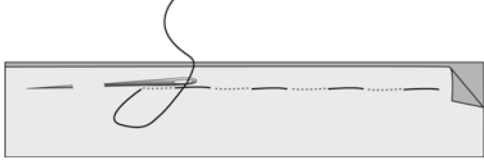
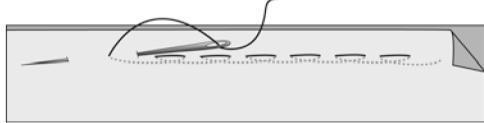
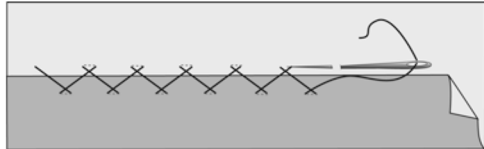
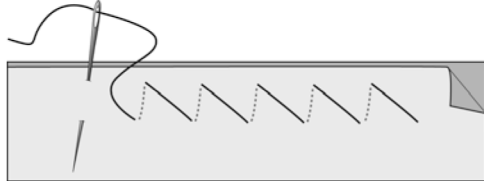
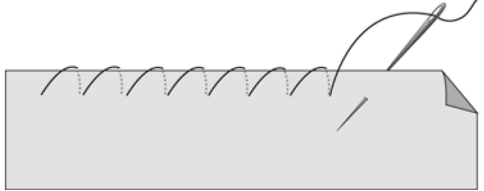
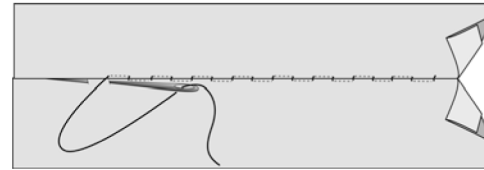


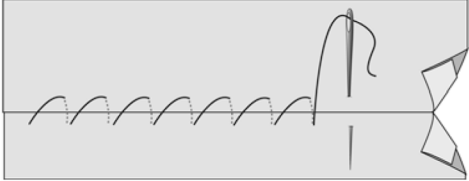
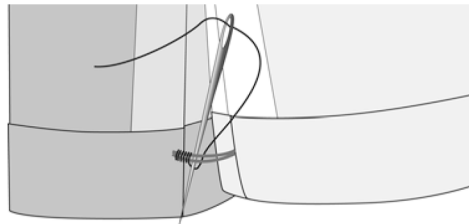
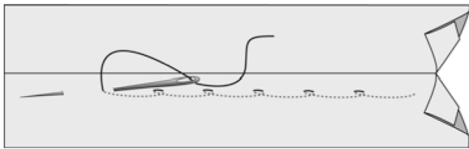
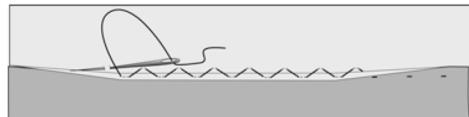
Hand Stitches

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Stitch		Best Use
Running, Basting		• Gathering • Secure fabric layers that won't be subjected to stress • Decorative purposes in lieu of machine topstitching • Baste temporarily in preparation for machine or hand sewing
Backstitch		• Hand-set a zipper or attach trim • Use whenever strength is important
Catch Stitch		• Hem heavy or bulky fabrics • Secure facings
Diagonal Basting		• Same as for basting • Useful for slippery fabrics
Overcast		• Finish raw edges, especially loosely-woven fabrics
Slip Stitch		• Close seams on stuffed animals or pillows • Attach linings

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Stitch		Best Use
Tailor's Tacks		• Mark fabric for construction: darts, folds, match points, etc.
Whipstitch		• Join one finished edge to another
Buttonhole/Blanket		• Overcast edges • Make hand-stitched buttonholes • Decorative or functional depending on closeness of stitches
French Tack		• Secure facings • Join lining and garment hems at side seams
Prick/Pick Stitch		• A variation of backstitch used as decorative element along a garment edge or parallel to a seamline
Blind Hem Stitch		• Hem a garment