

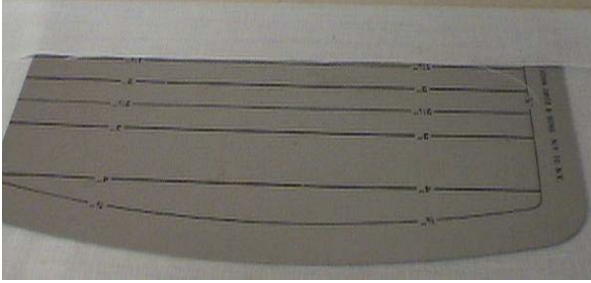
Hemstitched hems *By Janice Henning*

Wing needle

Clear B foot.

D4

Hem: Press a 1 1/2" hem towards the **topside** of your tablecloth. At the corners, press down one corner of the hem, then lift it up and press the other corner. I use the Dritz hem marker and fold the hem over the straight edge and align it with the 1 1/2" line. You could use a little slide ruler to fold your hem.

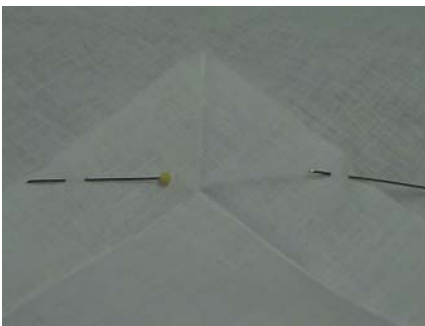


Lift the fabric point of the corner up. Fold the fabric at the point, and the two raw edges of the triangle should be even. It forms a natural miter.

Press this triangle to one side and then press it in the opposite direction. You will see that the crease from the pressed hem will line up with the fold of the hem. This will give you crease marks that are perfect to sew the miter corner.



Turn those corners to the wrong side and match those two creases together and pin in place.



Stitch from the corner down to the raw edges. Then just trim this triangle off 1/4" from the stitching line and press the seam open and turn back to the right side and the corner has a perfect miter.



Choose stitch D4 for the hemstitch. **Touch the mirror side to side to reverse the stitching** so the needle starts on the left side. Place the hem under the foot so the needle will strike at the left raw edge of the hem and encase it in the stitching. The raw edge will be against the inner left edge of the foot so you can guide the fabric along that edge to keep it nice and straight.



I use a strip of “Stitch n Ditch” stabilizer under the stitching. I also spray starch and iron the folded hem so it will have stability. Stitch n Ditch is a acid free paper stabilizer that tears away easily from heirloom stitches. It can be purchased from <http://www.homesew.com/MachineEmbroideryStabilizers.html>



Sewing Instructions:

Start about 1” from one of the corners and when you are getting close to the corner, watch the cross bar on your B foot. When the top of that bar looks like it is even with the other side of the hem edge, touch the “stop” button so you can stitch one hemstitch at a time.

I found that once this crossbar is even with the other side of the hem, I need to make two more complete hemstitches. So, when the stitching stops, remove your foot from the pedal, then touch it again and sew the second set of stitches. Tap the foot pedal to get the needle in the down position and pivot. The inside edge of that foot should line up perfectly next to that raw hem edge again.