LAPPED SEAMS

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When to use lapped seams?

Use on fabrics that do not fray when cut:

- * leather
- * faux leather
- * vinyl
- * boiled wool
- * knits

Favorite tools:

- * rotary ruler
- * rotary cutter
- * Chalkoner
- * Adhesive tapes:

Wonder Tape
Double sided sticky tape
Tanner's Bond
Repositionable tape



Preparing a seam

- *Cut out pattern with seam allowances
- *Prep one seam at a time:
 - *side, shoulder seams lap to back
 - *center back lap to garment right side
 - *collars lap onto neck seam

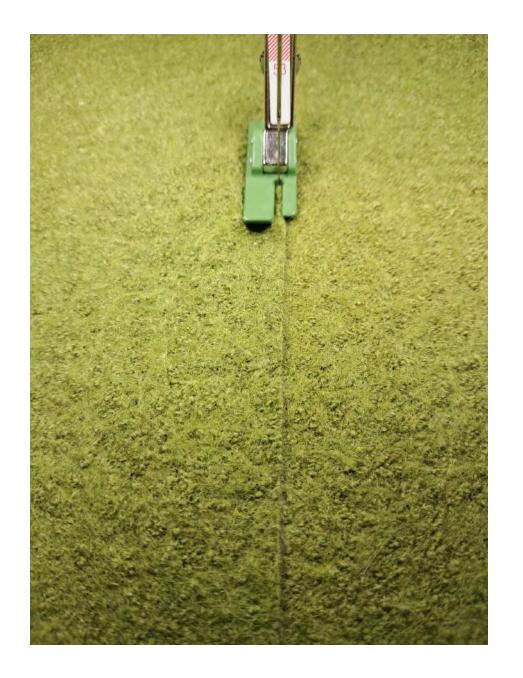
- * use rotary cutter and ruler to trim off 5/8" from side with Chalkoner, mark a line 5/8: in on other side* apply tape to reverse side of trimmed seam
- *adhere trimmed seam along chalked line on other seam; if long seam, position top, bottom, intersecting seams first, then adhere remaining seam.

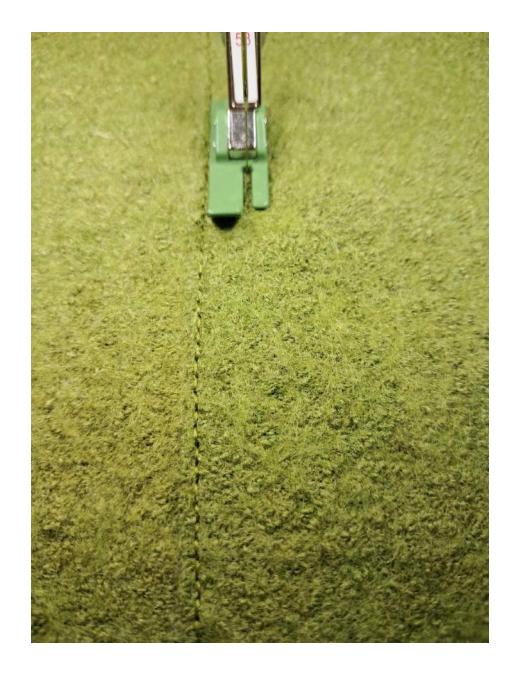




Stitching a Seam

- * Stitch cut edge of seam first
- * Stitch second line approximately ¼" from first
 - * Review your machine's presser feet for the best presser foot to achieve these results.
 - * Test stitch length. Samples are 3.5 length.
 - * Opportunity to use heavier weight threads for more definition





Retail sources for adhesive tapes:

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Wonder Tape by Dritz
  big box stores & quilt stores
  Wawak*
Double Sided Sticky tape
  The Sewing Workshop (aka No Sew Basting tape)
  Professional Sewing Supplies
  Wawak*
Tanner's Bond Repositionable Tape
  Tandy Leather
  Wawak*
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^{*}Wawak has their own brand of these tapes.

Other Thoughts:

- * Do tapes add bulk to seam?
- * Washability?
- * In lieu of tapes, hand basting is an option for wovens.

Questions?