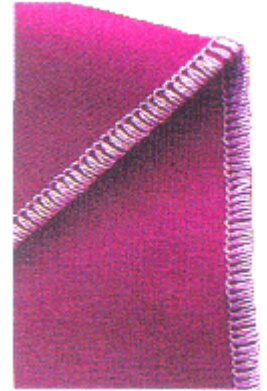


Serger Sewing Wrapped Stitch

The wrapped stitch is good to use on fabrics that don't ravel easily but are too heavy to roll (as in the rolled edge or flat edge). The wrapped stitch may also be called a binding stitch or reversible edge. A two-thread or three-thread stitch can be used.

To begin, set the serger for a balanced overlock (serged) stitch. Adjust the tensions so that one of the looper threads will wrap completely around the fabric edge.

Settings: *Always check the settings in your serger manual. If adjustments need to be made, the information listed below will also serve as a guide.*



Wrapped stitch: *Upper looper thread will wrap over the edge of the fabric from the needle thread on the right side of the fabric to the tightened lower looper thread on the wrong side of the fabric. In the picture, note that the only thread that is easily identified is the upper looper thread.*

Stitch length: 2 to 3 mm

Needle: Use only one needle, left or right. If a wider stitch is desired, use the left needle.

Presser foot: Standard

Needle thread: All-purpose

Looper threads:

Upper - decorative thread

Lower - all purpose

Tensions: Loosen upper looper

Tighten lower looper until a straight line is created close to the needle thread.

Reversible Edge: *Lower looper thread will wrap over the front edge of the fabric to meet the needle thread and tightened upper looper thread.*

Same as wrapped stitch except:

Looper threads:

Upper - all purpose thread

Lower - decorative thread

Tension:

Tighten upper looper until a straight line is created close to the needle thread.

Loosen lower looper

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