

Topstitching On and Off the Edges (08-16-18)

Intro (1 min) Show sample of Topstitching and the best Needles and Threads to Use.
Size 14-16 Topstitch Needles, (Metafil Needles as an alternative)
(I'm bringing Needles and Threads with me)

Topstitching Thread and the benefits of using all purpose thread in the bobbin

Machine Set-Up and Test Stitch (1 min) Threading and Tension Settings
Horizontal Vs. Vertical Spool Position
Stitch Length
How to tell when you need to adjust Needle and Bobbin Tension (with samples)

Topstitching On the Edge Technique (4 min)

How to stitch along the edge accurately without specialty presser feet
Examples of Presser Feet that can help you sew more accurately.

(Edge Stitching, quarter edge foot, blind hem foot - Feet I'm bringing below)
Demo Stitching on the Edge



Topstitching Off the Edge Technique (3 min)

Shaping your Topstitching so that it's not exactly on the edge to create unique designer details. Front Pocket Openings and Back Pocket Designs
Demo Stitching on the Edge



Topstitching Off the Edge Technique (3 min)

Demo simple Straight Stitch Topstitching to create off the edge embellishment

Demo to Secure the end when you stop stitching in the fabric (vs on the edge)

Back Tack vs. Shortening the Stitch Length

Mini Pleats to create a “Whiskers”

Using Soft Fusible Interfacing to secure ends and protect skin from off the edge topstitching that may be irritating



Optional/Extra Things I'm Bringing just in case

Using Utility/Decorative Stitches with standard presser foot or free motion foot

Topstitch Hem Technique using bias strip secured with a Topstitched zig-zag

