

Threading a Serger



Description/Rationale:

A serger is a specific kind of sewing machine that was created primarily to sew knit fabric and has four interlocking threads instead of just one thread. By the end of this workshop, a home sewer will be able to use a serger machine and basic sewing supplies to thread a serger and make a pillowcase.

Objectives:

By the end of this session...

1. A sewer can demonstrate threading a serger successfully within 3 attempts.
2. A sewer will create a pillowcase.

Supplies

- Serger with power cord and peddle
- Appropriate size needles
- Thread – Ideally 4 different colors for learning to thread.
- Fabric for pillowcases – Cotton quilting fabric precut two 20.5 x 33 inch rectangles of fabric. We will be using a 5/8 inch seam allowance.
- Tweezers
- Floss threaders (provided)
- Extra fabric for practice (provided)
- Extra light for threading/flashlight (optional)
- Sewing Scissors
- Magic clips (optional, provided)
- Hand upholstery needle for finishing serged edges (provided)
- User's/ Operator's manual for the serger.
- Pen/Pencil
- Notepaper

Pre-workshop Checklist

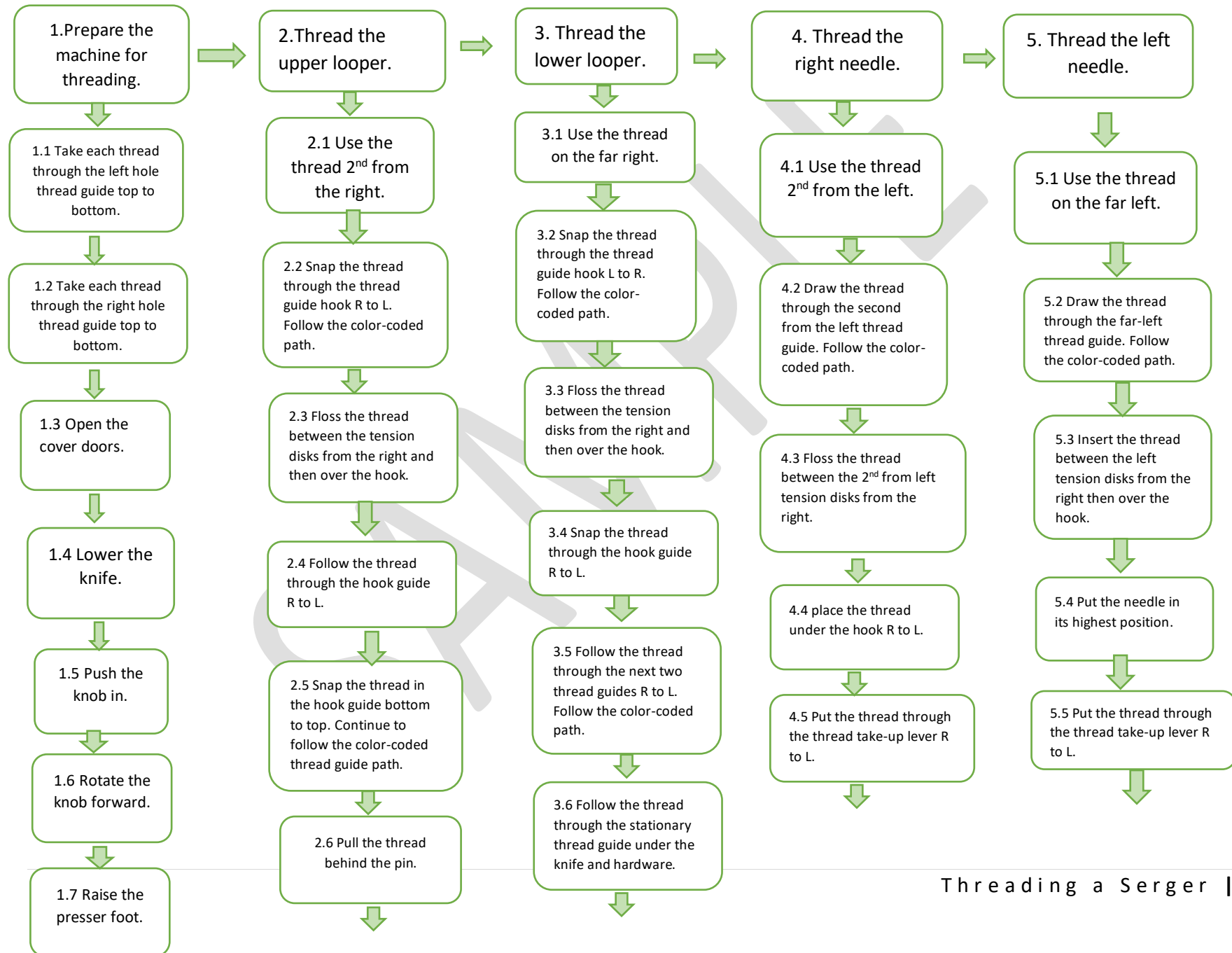
- Learner brought sewing supplies from the list provided.
- Identify the differential feed dial.
- Identify the stitch length dial.
- Identify the upper knife.
- Identify the upper looper.
- Identify the lower knife.
- Identify the lower looper.

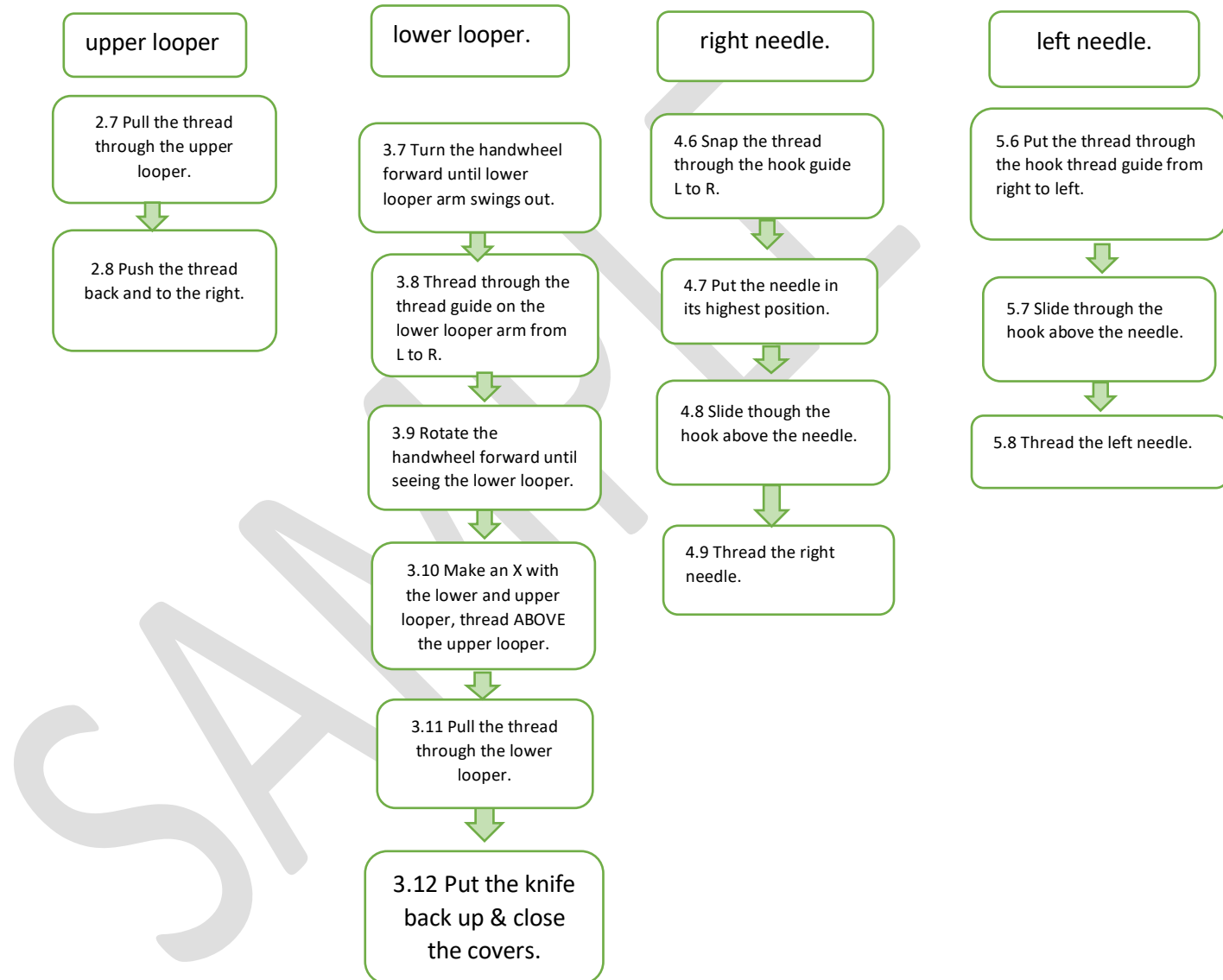


Threading checklist

- Learner took each thread through the left and right hole thread guides top to bottom.
- Threaded in the correct order: Upper looper, lower looper, right needle, left needle
- Went through each thread guide in order.
- A successful stitch was made at the end of threading.







3.6 Follow the thread through the stationary thread guide under the knife and hardware.



3.8 Thread through the thread guide on the lower looper arm from left to right.



Pillowcase checklist

- Fabric was precut prior to the workshop
- Both 33 inch edges are sewn
- The short 20.5 inch edge is sewn
- Learner chose how to secure the ends and executed one of three ways successfully. (Circle chosen method).

Knot the two ends of the tail

Weave the tail under the stitches

Leave long tails

- Hem the raw edge completely.
- Choose one of three ways to finish the hem and completed successfully. (Circle chosen method).

Leave the decorative serged edge of the hem

Fold and iron the hem to the inside of the pillowcase

Finish the hem on a standard sewing machine.

Post-Test

- The sewer can demonstrate threading a serger successfully within 3 attempts.

Evaluation

Are the instructions clear?

Do you feel that the workshop was well-paced?

Were you given sufficient time to complete each task before the workshop moved forward?

Were the assessment opportunities throughout the workshop placed at the appropriate times?

Do you feel confident you could thread your serger on your own with the skills you learned today?

Other areas of difficulty or success:

Additional Notes

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