


 PRESSING MATTERS

Directions: Read each of the following statements and mark whether they are a correct (C) or an incorrect (I) pressing technique.

- I 1. When pressing, the iron is lowered to the fabric, then moved back and forth.
The iron is lowered to the fabric, then raised off and moved to the next spot.
- C 2. Use the correct temperature setting for the fabric.
- I 3. Always test your iron for any reaction to heat, steam, and pressure.
Always test your fabric for any reaction to heat, steam, and pressure.
- C 4. Press on the wrong side of the fabric whenever possible.
- I 5. When pressing on the right side of the fabric, always use steam.
When pressing on the right side of the fabric, always use a press cloth.
- I 6. Press over pins.
Never press over pins.
- C 7. Always press seams and darts before other seams are stitched across them.
- I 8. Press directionally with the bias of your fabric.
Press directionally with the grain of your fabric.
- C 9. Press seams flat before you press them open.
- C 10. Press curved areas over a curved surface.
- I 11. You can prevent press marks on the right side of the fabric by using steam.
You can prevent press marks by using strips of paper.
- I 12. Check the fit of the garment after pressing pleats.
Check the fit of the garment before pressing pleats.
- C 13. Do not overpress.
- I 14. When pressing an entire garment, start at the bottom.
When pressing an entire garment, start with the small areas.
- C 15. Follow safety procedures when using an iron and other pressing equipment.
- I 16. Horizontal darts are pressed with the fold up.
Horizontal darts are pressed with the fold down.
- I 17. Enclosed seams should be pressed open, then pressed flat.
Enclosed seams should be pressed flat, then pressed open.
- C 18. Gathers and ruffles should ripple softly and not be crushed by the iron.
- I 19. To shrink in fullness, first apply pressure with a hot iron.
To shrink in fullness, first hold the iron above the fabric.
- C 20. The final pressing should be merely a touch-up job, never a cure-all for poor pressing during construction.