

List of sewing stitches

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This a list of stitches used in hand and machine sewing.

- Straight stitch
- Zigzag stitch

- Running stitch
- Back stitch
- Satin stitch
- Outline stitch

Types of hand stitches

- Embroidery stitching-stitches hard with rope like looking features
- Back tack
- Backstitch - a sturdy hand stitch for seams and decoration
- Basting stitch (or tacking) - for reinforcement or for temporarily holding fabric in place
- Blanket stitch - used to finish an unhemmed blanket
- Blind stitch (or hemstitch) - a type of slip stitch used for inconspicuous hems
- Buttonhole stitch - for reinforcing buttonholes and preventing cut fabric from raveling
- Chain stitch - hand or machine stitch for seams or decoration
- Cross-stitch - usually used for decoration, but may also be used for seams
- Catch stitch (also 'flat' & 'blind' -catch stitch)
- Cross-stitch tack
- Darning stitch - for repairing holes or worn areas in fabric or knitting
- Embroidery stitch - one or more stitches forming a figure of recognizable look
- Hemming stitch
- Overcast stitch
- Pad stitch - secures two or more layers of fabric together and provide firmness
- Pick stitch - a hand stitch that catches only a few threads on the wrong side of the fabric, difficult to produce nicely so typically used for hemming high quality garments
- Rantering
- Running stitch - a hand stitch for seams and gathering
- Sailmakers stitch
- Slip stitch - a hand stitch for fastening two pieces of fabric together from the right side without the thread showing
- Stoating
- Tent stitch - diagonal embroidery stitch at a 45-degree angle
- Topstitch - used on garment edges such as necklines and hems, helps facings stay in place and gives a

crisp edge

- Whipstitch - for protecting edges

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