

Modern Sewing Tools & Techniques for Busy Reenactors

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Who am I?

What am I doing?

How did I get here?

Maddy DuMont, upholsterer, Doozie Upholstery

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Companion of the Laurel (pewterer)

My mom Dee DuMont, professional seamstress
(retired)





Yes, it is good to make garb with machines

Books!

Whole Sewing Catalog, ISBN: 0671451898;

Claire Shaeffer's Fabric Sewing Guide, ISBN:
0801978025

Fabric purchased, samples, light

Aline's list of online fabric merchants:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/18kPG7rePgkTQvdqugpfEDzIK1Jb3Qa9nQppSfcxUMPk/edit>

Fitting Muslins

Edge finished:
Sergers
Overcast foot
Sew in tube



Washed, pressed



Storage: Rolls

Slubs

Snag repair

Flaw placement
(mark it)



Fusible interfacing

Thread:

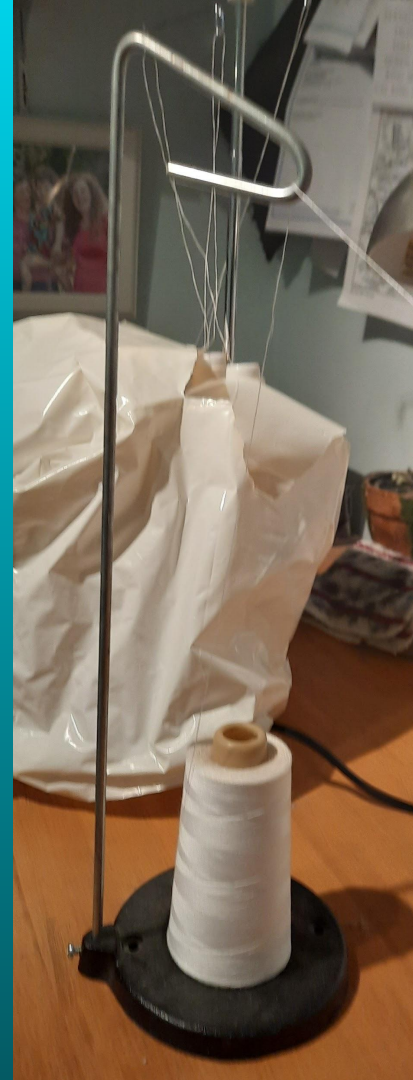
Color

Quality

Quantity

Gutterman spools

Cone stand



Ironing: Board Irons



<https://www.brabantia.com/uk/ironing-board-c-124x45-cm-solid-steam-unit-holder-ice-water/>

Velvet board
Sleeve board

Patterns:

Straight grain and bias

Paper: Rolls, Tag Board (Costco,
paper between pallets of TP)

Notes, dates, seam allowances, clips,
grain, cut plans

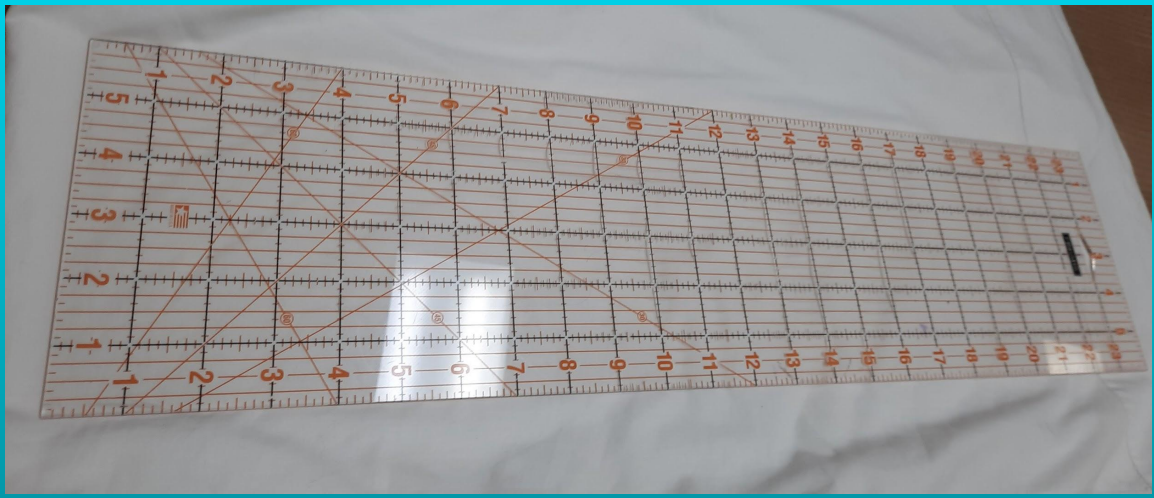
Smock generator:

<http://www.elizabethancostume.net/smockpat/index.html>

Alterations, book (tape)

Storage/folders

Rulers...



Cutting table solutions:

https://www.joann.com/studio-designs-sew-ready-craft-cutting-table-silver-white/17008558.html?fbclid=IwAR2Y_eLzcBSGC_suy_8SFJjHwpQg_HDsZg5mtJWRIsZQ4c9zKSvg91Ph2fo

Height? 35", ironing 36", (waist 41")
(dining=31")

Clamps, weights

Pins!!

Chalk/markings

[https://www.wawak.com/cutting-measuring/
marking-chalk-pens/pens-pencils/allary-chal
k-cartridge-set-assorted-colors/#sku=ck27](https://www.wawak.com/cutting-measuring/marking-chalk-pens/pens-pencils/allary-chalk-cartridge-set-assorted-colors/#sku=ck27)

Layout/single layer



Scissors

Sharpening

Ginger, Wiss



Manual: read it.

Practice, sample stitching

Bobbin, tension; threading, upper tension (loosen on buttonholes)

Needles (special driver)

Table and knee lift



Cleaning and oiling, brush

<http://dooziedoesit.blogspot.com/2013/09/keeping-your-bernina-830-clean-and-oiled.html>



Sergers

Overcast foot (pre-finishing)

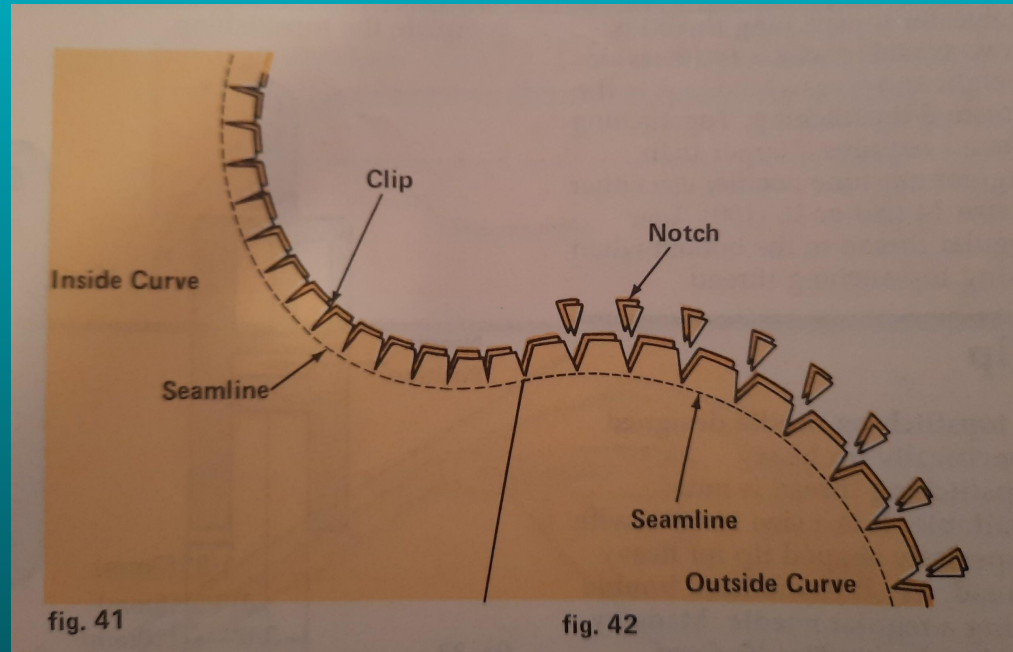


Dags!



Valley stitches

Mark, sew, trim: pinking shears



Under- stitching

Understitched Seams

Understitching is used on facing seams to give a firm turning edge. An understitched seam also keeps the facing in position and prevents it from rolling to the right side. Understitching is done after the seam allowances are trimmed, graded, clipped or notched.

With the garment right side up pull the facing and all seam allowances to one side. Using a regular stitch length, stitch close to the seamline through all layers. (fig. 45)

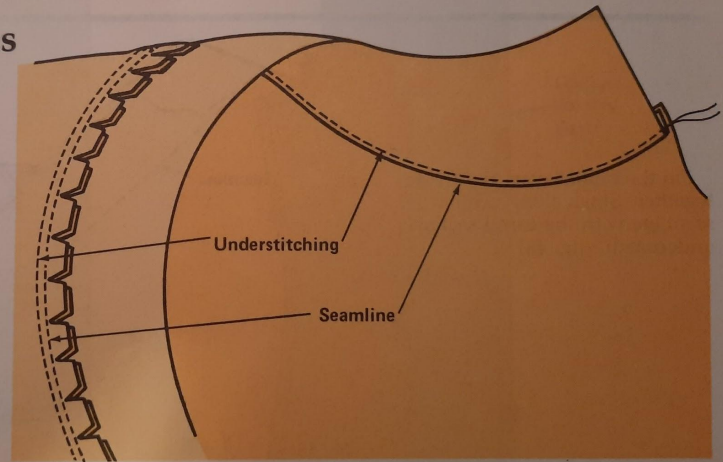


fig. 45

Understitch the facing seam and turn the facing to the finished position, rolling the seam to the facing side. Press only from the wrong side. (fig. 14)

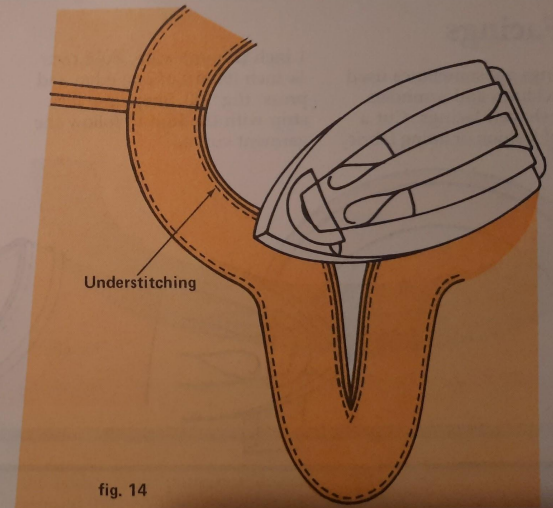


fig. 14

Pressing

Bias binding

Facing and lining

Buttons!

Shank and cotter pins

<https://www.warsendshop.com/products/cotter-pins-for-shank-buttons>

Heavy thread, bobbins



Machine Eyelets Button holes

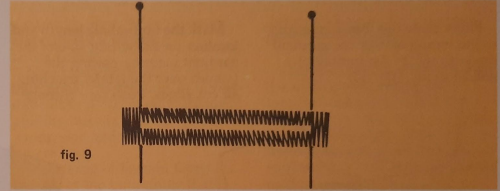


X-acto (pins at end)

Awl

Vintage cutter

Carefully open each buttonhole from bartack to bartack with a pair of sharp, finely pointed scissors. Place a pin at each end of the buttonhole, in front of the bartacks, to prevent cutting through the ends. (fig. 9)



Tip

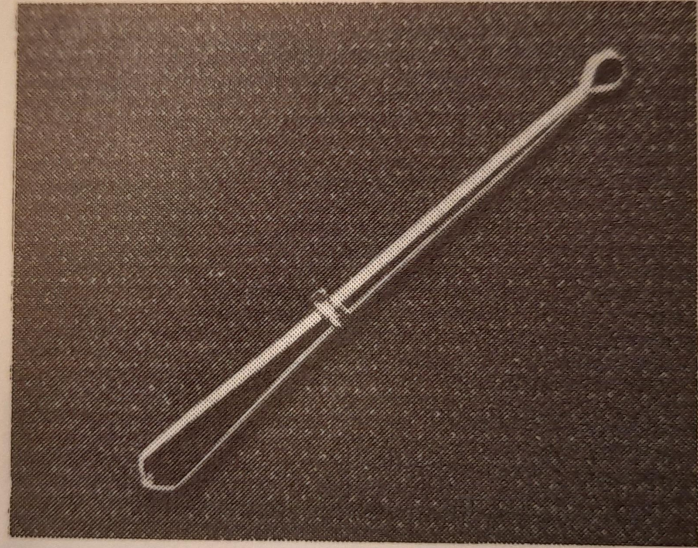
The Automatic Buttonholer makes perfect machine buttonholes every time. This attachment will fit most machines and automatically makes buttonholes of the same width and length even if your machine does not have a zigzag stitch. It also has a template to make beautiful keyhole type buttonholes. Manufactured by Griest Division MITE Corp.



Corner turner



Bodkin



Dritz Ezy-Pull Bodkin

Hemming:

Marking

Hard floor

Correct shoes

Undergarments

Rolled hem feet

<https://weallsew.com/narrow-hemming-with-bernina-hemmer-feet/>

Back-stitch and trim seam allowance on every seam



Blind hems:

<https://weallsew.com/how-to-sew-a-blind-hem/>

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Junk facing

Hem Marker



Gathering with
cording/couching or
pintuck foot

