

COMMON SEWING PROBLEMS

These are a few of the most common problems students encounter while in a sewing class. This chart may be enlarged and mounted and hung near the machines for easy access.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE
Broken needle	a loose needle an improper needle size for thread and material a bent needle pulling material during stitching a needle striking improperly fastened presser foot or other attachment
Broken needle thread	a knot in needle thread improper threading upper tension too tight a needle not inserted in needle clamp as far as it will go a blunt or bent needle a needle in backward thread too coarse for needle a roughened hole in throat plate improper arrangement of thread prior to stitch
Broken bobbin thread	improper threading of bobbin case bobbin thread tension too tight a knot in bobbin thread
Skipped stitches	needle not inserted in needle clamp as far as it will go needle in backward incorrectly threaded needle. Thread from long groove side to short groove side a blunt or bent needle needle too small for thread too short a needle
Puckered seams	incorrect tension stitch too long for material being sewn the wrong presser foot. Use only the presser foot provided for each particular machine
sluggish machine	may need cleaning and oiling