



YOUR SINGER* STOCKING DARNER

- will enable you to darn socks and stockings easier and better than by hand.
- is shaped to fit the heel or toe of a stocking where holes are usually found.
- will not harm the stocking, and machine-made darns will not hurt the feet.
- can be used on any lock-stitch sewing machine.
- requires no special skill. A little practice is all that is required to darn successfully.

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Fig. 1. Feed Cover Plate and Darning Foot on Machine

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**PREPARING THE MACHINE
FOR DARNING**

Remove the presser foot from the machine.

The **SINGER*** Darning and Embroidery Attachment, shown at **A** in **Fig. 1**, is recommended for use with the stocking darners, especially when fine thread is used, to prevent the work from rising with the needle. On **SINGER*** Machines 15 and 221, use Attachment No. 160719; on Machines 66, 99 and 201, use No. 160720; and on Machine 301, use 160823.

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The feed cover plate **D**, **Fig. 1**, should be placed over the feed of the machine to prevent the feed dog teeth from catching in the material being darned. If no cover plate is available, the stitch regulator should be set for the shortest possible stitch, or, on machines having a feed throw-out device, the feed should be dropped.

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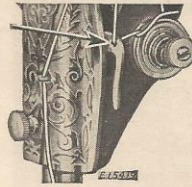


Fig. 2
Threading for Darning on
Machines 66 and 99

On **SINGER** Machines 66 and 99, be sure to pass the thread through the hole in the slack thread regulator as shown in **Fig. 2**. All other machines are threaded as usual;

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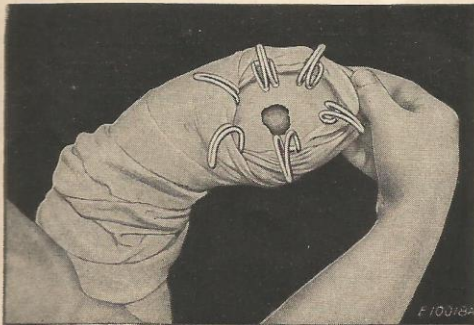


Fig. 3. Putting the Stocking on the Darner

PLACING THE STOCKING ON THE DARNER

(Do not darn heavy woolen stockings on the machine.)

Slip the spiral spring off the darner and turn the six arms back toward the inside of the frame.

Then run the left hand inside the stocking until the place to be darned is over the inside of the fingers. Put the frame over the hole and grasp the edges with the fingers of the left hand, then work the stocking off the left arm and over the fingers as shown in **Fig. 3**.

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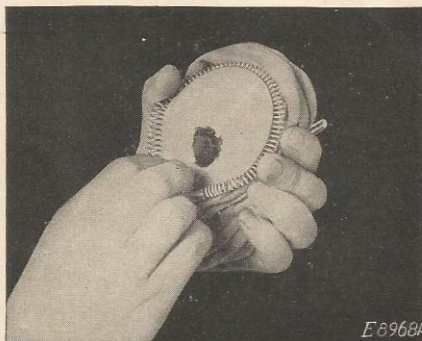


Fig. 4. Applying the Darner Spring

See that the hole to be darned is centered on the darner frame, and attach the spring as shown in **Fig. 4**, pressing it firmly into the groove of the frame. Draw the material under the spring, if necessary, to have it flat and taut.

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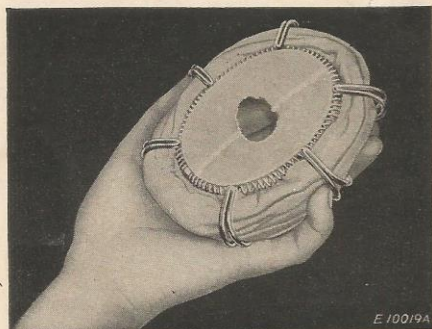


Fig. 5. Stocking Ready to Darn

If the surplus part of the stocking is too bulky, roll it neatly, starting at the top and continuing to the darning frame.

Then turn the hinged arms over the rolled stocking to hold it in position while darning, as shown in Fig. 5.

Trim the hole neatly so that a ragged edge will not be left after the darn is finished.

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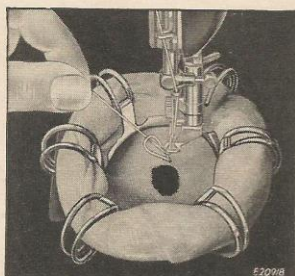


Fig. 6. Preparing to Darn
(Using the SINGER Darning and Embroidery Attachment)

Place the darning on the machine as shown in Fig. 6, and draw up the bobbin thread the same as for ordinary sewing.

Always lower the presser bar even if no darning attachment is used, otherwise there will be no tension on the upper thread.

After two or three stitches are made, cut off the loose ends of thread so that they will not be stitched into the darn.

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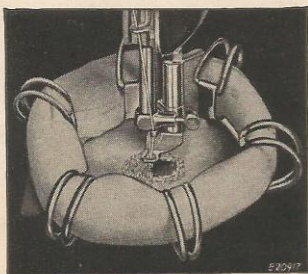


Fig. 7. Partly Finished Darn

Run the machine slowly and move the darning steadily with both hands in time with the needle, either back and forth or to right and left. It is advisable to make two or three rings of stitches around any large hole as shown in Fig. 7, then start stitching from one side across to the other and gradually cover the hole with threads running in one direction, keeping within the outer ring of outline stitches.

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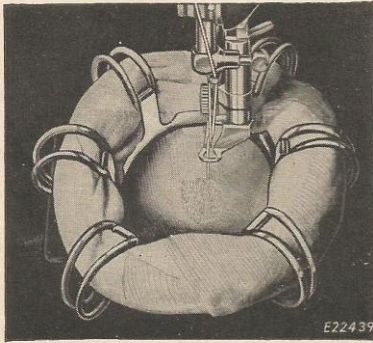


Fig. 8. Completed Darn

When the hole is covered by threads running in one direction, turn the darner or move it in the other direction to complete the darn with a layer of cross stitches.

The best appearance will be produced by first stitching across the weave of the goods, and then the second time in the same direction as the weave.

For a tight, closely woven darn, move the darner only a little at each stitch.

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THREAD

Thread or yarn comparable to that used in the stocking to be darned is recommended. Fine, soft thread used with a fine needle will produce a soft, comfortable darn that will outwear the rest of the stocking.

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DARNING KNIT UNDERWEAR

The Stocking Darner can also be used for mending.

For this work, it is not necessary to roll the entire surplus of the garment into the wire fingers, but fold back the fingers and see that none of the surplus portion gets under the needle.

For general darning of flat work the **SINGER*** Flat Work Darner No. 36088 is recommended. This darner is oval-shaped and larger than the Stocking Darner and is available at any **SINGER** Shop.

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