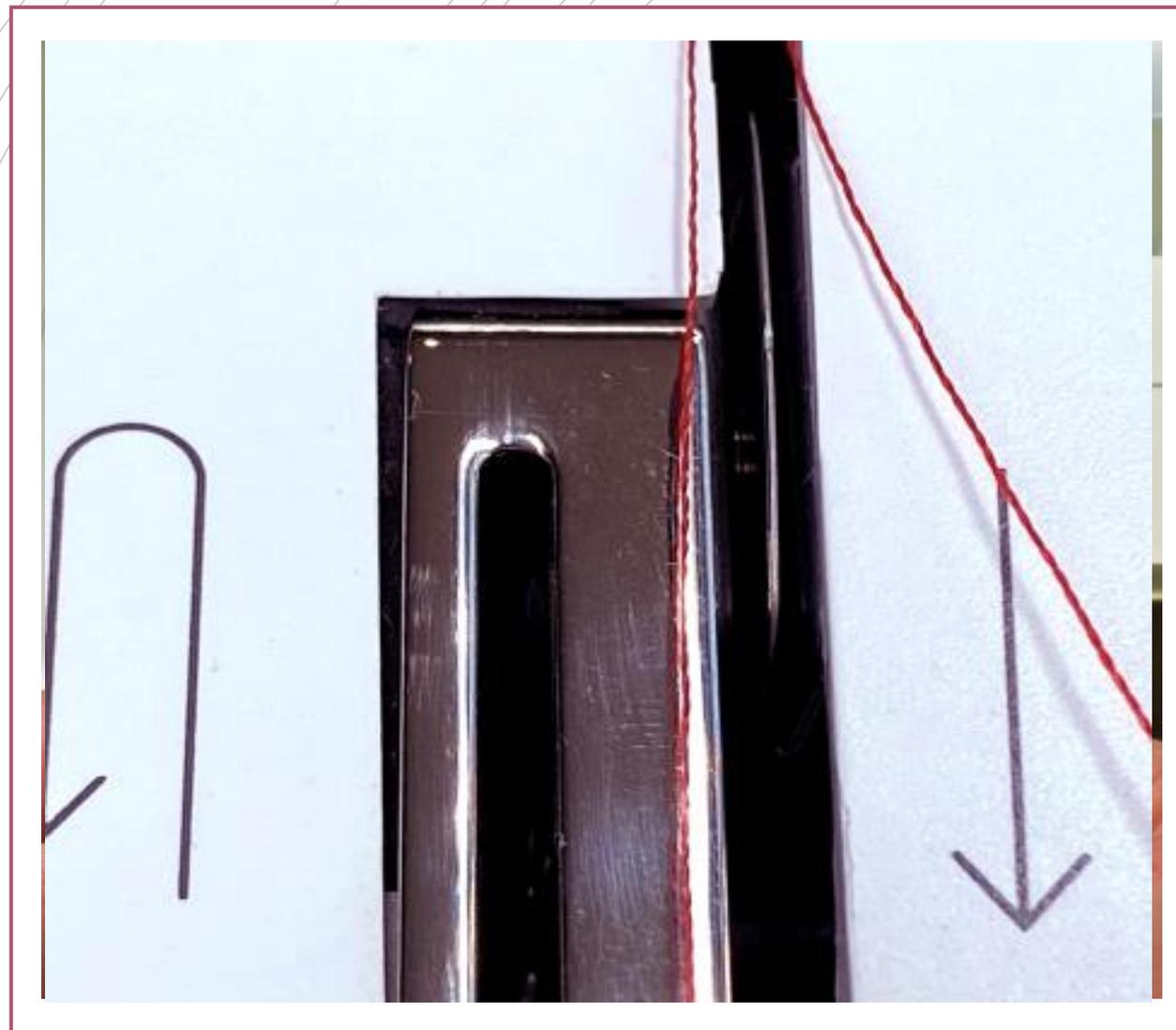
Step 1

- To thread your machine, place a thread spool on the horizontal spool pin and another on the vertical spool pin.



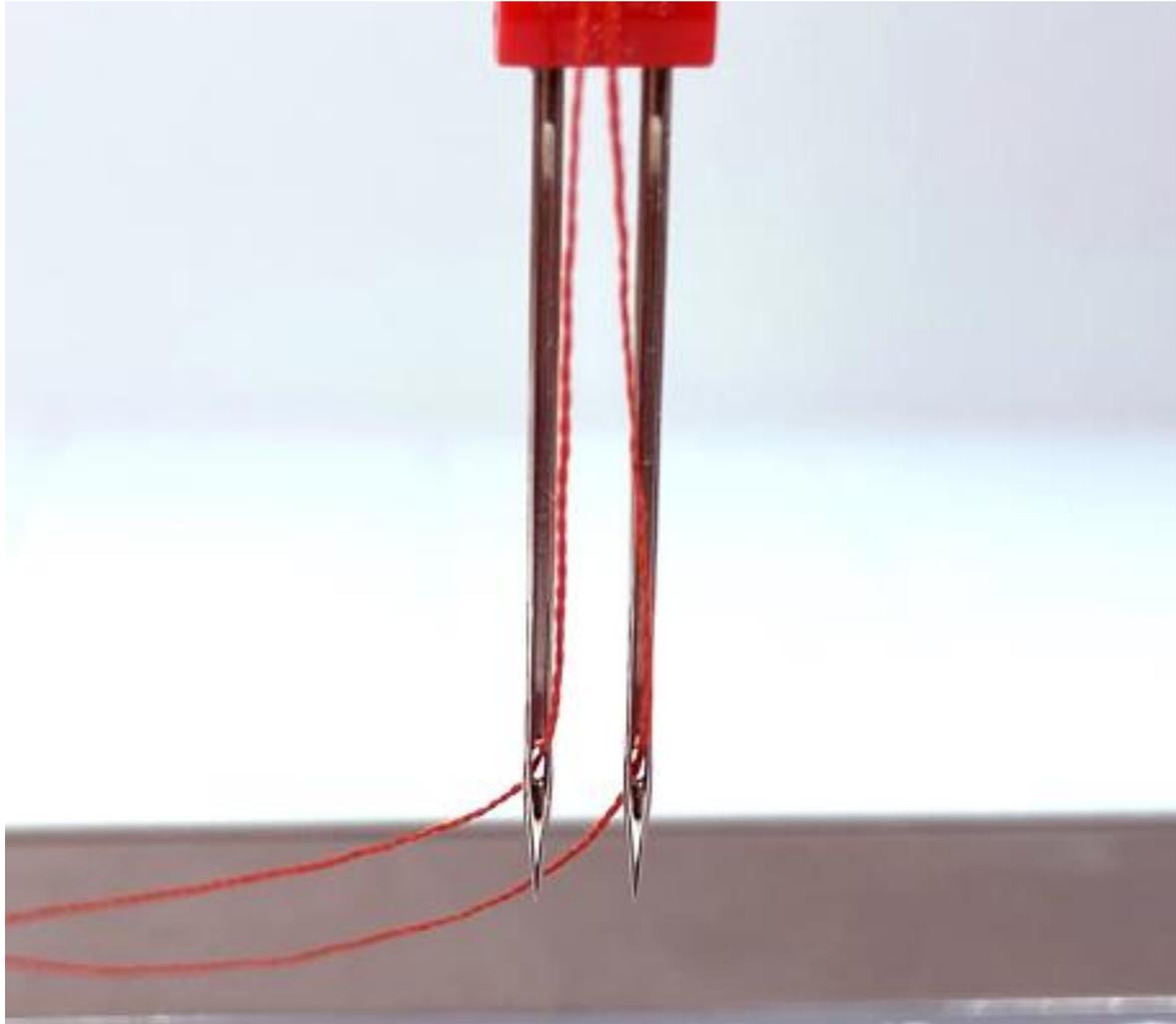
Step 2

- Start the threading process the same way as with a single needle, BUT when you come to the tension disc on top of the machine, place one thread on the right and one on the left of the disc.



Step 3

- Hold both threads in one hand and continue threading in the usual way, treating the two threads as one. When you get to the eyes of the needles, put one thread into each eye.



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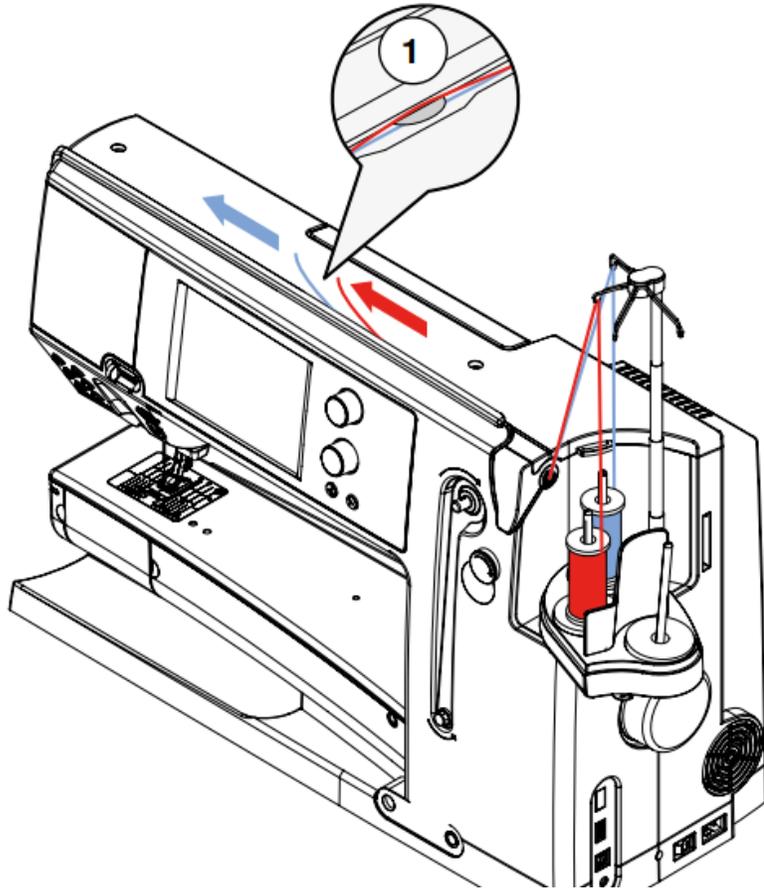
If your machine has a Needle Minder, open it and select the size double needle you are using. This is especially useful if sewing with decorative stitches. It will keep you from accidentally setting your stitch width too wide, causing a broken needle.



No needle minder? Do the math manually!

Maximum Stitch Width of your machine – the size of the double needle = maximum width you can safely stitch

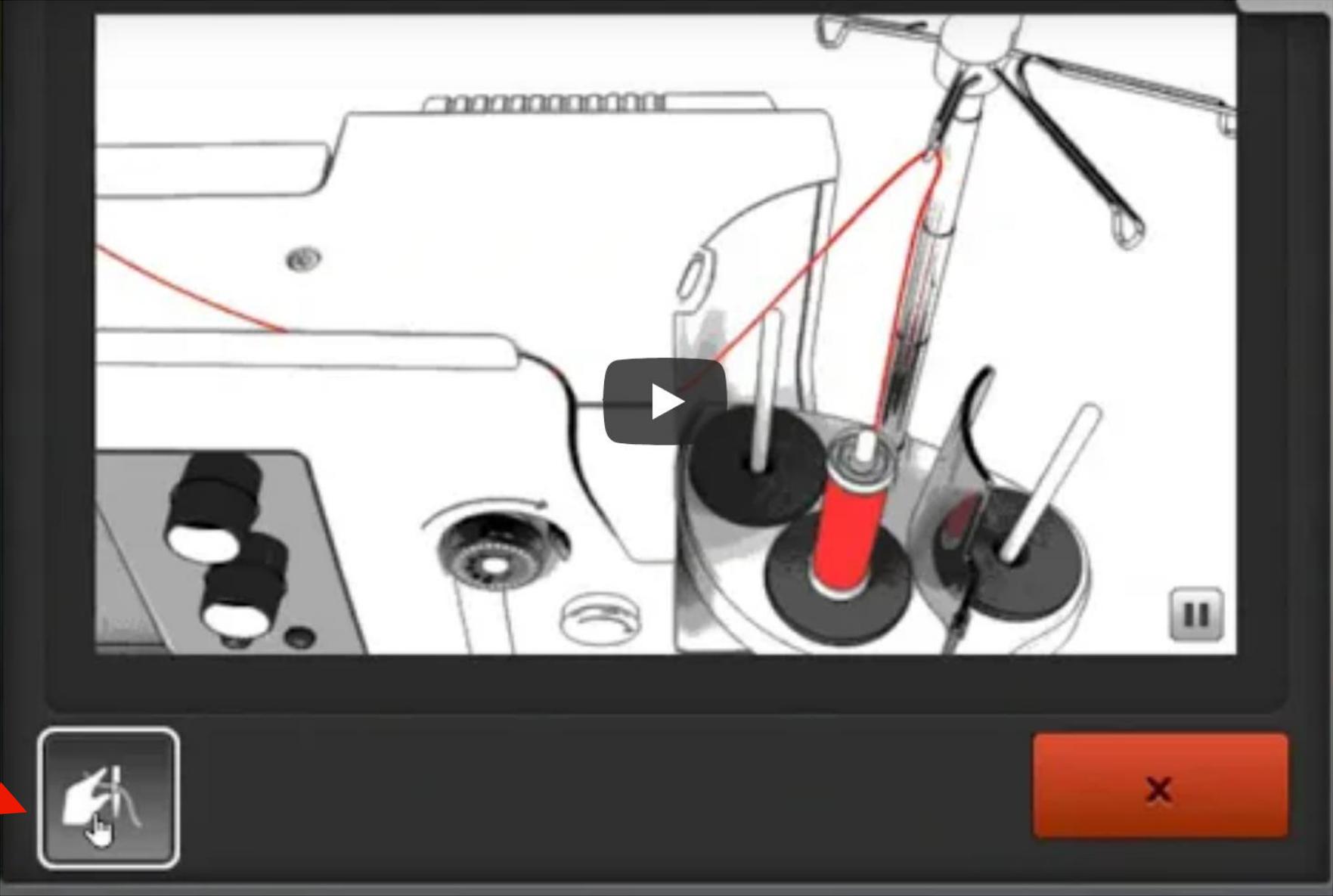
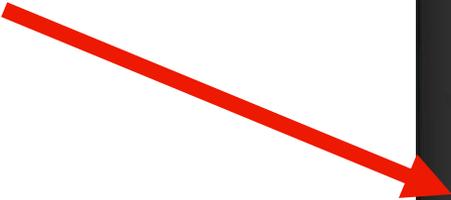
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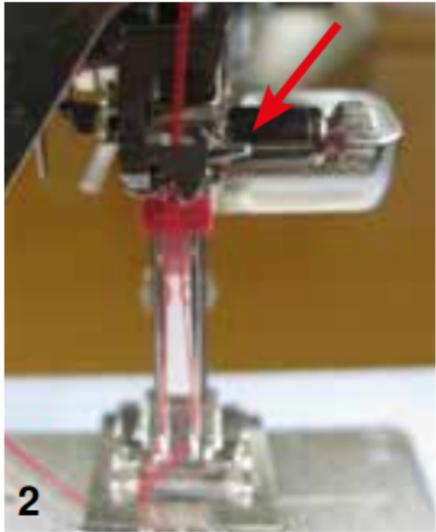


Threading Double Needle

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 - touch the corresponding needle icon in the «Security Program»-Display
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- place a thread spool on the center spool pin and one on the rear spool pin and thread the corresponding guides on the telescopic rod
 - insert the two threads together into the threading slit, guiding the thread of the rear spool pin behind the thread-tension disc **1** while guiding the thread of the center spool pin in front of the tension disc **1**. Then guide the two threads through the thread guide at the needle clamp
 - touch the «Manual Threading»-icon in the threading animation Display. Next touch the illuminated automatic threading button
 - using the manual threader in your accessory kit, manually thread the left needle and then the right needle

Manual
Threading Icon





Working with the Double needle

To achieve the best sewing quality:

Upper threads must be guided separately into the thread guide of the needle clamp.

- at that point, thread the first thread behind the wire as usual (red arrow), thread the second thread in front of the wire (picture 2)
- the recommended optimal speed for Double Needles ranges from about 350-500 stitches per minute. Set the slide speed control as shown below (picture 3)
- make sure that the threads are not twisted after the thread take-up lever. For a better sight the cover can be removed

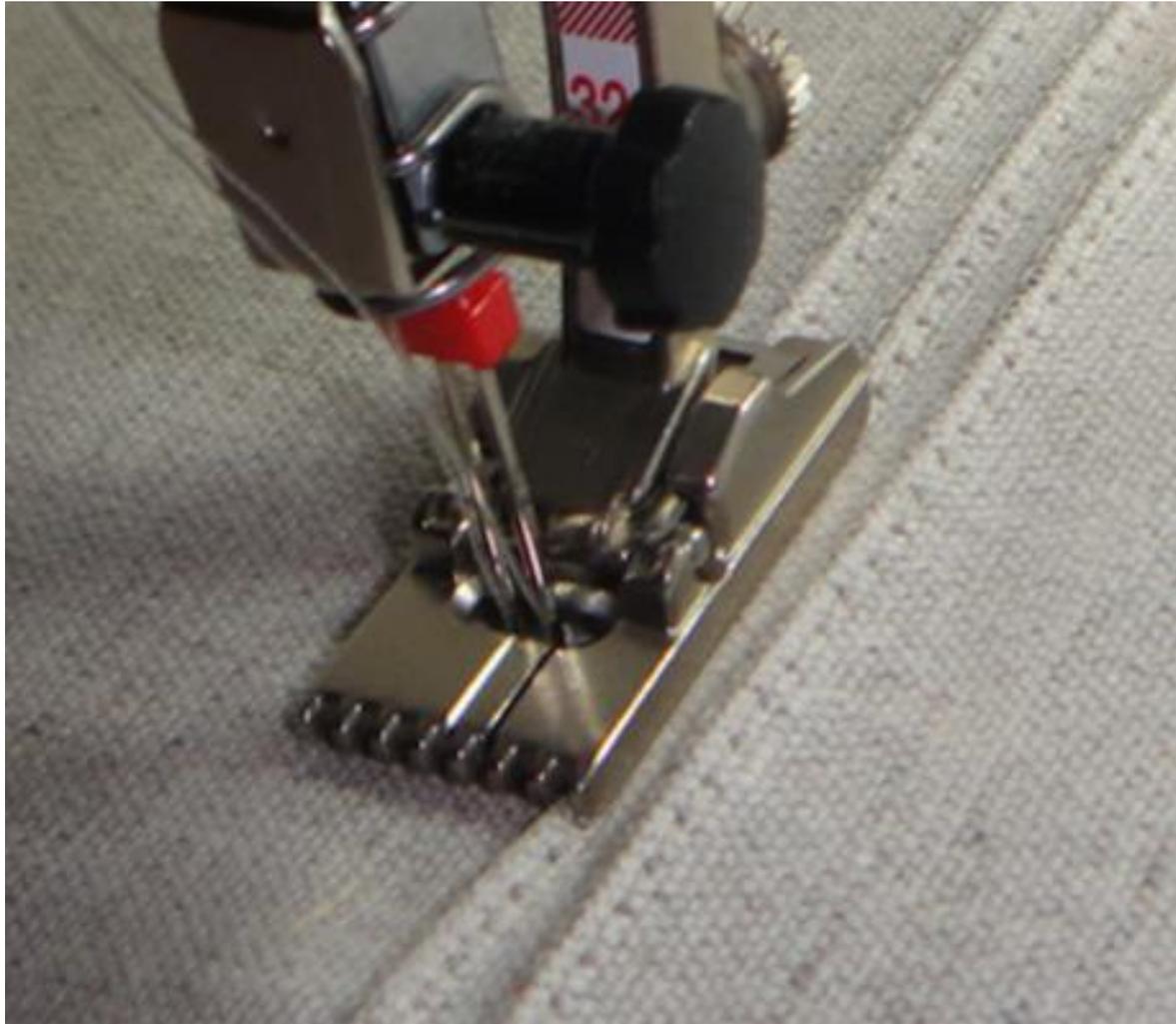
As a general guideline:

- replace the needle before starting a new sewing project

Needles are wearing parts and by frequent use they change their features. Even after 1.5 hours of useage first abrasions are recognizable. After about 8 hours, increases in thread breakage, loops and poor stitch formation may occur.

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Stitching Pintucks



- Before starting to sew, use the handwheel to bring the bobbin thread up to the surface of your fabric.
- Once you have the machine set up, all you do is sew the same way you always do!
- The pintuck is formed as the fabric is pulled up into the groove on the sole of the foot.
- For more definition of the tuck, tighten the needle tension slightly. Once you stitch one pintuck, put the fabric back under the foot, placing the first pintuck in one of the grooves for perfect spacing.



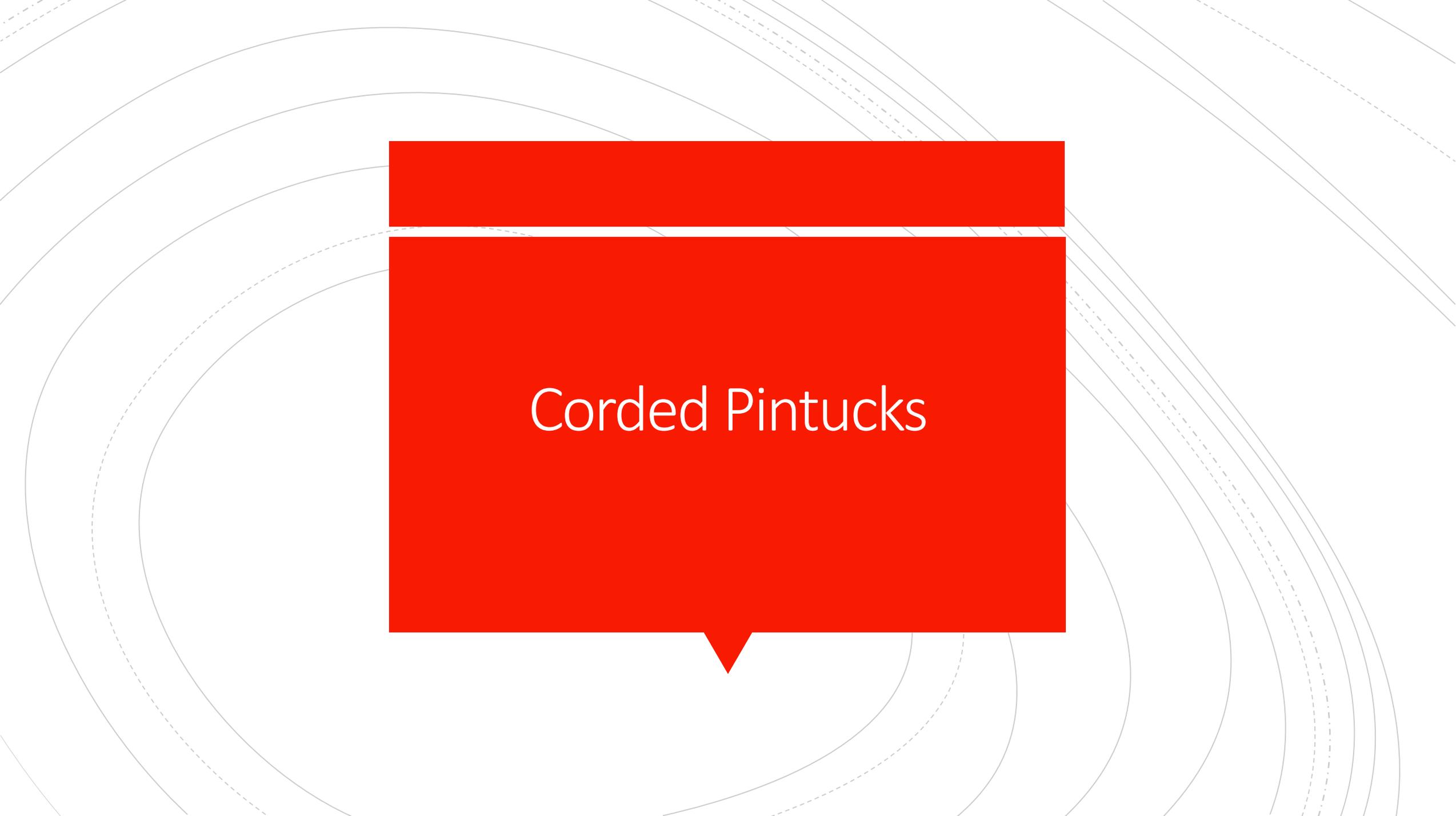
- Once you thread your machine with your twin needle, you have to make sure that you have the correct tension. The goal is to create a tunneling effect.
- You want the pintucks to be raised. But if the tension is too tight, you'll create puckering.
- Make sure to practice before using your fabric!



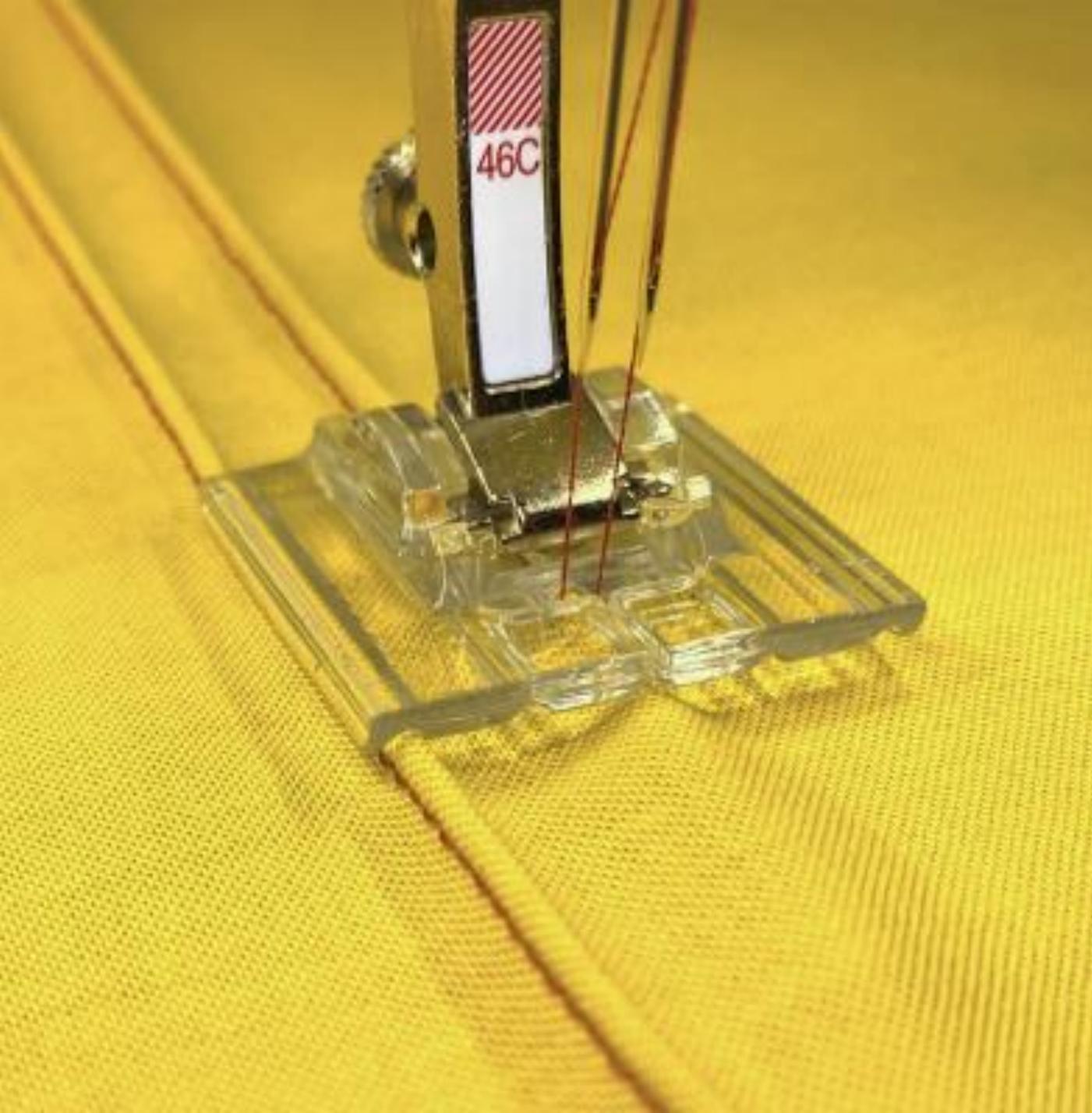
Spacing Pintucks

If you want very close pintucks, position the tuck in the groove of the foot next to the center groove, on the right or left. This creates very close pintucks. Continue doing this to create a band of texture as desired.

Add space between the pintucks by placing the first tuck in a groove that is farther away from the center. Add even more space by placing the side of the foot next to the previously stitched tuck.

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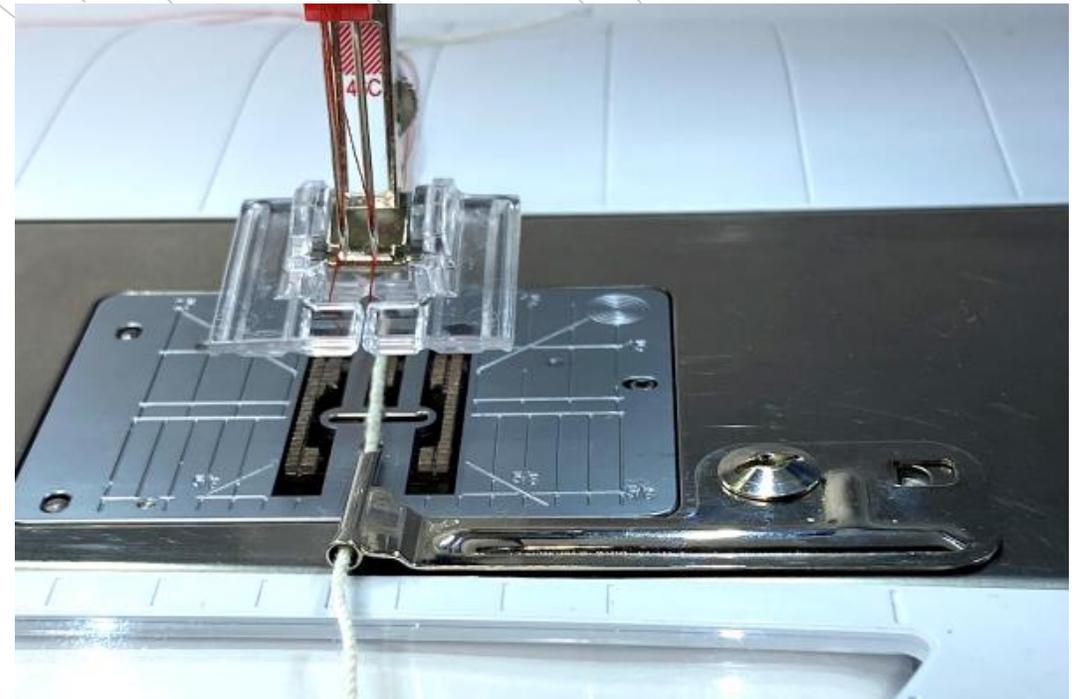


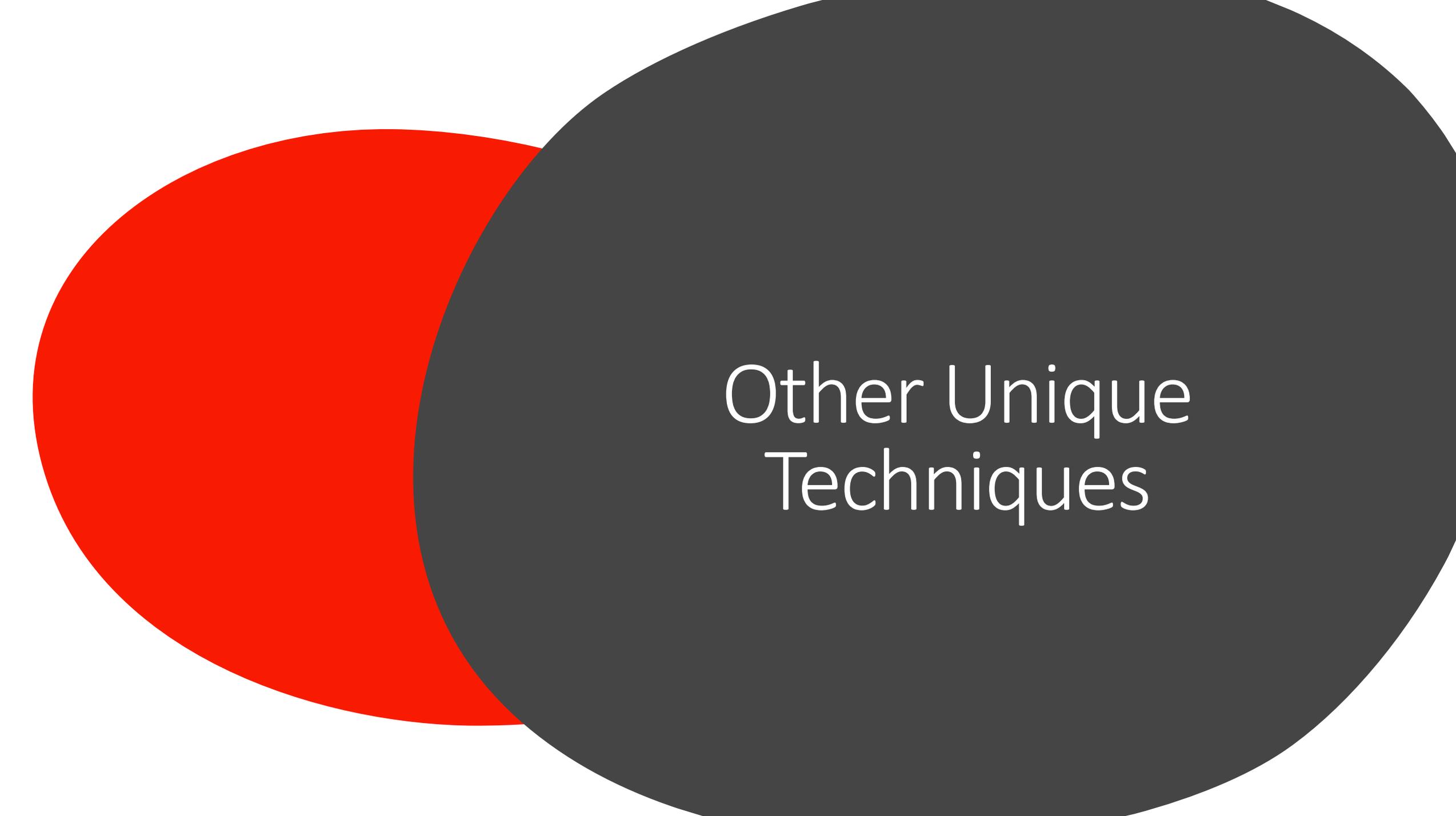
Pintucks can be corded or not. The cording adds body and structure to the pintuck, giving it more definition.

A narrow cord such as crochet cotton or a perle cotton works well for this.

If you choose to use cording, you'll need the Pintuck Cording Attachment.

It attaches to the machine with just one screw and is positioned to hold the cord directly in front of the needle.

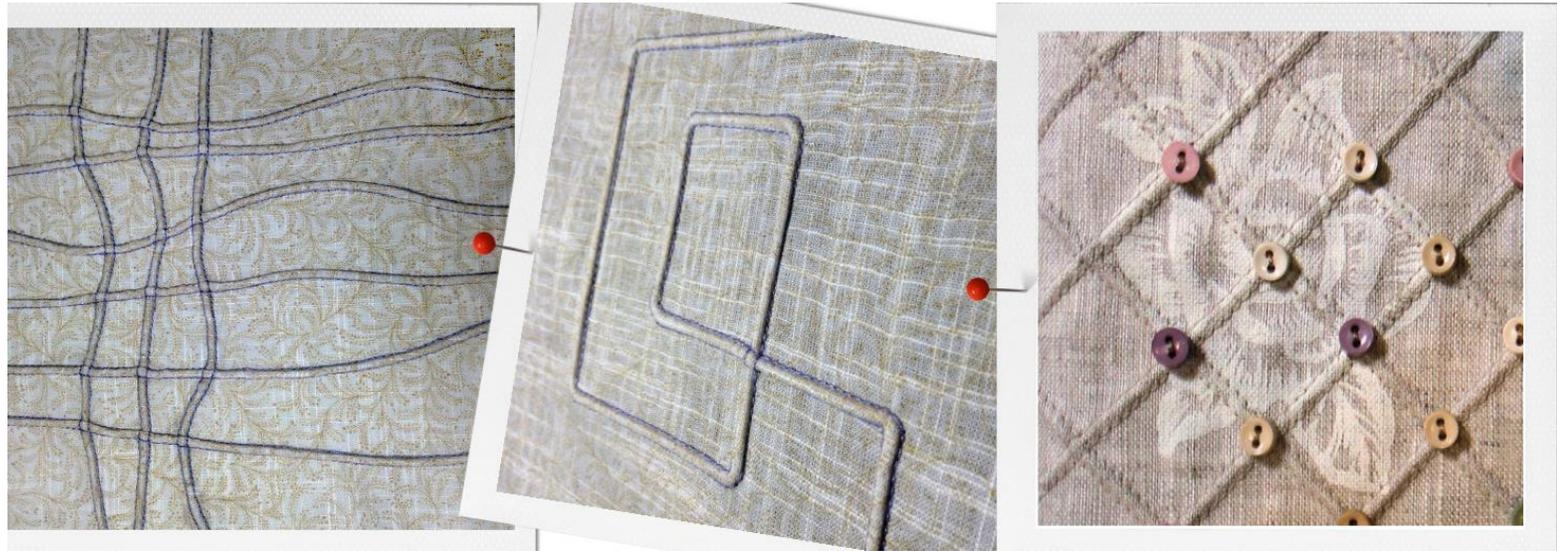


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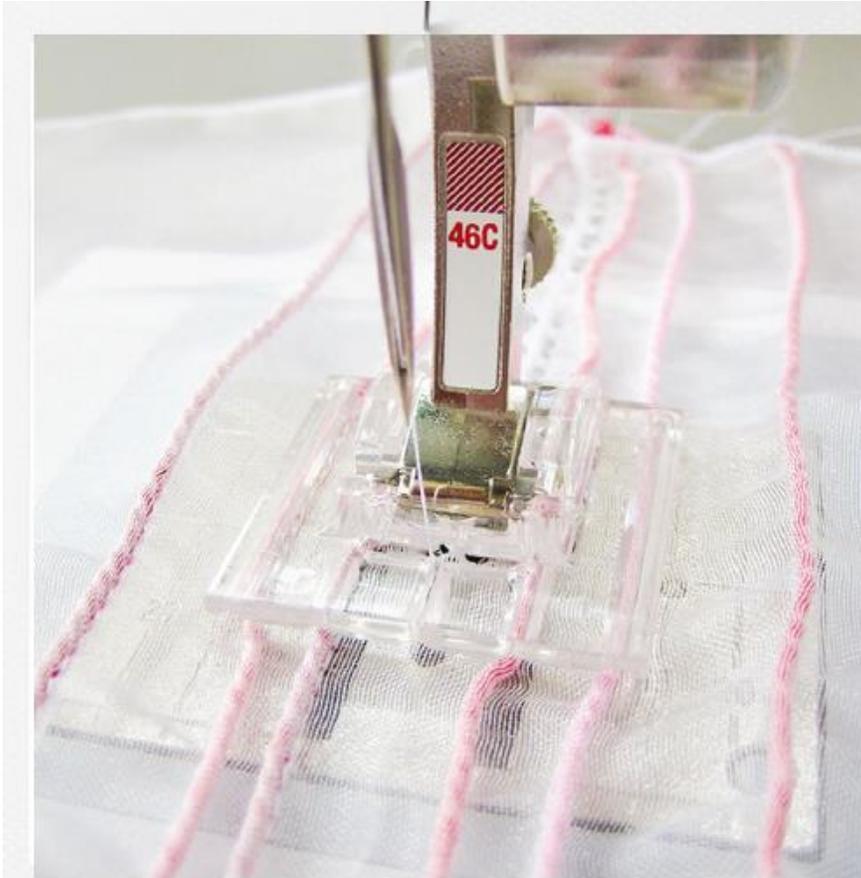
Shaped Pintucks

Traditional pintucks are usually stitched in straight lines, parallel tucks next to each other or spaced as desired using the grooves on the sole of the foot. They can also be stitched with random spacing in curved lines and turning corners. Stitch new pintucks over previously stitched ones to form a crosshatch or grid design.



Shadowed Pintucks

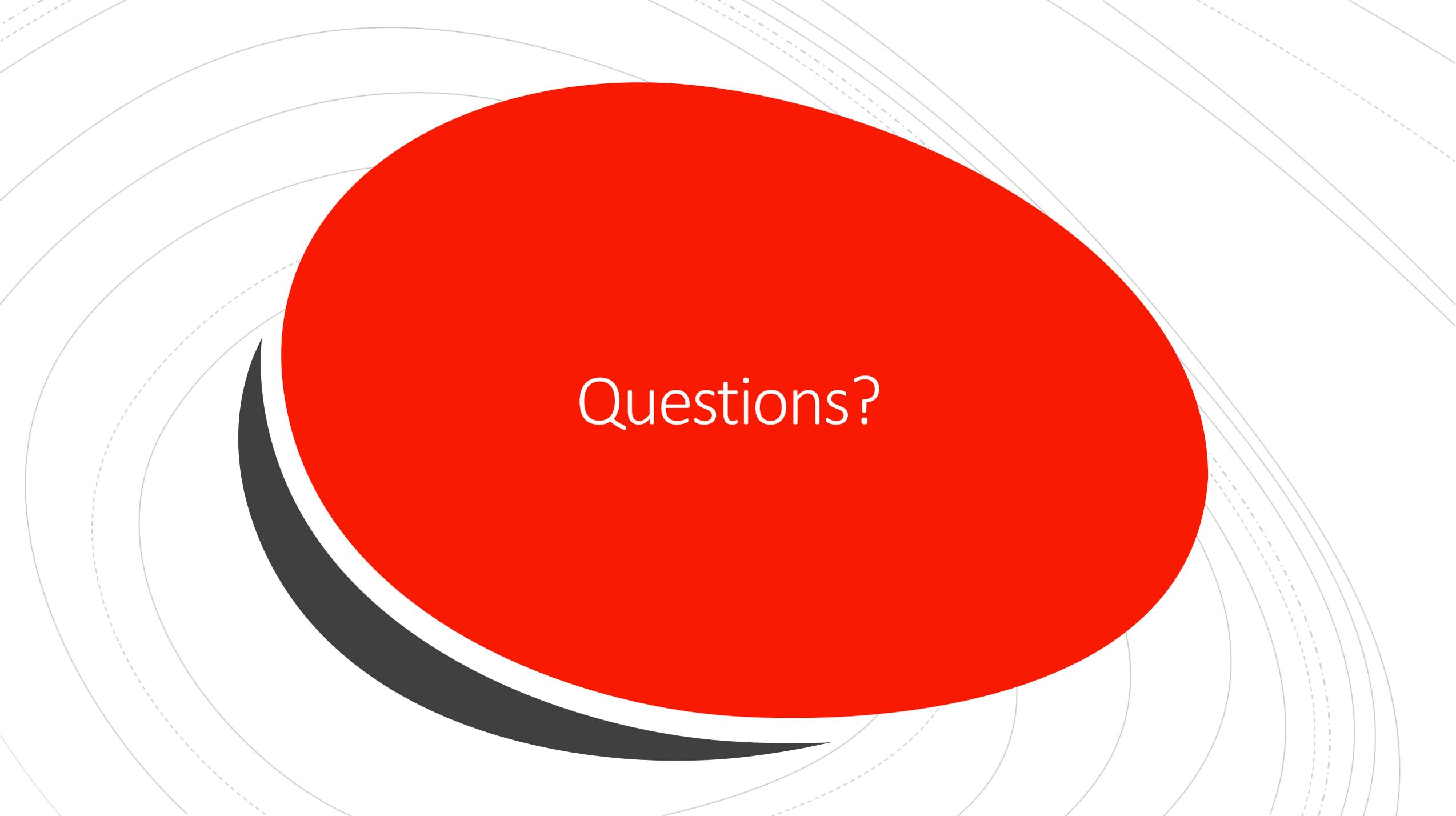
The secret to shadow pintucks is using a lightweight to sheer fabric and a strongly colored cord. The color shows through the fabric for a muted accent to the texture of the pintucks.



Shirring

Elastic thread in the bobbin





Questions?

Information for today's lesson came from:

[Just Sew It E Book: Pintuck Primer](#)

[Pintucks and Foot #46C: We All Sew Article](#)

[Pretty Pintuck: We All Sew Article](#)

[Diagonal Pintuck Tutorial](#)

[Pintuck Headband Tutorial](#)