

TROUBLESHOOT SEWING WITH KNITS

Problem	Solutions
Skipped stitches and snags	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to use a stretch needle. • Replace your needle with a new one. • Use a bigger stretch needle size.
Fabric sinks into the needle plate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start your seam at about 3mm (1/8") from the fabric edge. • While you sew, keep a slight tension in your fabric, but do not stretch it. • Use a slightly longer stitch length.
Wavy seams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a walking foot OR while you sew, place a tissue paper between the machine and the bottom fabric piece. • Use a slightly longer stitch length. • Be sure to use a spandex blend knit. • Press your seam before starting a new one.
Stitches break when stretched	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to sew with a textured thread in the bobbin as it has more stretch than an all-purpose thread. • Do not use a cotton or silk thread. • Be sure to use a stitch adapted for knits such as a zigzag or a straight stretch stitch.

TROUBLESHOOT SEWING WITH DOUBLE NEEDLES

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A "tunnel" is formed between the two stitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-thread your sewing machine. • Tension may be too high. • The distance between your double needle is too wide. As a rule of thumb, the lighter the fabric, the smaller the gap must be between the needles.
Threads get tangled	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be sure to thread both spools so that they unwind in opposite directions. • Re-thread the needle before starting a new seam.