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UNIT 3: BASICS OF GARMENT CONSTRUCTION

Session 3: Edge Finishes

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Session Objectives

The students will be able to:

- Describe edge finishes
- Explain types of edge finishes
- Demonstrate different types of edge finishes

Introduction

Edge finishes are made to prevent fraying of the raw edges of the fabric or garment and thus, make the fabric edge more durable and attractive. Edge finishes are not essential for completion of the garment, it can add durability to a garment's life and a neat appearance to the inner side of the garment.

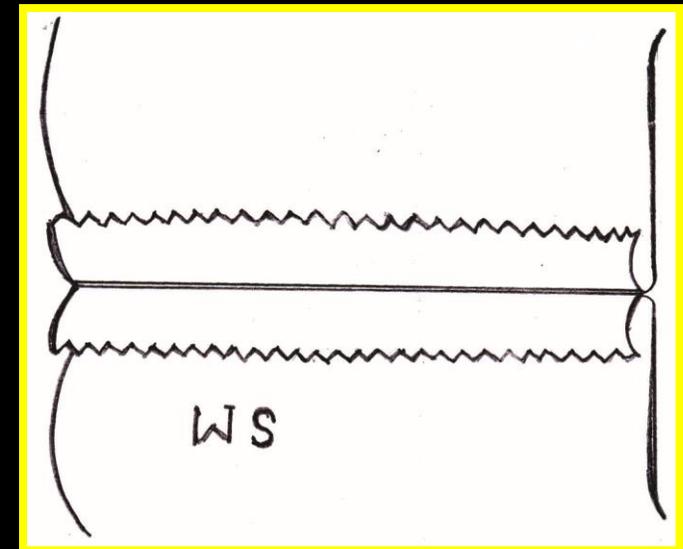
Types of Edge Finishes

There are various types of edge finishes. They may be carried out by hand stitches or by sewing machine.

Some of the common edge finishes are as follows:

(i) Pinked finish:

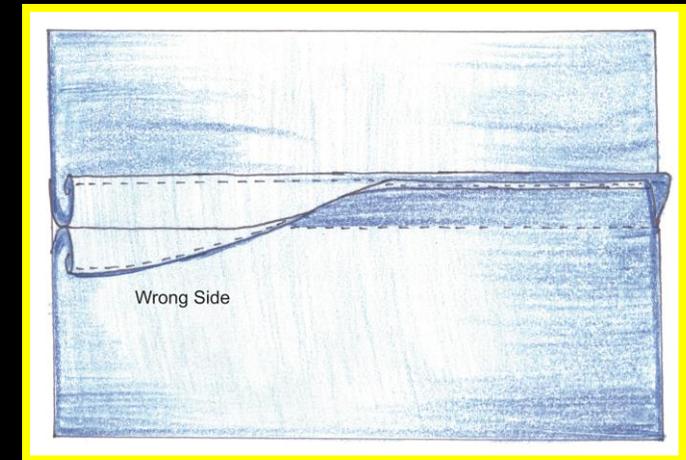
This is a quick method of finishing done with pinking shears. After stitching, trim the edges, preferably at a distance of 1/8 inch by using pinking scissors or shears. This technique is not used on fabrics that ravel badly.



(ii) Edge stitched finish:

This is a neat finish for light to medium-weight, non-bulky fabrics. It is mostly used on unlined coats and jackets where the seam allowance is wide.

Method: The seam is stitched and pressed open. Then turn under $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on each seam edge. Stitch close to the fold without catching the garment. This is a bulky type of finish and is not suitable for deeply curved seams.

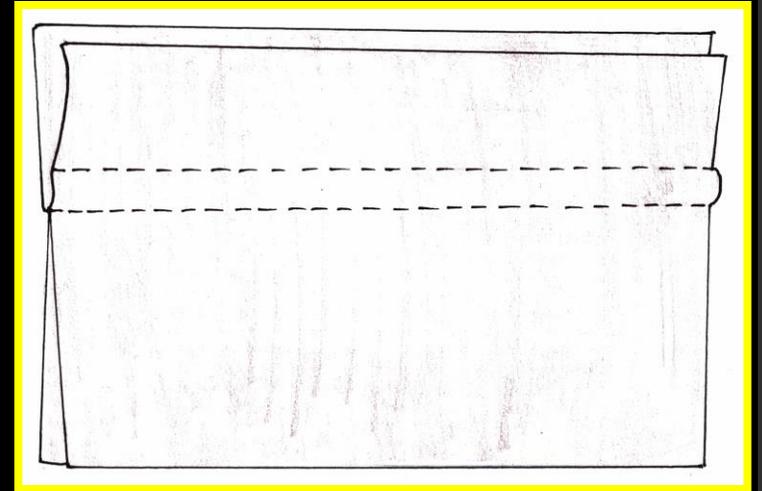


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(iii) Double stitch finish:

This finish is done for a plain unfinished seam or pinked seam.

Method: After making a plain seam, an extra line of stitching is made about $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from the raw edge of the fabric or garment. It is not suitable for bulky fabrics. Commonly used for sheer fabrics.

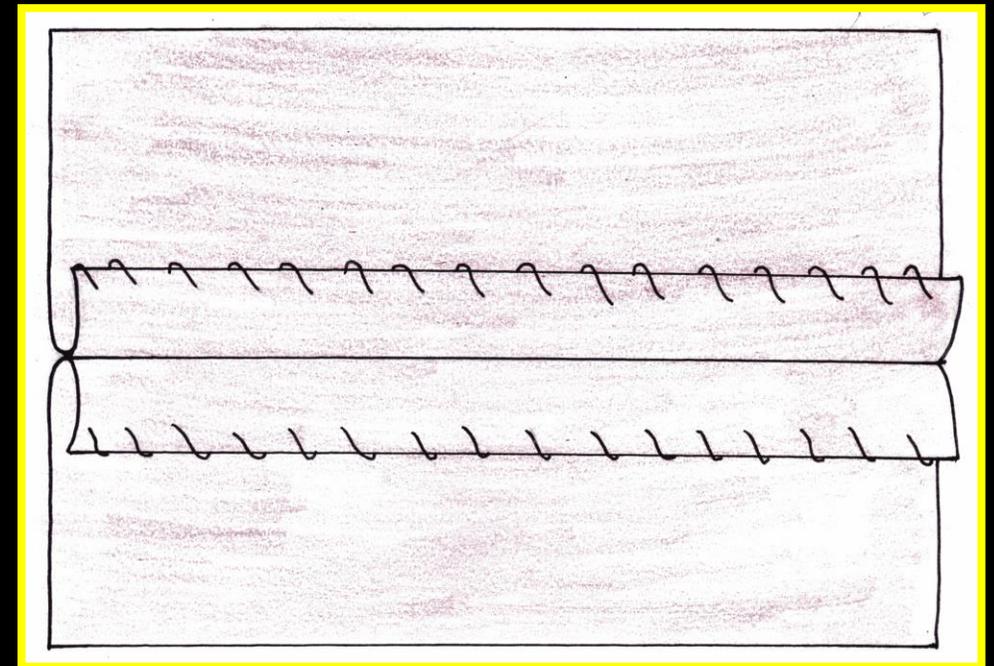


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(iv) Herringbone finish:

This finish neatens the raw edges of heavy material like flannel, brocade, tweed, etc.

Method: Holds down the turning, making the seam flat, avoiding the bulkiness. It is commonly worked on two raw edges.

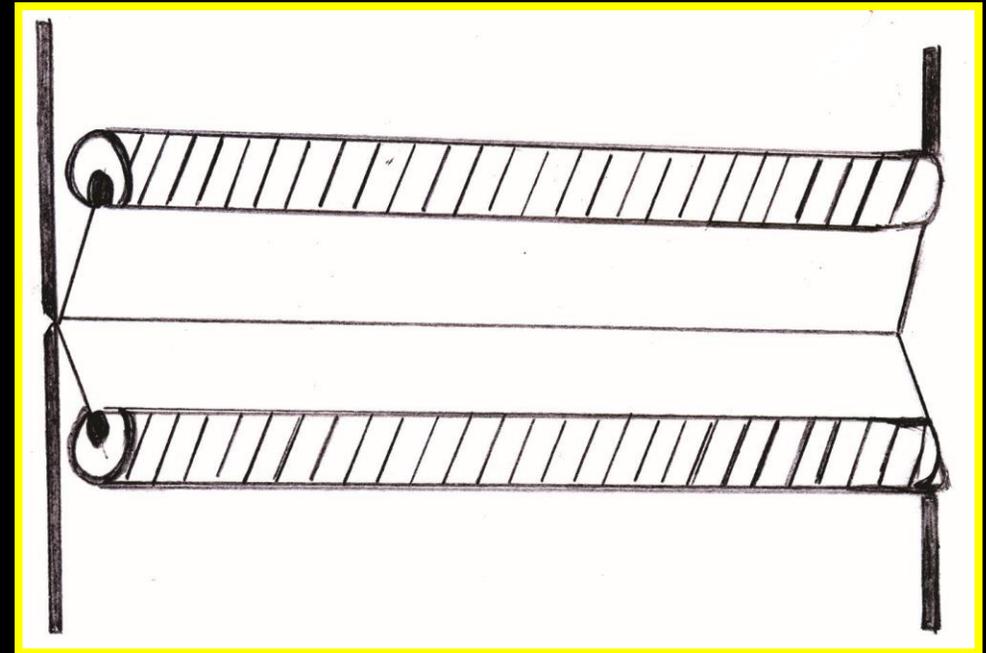


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(v) Bound edge seam finish:

This finish neatens the raw edges of lightweight material like silk, chiffon etc..

Method: The seam is pressed open and a separate piece of binding (a double folded bias strip) is attached to both the seam edges and tacked.



Summary

In this session, you have learnt about the edge finishes used in sewing or garment construction, its various types and method of their construction.

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