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Hour _____

SEAM PREPARATION: Pressing, Clipping, Notching, Trimming, and Grading

Read lesson #15.

Cut out four fabric pieces using the pattern provided in the file: With right sides together, sew two of the pieces together, following the stitching lines for the **inside** curve sample. Sew the other two pieces together following the stitching lines for the **outside** curve sample.

1. Try to turn and press each sample. Explain what happens.

Inside curve sample:

Outside curve sample:

2. Trim the seam allowance and the stitched corner of the **inside curve sample**. Also, clip the seam allowance. Then turn and press the sample. Explain the results.
3. Grade the seam allowance and trim the stitched corner of the **outside curve sample**. Also, notch the seam allowance. Then turn and press the sample. Explain the results.
4. Evaluate your samples using the grading sheet.

Inside Curve Sample	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corners trimmed diagonally to reduce bulk. Seam not weakened by trimming too close				
Seam trimmed to ¼ inch. Seam has not been weakened by trimming too close.				
Seam allowance has been clipped close to stitching, but stitching has not been cut.				

Outside Curve Sample	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corners trimmed diagonally to reduce bulk. Seam has not been weakened by trimming too close				
Seam graded to varying widths to reduce bulk.				
Seam allowance has been notched close to stitching, but stitching has not been cut.				