Guiding and Supporting Fabric
Most fabrics need only to be guided in front of the presser foot, as illustrated.

Some fabrics, however, require support while being stitched. These fabrics require using the straight stitch foot, as shown.
- For filmy sheers, knits, etc., apply gentle tension by holding seam in front and back of the presser foot.
- For stretch fabrics, apply firm tension front and back when stitching in the same direction as the stretch. For seams not on the stretch direction stitch in conventional manner, guiding fabric in front of presser foot.

Keeping Seam Straight
To keep the seam straight as you stitch, use one of the numbered guidelines on the throat plate. Numbers indicate distance, in eighths of an inch, from the needle. If you want a 5/8-inch seam, for example, line up your fabric with line 5. Note that line 5, the one most commonly used, is extended on the slide plate for your convenience.

For additional guidance, you may wish to use the seam and hem guide.