

HOW TO USE YOUR TUFTING GUN

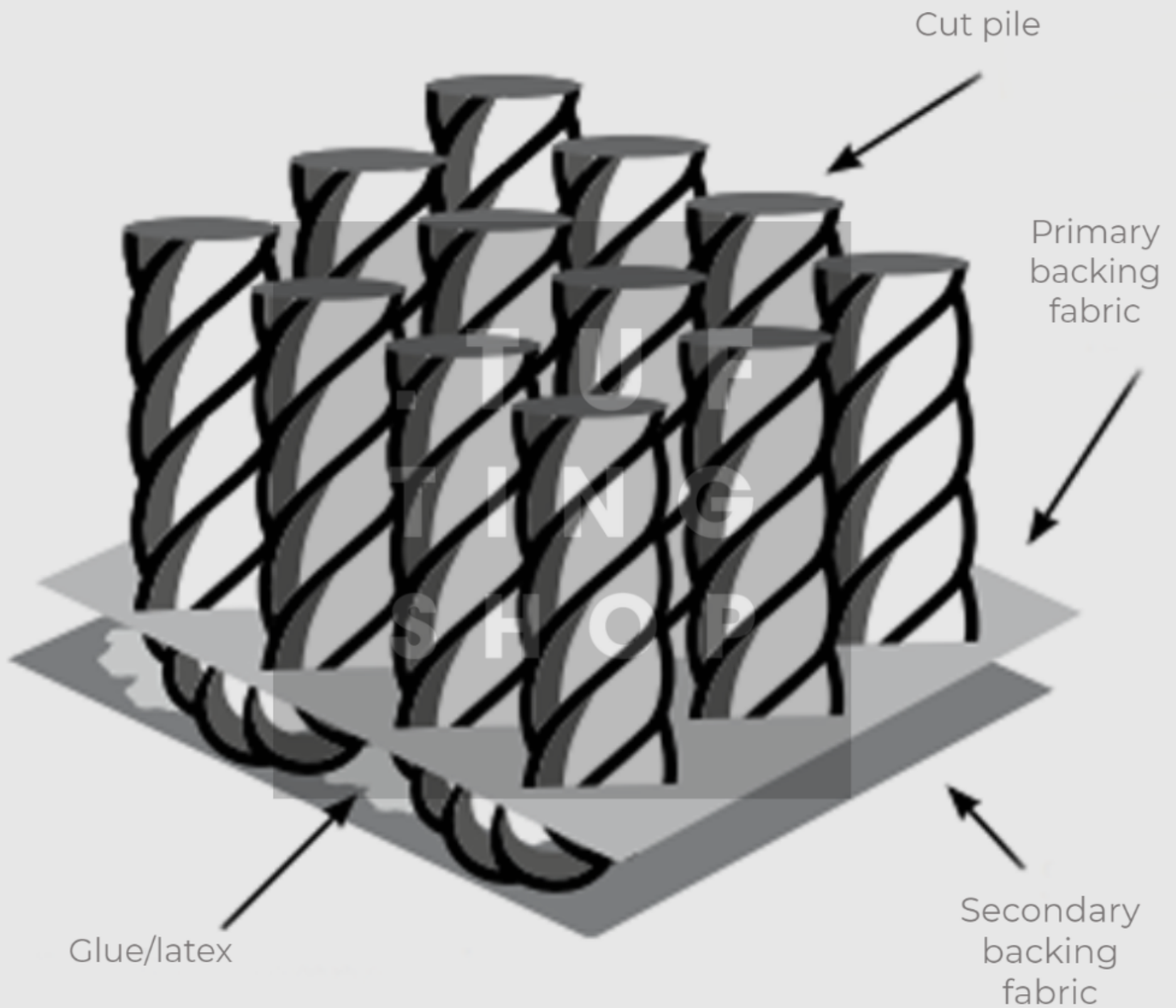
A guide to get started

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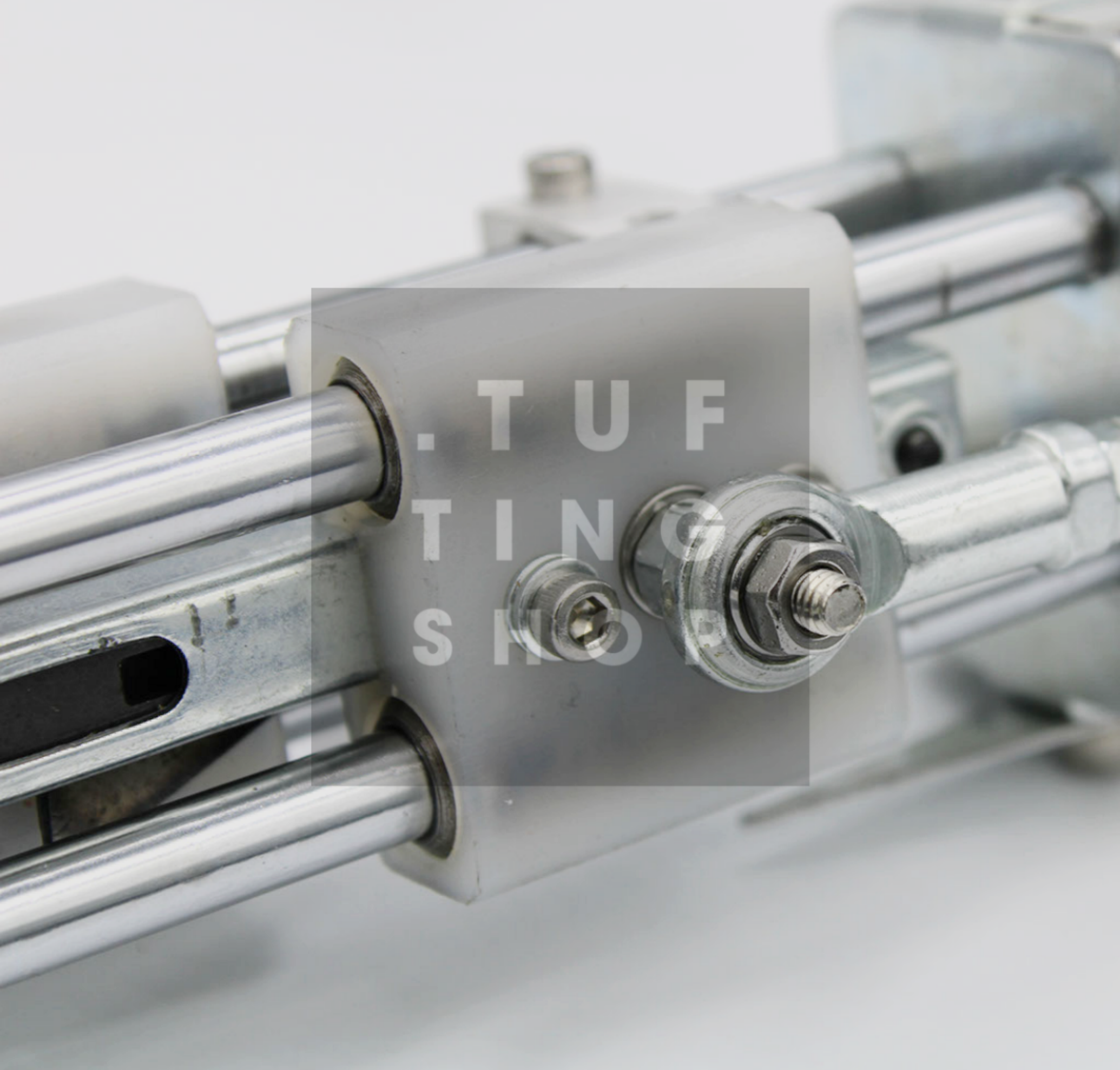
This document will provide you with the necessary basics to get started. Need more help? Feel free to contact us but be sure to consult the FAQ pages on tuftingshop.com for more information.



WHAT IS TUFTING?

A hand tufting gun is a single needle machine. It attaches yarn tufts to a prefabricated base material, the primary backing. This is done by needling the yarn from the back side upwards. This creates loops on the front side, which are either cut immediately or left as loops.

The tufts are fixed with glue or latex and by attaching some secondary backing material to it.



S A F E T Y

Always make sure that the tufting gun is turned off when threading it. Preferably unplug the machine, that way you cannot turn it on by accident. Also unplug your tufting machine when changing/replacing any parts.

When changing the scissors of a cut pile tufting gun, do not forget that it is sharp. Be sure not to cut yourself.

Never touch the moving parts while tufting and make sure that nothing (like your hair) can get stuck in the moving parts.



A SOLID FRAME

The primary backing needs to be attached to a frame. You will be applying quite some pressure to the frame, so make sure that it is solid and ideally can lean to a wall so that it won't move.

To be able to attach the primary backing, you will need to apply nails or carpet grippers that will hold the backing in place.

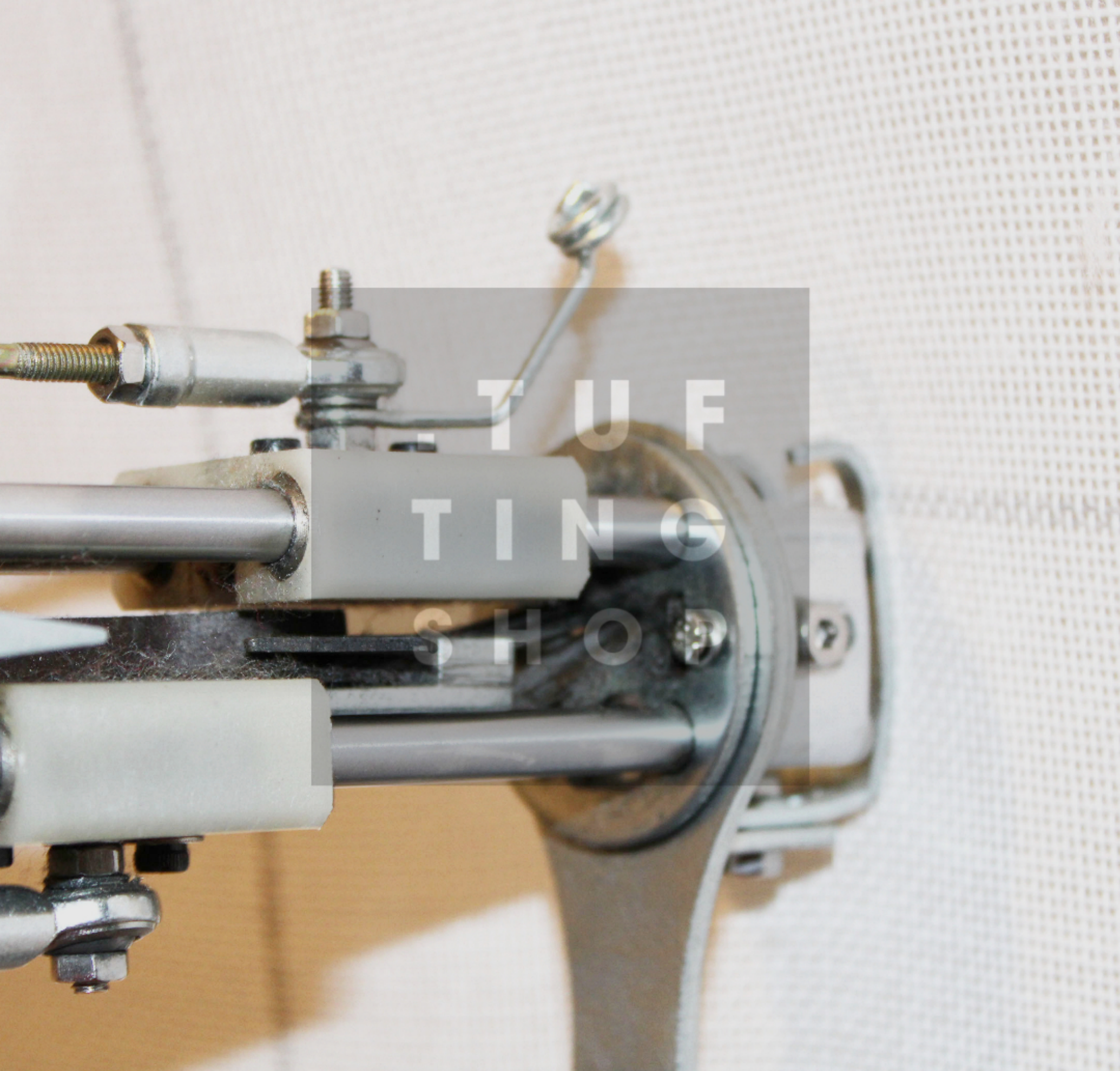


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Y A R N F E E D I N G

Yarn feeding is really important. The slightest obstacle in feeding the yarn through your gun causes it to be pulled back. Cones work best for yarn feeding because the yarn tends to slide off really easily. If you cannot find yarn it works better to pull the yarn off the ball manually.

If you feed the yarn through a hook from above, it will not be in the way of your working area.



P R E S S U R E & D I R E C T I O N

The most key skills into mastering your tufting gun is allying the right amount of pressure and tufting in the right direction.

Pressure -

Your tufting gun has a "foot". This foot runs over your cloth and helps you apply consistent pressure.

You can press your gun into the backing cloth so that the foot leans on the cloth.

When applying to little pressure your yarn will not get stuck in the cloth and you even risk that the scissors of your cut pile gun cut the cloth.

Direction - The gun only works in one direction, so if you want to do horizontal lines, or diagonals, you need to turn the whole machine so that the needle works in a straight line.

If you just started tufting it is easiest to work in lines from bottom to top so you do not have to turn your machine.

For a loop pile tufting gun, you need to cut the yarn at the end of each row.