



M1000 Black Hemming and Mending Curtains

Preparing Curtains

To start, you want to know how long the curtains should be for your space.

1. Wash and hang the curtains.
2. Without pulling on the fabric, mark where you want the curtain to end.

Tip: Safety pins are easy to add, involve no clean up and will stay in place without poking you while moving.

3. Remove the curtains when marked.
4. Cut 5" (12.5cm) below your marked line.
Do not remove your marks yet.
5. Mark a line anywhere between 1" - .5" (2.5 - 1.25cm) from the cut edge. Thicker fabrics will need a larger fold while sheer fabric can use a small one.

Tip: Use a basting stitch to mark. Select the longest straight stitch on the machine. Use a mark on the stitch plate as a guide to align your fabric with while sewing.

Sewing The Hem

Now that the length is cut, it's time to fold and sew the hem.

1. Fold along the line you just marked so the mark is on the fold and press in place.

Make sure you fold the fabric towards the wrong side of the curtain.

2. Fold and press the hem up again to the back, so the marked line where you want your curtain to end is on the fold.

The raw edge of the previous hem should be hidden in between the layers of this hem.

3. Select the medium-length straight stitch and sew along the top fold, lining up the edge of the fold with the edge of the foot.
4. Hang your newly hemmed curtains with pride!

Mending Rips or Tears

Before giving up on your curtains that have a rip, try mending them.

1. Select the smallest, narrowest zigzag stitch.
2. If it's a clean tear/rip push the two sides of the rip as close together as possible and sew the zigzag down the center so the stitch is on both sides of the opening. Thicker fabrics will need a larger zigzag stitch.

Tip: Center the tear with the center of the foot as you sew.

3. If the tear/rip is too large or messy, pin a small piece of matching fabric to the back and sew along the edges of your tear with a zigzag.

Make sure the piece is larger than the opening and trim excess fabric after sewing.

Tip: If you are hemming and mending at the same time, use part of the fabric that you cut off the bottom from hemming for your mending.