

TUTORIAL - How to hem without using pins

Lately I've adjusted the method I used to sew a hem. Without using one single pin, you can perfectly finish hems, without using one single pin. Sounds like music to your ears? When just quickly go through this tutorial and you will never hate sewing hems again. ;)

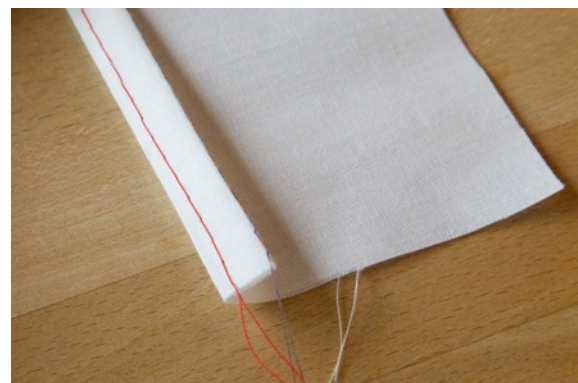
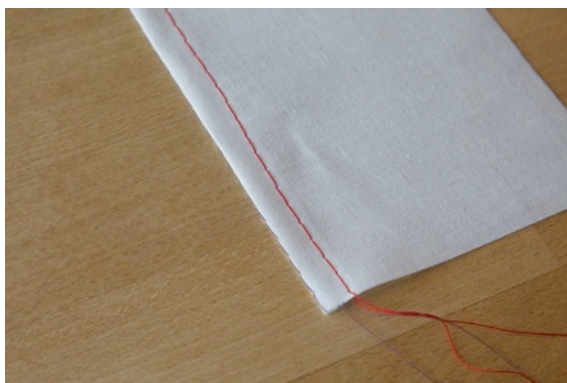
The idea is simple. You make 2 stitching lines that you can use as a guidance to fold the fabric inwards twice. The only disadvantage of this method is the amount of thread it uses, but to compensate that I make my two first stitching lines with a long stitch length. And believe me, the time saving is much more important to me sometimes than this extra thread! Especially when I have to get the kids from school when I've just almost finished a garment. Know that feeling?

Here's the tutorial

Adjust the settings of your machine to a long stitch length. Make a first stitch line (purple) at 1cm (3/8 inch) from the edge. Don't sew backward/ forward at the end when you want to remove these threads at the end (which you can choose)

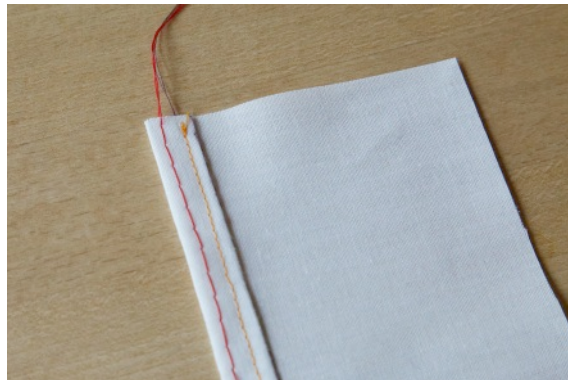


Fold the fabric on this stitching line (1cm / 3/8 inch) while you create a second one (red). This second stitching line (red) has to be at presser foot width. Summary: Fold at 1cm (3/8 inch), but sew at presser foot width.



Fold the fabric again 1cm (3/8inch) inwards. To do this, you will use the edge of the fabric that is turned inwards as guidance. Adjust the stitch length of your sewing machine to the normal stitch length.

Sew at presser foot width for this last and final stitching line. Don't forget to sew backward / forward at the beginning and the end. Summary: Fold at 1cm (3/8 inch) and sew at presser foot width, normal stitch length.



You can remove the first two stitching lines if you want to. I don't! I'm a lazy type seamstress... ;)



Now I'll show you this technique on a skirt that I've just finished, but didn't blog yet. This fabric is my all-time favorite fabric. Can't wait to show you the result!

Sew at 1cm (3/8 inch)



Fold at 1cm (3/8 inch) but sew at presser foot width.



Fold again at 1cm (3/8 inch), sew at presser foot width.



Hope this tutorial looks useful? I think you should just give it a try, because I would never sew hems in a different way anymore since I use this method!

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