5. SETTING STITCH WIDTH

The stitch width selector does two jobs: it sets the machine for bobbin winding and straight stitching, and it controls stitch width in zig-zag stitching and two-step buttonholing.

*Make sure buttonhole controls are in OFF position before moving selector.*

To set stitch width, press down on the selector lever, slide to desired position, and release.

**Bobbin Winding and Straight Stitching:** Set selector at straight stitch position 1.

**Zig-Zag Stitching:** First be sure you have a disc on the Fashion Disc holder. Then set selector at any position between 2 (narrow) and 5 (wide). You will find special settings on the stitch chart.

**Two-Step Buttonholing:** First be sure you have the plain zig-zag Fashion Disc 0 on the disc holder. Then set selector under (▼) symbol.

6. SETTING STITCH LENGTH

The stitch length selector also does two jobs, which are common to both straight and zig-zag stitching: it controls the length of stitches and the direction of stitching (either forward or reverse).

The numbers on either side of the lever represent the number of stitches per inch: the higher the number, the shorter the stitch. Generally, shorter stitches are best for lightweight fabric; longer ones for heavy fabric. The FINE area, which represents over 20 stitches per inch, is used for zig-zag satin stitching. For detailed instructions on adjusting for satin stitching, see page 30. The (▶) symbol indicates a special setting for sewing round-end buttonholes.

**Setting Selector**

*Make sure buttonhole lever is in OFF position before setting stitch length selector for any purpose except two-step buttonholing.*

- Loosen thumb nut by turning to left.
- Position lever for desired stitch length.
- Tighten thumb nut by turning to right.

*For reverse stitching,* simply raise lever as far as it will go. Do not loosen the thumb nut to reverse unless you are using the 6 setting, in bottom position.

*For two-step buttonholing,* first move buttonhole lever to proper setting as instructed on page 50 and then set stitch length selector at (▶). Always remember that the buttonhole lever must be set before you adjust the stitch length selector.