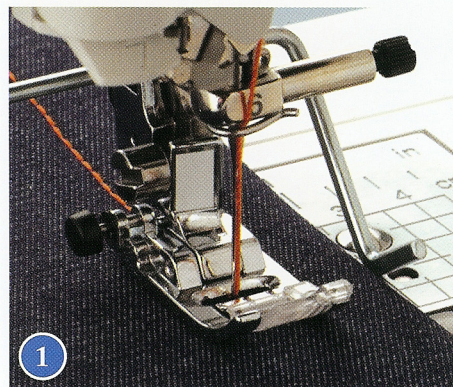


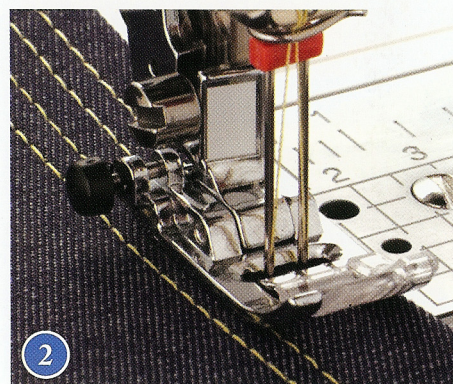
# topstitching

*Detail stitching sewn with topstitching thread on such garments as jackets, coats, skirts, or on pockets.*

1. Determine where the topstitching will be placed. Insert the quilting bar and thread your machine with the appropriate thread. Test sew a sample and adjust the needle tension if necessary so the bobbin thread does not show on top. Sew rows of topstitching using the quilting bar to keep the rows straight. (#1)



2. You can also use a twin needle to sew multiple rows of topstitching at the same time. Choose a wide double needle and thread your machine. The rows of stitching will be evenly spaced with the twin needle. (#2)



3. With the double needle the bobbin thread creates a zigzag stitch on the wrong side of the fabric. By using a twin needle the edge is not as reversible as sewing each row individually. (#3)



**Standard Foot**

or



**Edge Joining Foot**

**Stitch:** Straight

**Width:** Pre-set

**Length:** 3.0-5.0mm

**Tension:** Pre-set

**Fabric, needles, notions required:**

Medium to heavy fabrics; universal or topstitching needle, 90/14 or 100/16 or twin needle, size 3.0/90, 4.0/90 or 6.0/100; topstitching, buttonhole twist or jeans thread for needle and all-purpose polyester sewing thread for bobbin

## TIP

When using twin needles, remember the first number denotes the distance between the needles. The second number indicates the size of the needles. As the space between needles increases the size of the needles also increases. A 3.0/90, 4.0/90 or 6.0/100 would be appropriate for topstitching and the eye would be large enough for topstitching thread. However, choose the size of the needle also by the weight of the fabric. Wider needles will cause tunneling on lightweight fabric without any stabilization.