

Stitches by number (Top to Bottom)

- 00: Straight stitch, the most commonly used . Good for just about any standard seam, this is the stitch you should be using unless you have reason to use another one.
- 01: The same as 00, but the needle is in the center position instead of the left position. Whether you should use 00 or 01 mainly depends on personal preference—they're equally good
- 02: Straight stitch, but it does each stitch 3 times before moving on. This is good for when you need a strong seam. For example, it's often used on the seams of jeans.
- 03: Stem stitch, good for adding appliques and heavy-duty stitching
- 04: Zig-zag stitch. Good for stretch fabrics (where you would use a straight stitch, you can use a zig-zag to keep the stretchiness), and for sewing the edges of fraying fabrics to keep them from unraveling.
- 05: Wide zig-zag stitch. Good for things like elastic and bias tape, which may need some stretch but also need to be held securely.
- 06-09: Overcasting stitches. Used on the edge of fabrics to keep them from fraying. Use 06 for lightweight fabrics, 07 for heavyweight fabrics, 08 for stretchy fabrics, and 09 for both stretchy fabrics and heavyweight fabrics, if you want it a bit more decorative.
- 10-11: Blind hem stitches. Use them to hem fabric when you don't want to see the seam. Use 10 for non-stretchy fabric and 11 stretchy fabric.
- 12: Blanket Stitches. Used on the edge of fabrics to keep them from fraying in a visible. It is a decorative overlocking stitch.
- 13-33: Decorative stitching. Some of these can be used for other techniques (e.g. 26-31 can also be used for decorative hemming on light fabric), but they're very specific. If you're curious, check the machine manual.
- 34-42: Buttonhole stitches. Used with the buttonhole foot to make various types of buttonholes sized to the buttons you're using
- 43-49: Quilt stitches. Are you making a quilt? Talk to us about using these. Otherwise, opt for the non-quilting versions.
- 50-99: Decorative stitches. Good for topstitching and adding patterns. You can try these out on scrap fabric and add them to your piece for a little extra flair! (Do not use them to make seams)

Letter and symbol stitches: Effectively embroidery. If you're thinking about using these, consider looking at our embroidery machines, which let you do letters better, in more style