

TRANSCRIPT: Finger Pressing- Encyclopedia

To finger press, open your piece work and use your nail to press the seam. This works best when you have a short straight of grain or cross grain seam. I like when I'm sitting next to my sewing machine and I pick up a piece like this and I don't feel like going to my iron. So I take, flip it over and use my finger to press. Now this is a bias seam, or seam that's on the bias, so I need to be a little bit more careful, because if I pull or press too hard, you're going to get some problems there. This seam is also a short seam that's on the straight of grain. The difference from this seam from one of the original seams is there's only two pieces of fabric on this seam. Here we've got a number of layers at this seam where i'm going to have to press and also on this side, there is a number of layers. So it's okay to press a seam like this with your finger, open it up and press down to open, but I am a little hesitant to press like this, unless I'm in a hurry, it might go, but I'll possibly have problems later on at these two intersections where there's lots of fabric. So this seam is problem better to press with an iron, but okay to finger press. So let me recap. The best seam to finger press are these short straight of grain or cross grain seams.