ENDING THE STITCHING IN THE FABRIC

Occasionally you may need to end your stitching in the fabric. Basted hems and temporary tucks, for example, as well as partially stitched-down pleats can be completed in this way:

1. Stop stitching at desired point, with take-up lever in its highest position.
2. Raise presser foot.
3. With your finger, pull the thread through the take-up lever, forming a loop between the take-up lever and chainstitch thread guide.
4. Pass scissors under presser foot so as to draw the loop down to the left of the foot.
5. Hold the loop and cut the thread close to the end of the stitching.
6. Remove fabric from machine by pulling it straight back, away from you. This will cause the thread end to pull through the fabric to the underside and form a temporary lock.
7. If you wish to secure this temporary lock, fold the thread end back over the chain and fasten with hand basting.