

## Sewing Machine Tips, Advice Given

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More about sewing this week continues about the use of the sewing machine.

When cutting garment, it is better to cut the notches out into the excess material, rather than cutting them into the garment pieces. Too often they are cut so deeply they ruin the seam or at least weaken it.

A simple way to mark perforations and other construction markings is to use dressmakers carbon paper and a tracing wheel or other sharp instrument. By using a double piece of this carbon paper they can be marked quickly on both pieces of material at once. These markings should be made on the wrong side of the material. This dressmakers

carbon can be purchased at most of the department stores.

### Idea

Here is another idea that so many women have found very practical, and that is, in order to keep the seams an equal width when not using basting threads, is to paste a small strip of adhesive tape to the right of the machine needle, just the exact distance from the needle as your pattern allows for seams. This may be 1/8 inch or 1/4 inch, depending on the pattern. Of course, many have a seam guide that came with the machine that may be used just as well—but many women do not know that they have such a guide among their attachments.

In stitching seams always stitch from the widest part of the garment to the narrowest, otherwise the seam will be stretched by stitching against the grain. For example, gored skirts should be stitched from the bottom to the top, shoulder seams from the neck to the armhole, and darts from the widest part to the narrowest.

### Gathers

For making gathers—just lengthen the stitch on the machine to about 6 to 8 stitches per inch, and make at least two rows. Always pull on the bobbin thread to pull up the gathers. When the top thread is pulled, the stitch is locked. To hold the gathers in place when they are adjusted, give the top thread a little pull to lock them or wrap the thread around a pin that has been inserted in the cloth.

In order to prevent either the buttons or button holes from tearing out of fro—openings on either women's or children's clothing, stitch a

2-inch strip of lightweight muslin, or other similar fabric, to the inside of the facing on both sides of the front, from just above the top buttonhole to the bottom one. Place the edge of this strip at the fold of the facing, or at the seam if there is one, stitching it down both sides of the long strip. The stitching will be on the inside of the facing and will not show on right side.

### Smooth Collars

To make a collar that does not turn up at the ends, or show the seam on the top sides, make the bottom section of the collar just a fraction of an inch smaller than the top piece back from the edge about an eighth of an inch, and pin, so that the top piece is fuller than the bottom.

This is called pinning a "Bubble" in the corners of the collar, or in the curve, if it is a round collar. Then, when the collar is turned and pressed, the corners will turn down rather than up. Be sure to clip in to the seam every inch or so in

## Trash Fish In Reservoir Cleaned Out

Gill net settings carried out by fisheries field agents of the Oregon state game commission, following the poisoning of Unity Reservoir on October 22, have caught no fish. From this and all other indications, the operation was successful. The small tributary streams were also cleaned out, so that there would not be a source of trash fish left to re-establish a population in the reservoir.

the seam of the neck curve when the collar is attached to the garment, so when it is turned, it will not draw or pucker. This clipping is necessary on all inside curves.

Periodic fish food studies will be carried on at the reservoir by the field agents, and the body of water will be stocked with trout this coming spring or summer. The exact number of trout to be stocked and the exact time will be determined by the growth of trout food in the reservoir. After stocking, it will be closed to fishing until the new introduction reaches a good catchable size. Past experience leads game commission men to believe that when the reservoir is again opened to angling it will provide excellent catches.

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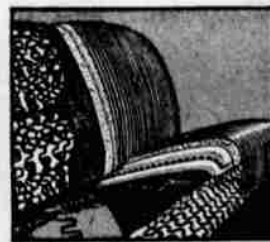
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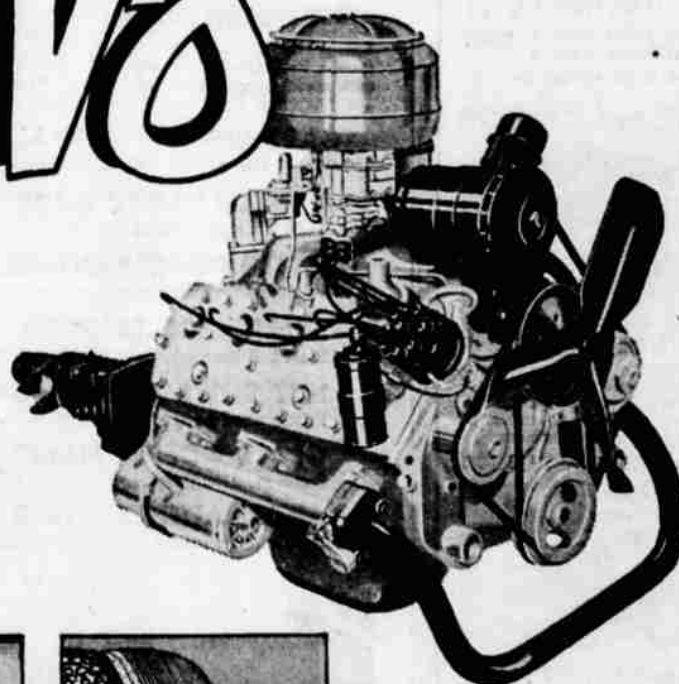
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