

About Ragged Style Stitching

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Rag stitching can be totally addictive! Once you get the hang of it, you will realize that it's fast, fun and simple. Even the most basic sewing project can become totally cute and unique when it is done in rag style.

One of the most popular features of rag style stitching is its forgiving nature. In other words, it's really hard to mess this up! Most seams and stitch lines are covered over with the "fray" when your project is finished so no one will ever see the crooked stitch lines or the uneven intersections. This makes rag projects great for beginners who will be very encouraged to create such a great looking product so easily. It also makes rag projects great for experienced crafters who don't have much time and want to make something quick and easy.

Here's some tips based on our years of experience sewing rag style with fabric:

- Use the right fabric! Only loosely woven, yarn dyed fabrics will fray well. Regular printed cotton will only look "clipped" when it is finished instead of the fluffy frayed edges.
- Wear an apron. Those strings get everywhere and an apron will help when you need to clean yourself up fast.
- Keep plenty of lint rollers handy. These will not only help clean the strings off your projects when you are finished but they'll clean the strings off of you that the apron left behind. Also use these to clean your cutting table and even the floor under your chair when you're done. They are a great time saver.
- Don't try to do too much clipping at one time. Your hand will get really tired. Space it out if you have a big project.
- Use spring loaded scissors if possible. It's not necessary but does help with hand fatigue on the big projects like quilts and tablecloths.
- Put the kids to work! Clipping seams on big projects is not hard. Just teach them to not cut too close to the stitch line.
- If you do cut into a stitch line, restitch the area immediately and put just a touch of a liquid fray preventer on the area to secure it.
- Don't stress over getting everything lined up just perfectly. As you can see from our tutorial pictures, we believe that when you are rag stitching, "Close enough is good enough". 😊

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