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.


_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.

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