keeping up appearances

GROWTH AND SHRINKAGE TUCKS

Tucks are frequently put into curtains, linings, and children’s clothes to allow for the child's growth or fabric shrinkage. “Letting down” is no longer a chore when tucks are chainstitched. Simply unlock the last loop of the chain formed on the underside of the tuck and pull out the stitching. Turn to page 34 for more information on chainstitching.

BLANKET BINDING

Often you can make an old blanket look almost new by replacing the binding.

- **Fashion Disc:** 9 (Multi-Stitch Zig-Zag)
- **Stitch Width Selector:** 5
- **Needle Position:** C
- **Stitch Length Selector:** 15 to 20
- **Throat Plate:** General Purpose
- **Presser Foot:** General Purpose

1. Remove worn binding.
2. Baste new binding securely.
3. Increase stitch length if necessary so that blanket feeds freely.
4. Stitch, and remove basting.

BELT CARRIERS AND STAY CHAINS

Stay chains (sometimes called French tacks) and belt loops, normally time-consuming hand-worked detail finishes, can now be quickly chainstitched. To produce a chain, place the first stitch in the fabric. Stitch off fabric and continue stitching until a sufficient length of chain is produced. Thread chain through an embroidery or darning needle and tack to garment or lining. A stitch length setting of 12 is recommended. Turn to page 34 for more information on chainstitching.