



SEWING SAFETY

Small Tools

- Keep pins in a pin cushion—never in the mouth or clothing.
- When not in use, keep shears and scissors closed.
- Between uses, keep the points of the scissors or shears facing away from you.
- When passing a sharp object to another person, always pass the handle first.

Sewing Machine

- Using both hands, move the machine carefully.
- Keep the sewing machine cord out of people's way.
- Use a slow speed when learning how to operate the machine.
- Keep your fingers away from the needle.
- In case the needle breaks, keep your face away from the machine while sewing.
- Stitch carefully over pins.
- Unplug the cord from the outlet or disconnect the machine cord when not in use.
- Close the machine carefully or replace its cover when you are finished sewing.

Iron

- Don't touch a hot iron except on the handle.
- Keep your fingers and face away from the steam path.
- Situate the iron cord so the iron won't be accidentally pulled off the ironing board.
- Check the temperature setting before placing on fabric.
- Rest the iron on its heel, in a stand, or on the pad when not in use.
- Unplug the iron when finished; empty any water left in it.

Rotary Cutter and Mat

- Always cover the blade after cutting.
- Keep fingers on the plastic ruler.
- Always use the correct type of mat with cutters.

Serger

- Sew slowly so you are in total control.
- Leave a 3- to 4-inch tail of thread at the end of each stitching.
- Remove ALL pins before serging—ALWAYS!