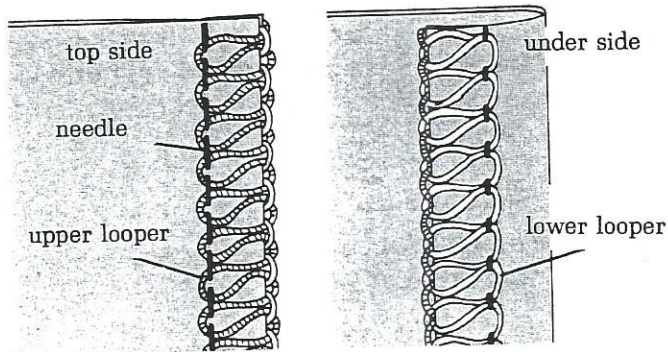


# Serger – Extra Information

Always stitch a **test seam** after making any changes on your overlock machine. Adjust the thread tension, if necessary, for **balanced stitching**, as in the visual.



Balanced tension for a three-thread overlock stitch

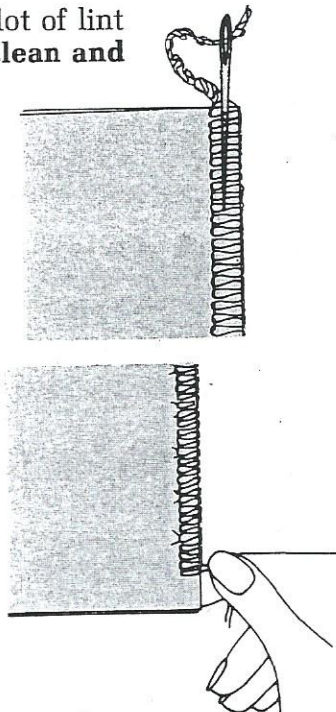
If you are having **trouble balancing the tension** or getting the stitch to form, try the following techniques:

- Double check the machine threading and be sure the thread is in the tension discs.
- Change the needle. A needle that is dull or bent can affect the tension adjustment and stitch formation.
- Turn all the tension dials to 0 and then turn to 3. Starting with the needle tension, tighten the tensions by one or two numbers, stitching a test sample each time.
- Re-thread the machine in the order recommended in the machine manual.

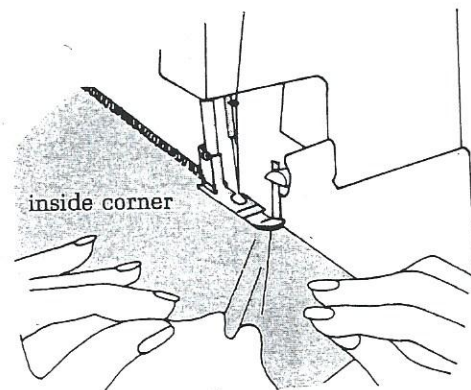
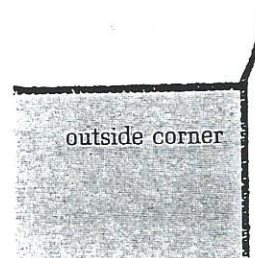
Overlock machines produce a lot of lint when trimming the fabric, so **clean and oil** your machine frequently.

It is usually not necessary to **secure overlock stitching** if it will be crossed by other stitching. However, to secure, thread the stitched chain through a tapestry needle and slip under 13 mm-25 mm of the stitching.

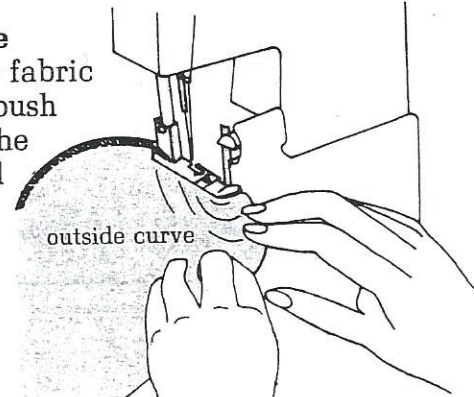
**To remove three-thread overlock stitching**, on the top side of the stitching, clip the needle thread every three or four stitches. At the **edge**, hold **both** looper threads and pull straight out. Pull out the remaining needle threads.



- To stitch **outside corners** such as when making napkins, stitch along one side and off the edge. Then stitch the next side, crossing (and securing) the first line of stitching. Secure the remaining stitched chains.



- To stitch **inside corners**, stop at the corner when the blade reaches the edge of the fabric. Pull the fabric toward you so the edge of the fabric is straight and continue stitching.
- To stitch **outside curves**, turn the fabric as it feeds and push the fabric into the presser foot and knife, almost straightening the edge.



- To stitch **inside curves**, gently pull the fabric straight while stitching, being careful not to pull the fabric out of shape.

