sewing a seam

PIN BASTING

Pin basting is a time saver and can be used in place of hand or machine basting when you are straight stitching seams in easy-to-handle fabrics. The straight stitch foot is recommended, but the general purpose foot may also be used. When sewing over pins with either foot, it is important to use fine pins and to place them correctly in reference to the stitching line.

Place pins so that:

- They are at right angles to the stitching line.
- They just nip into the fabric at the stitching line.
- There is minimum pin extension beyond the stitching line. Pins should not extend under both sides of the presser foot and should never be placed on the underside of the fabric in contact with the feed dog.

PLACING FABRIC

Most fabric can be easily placed under the presser foot by raising the presser foot lifter to its normal up position. When placing bulky fabric or multiple fabric layers, however, you will find it convenient to use the high-rise position of the lifter. In this position the space between the presser foot and the throat plate is increased, permitting fabric to be placed without tug or drag.

Placing Bulky Fabric

- Raise the presser foot lifter beyond the normal up position, to the high-rise position.
- Hold lifter in the high-rise position (since it does not lock) while placing fabric under the presser foot.
- Lower the presser foot lifter to its down position. Make sure the lifter is all the way down before starting to sew.