

New No Sew Products for Repairs

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- Fray Block™** - prevents fraying on fabric and ribbon; secure serged threads, dries quick, clear, soft and flexible; washable and dry cleanable (ultra fine, precision tip.)

- Fray Check™** - (liquid seam sealant) prevents fabric from fraying and secures thread ends. Place a piece of cardboard between area being treated and other fabric layers. Apply very small amount and allow to dry for 15-30 minutes. To remove unwanted spots of Fray Check™, treat with rubbing alcohol.

- Scotch Magic™** Tape or transparent tape – use instead of pins to hold fabric in place while stitching.

- Unique Stitch®** - is a non-toxic adhesive developed to bond fabric to fabric. Examples:
 - **Hem** skirts and pants.
 - **Apply** fabric cutouts, ribbon, bias tape, rickrack, rhinestones and pearls to garments.
 - **Bond** Velcro® strips and zipper tapes to fabric.
 - **Join** elastic and yarn ends together.

A damp cloth will remove a mistake if corrected before the adhesive dries. Allow to set 30 minutes before ironing or wearing. Do not wash for 24 hours. Once dry, the bond is permanent and the garment can be machine washed and dried. Some fabrics hold the bond through dry cleaning, some do not. Apply applications according to the weight of fabric (light applications for light weight fabrics.) Place aluminum foil under fabric before applying to prevent seepage onto work surface. Test fabrics before starting projects.

- Liquid Thread™** - a sewing machine in a bottle. “No-sew” sewing for appliqués, quilts, trims, fabrics, hems and seams. Apply a thin line of glue and allow to air dry for 10 minutes so piece can be positioned without smearing glue. Then position items to be bonded and cover with a piece of cloth to avoid scorching. Set with dry iron (No Steam) on cotton setting. Iron for 30-50 seconds or until the glue changes from white to clear. Not recommended for nylon, satin, leather or any thin, sheer or delicate fabrics.

- Stitch Witchery®** - is a fusible bonding web which is used for “fuse-basting” such as zippers, seams, trims and pockets. Cover with damp press cloth. Set steam iron on ‘wool’ and press for 10 seconds. Allow to cool. Washable and dry-cleanable.

- Wash-A-Way Wonder Tape** - a double-sided transparent tape that can be stitched through—it will not gum up your needle. Completely disappears in first washing. Keep in mind the tape is water soluble and should be stored in a cool, dry place when not in use. To prolong shelf life, store in a sealed plastic bag.

- ❑ **Badge Magic™** Hemming Tape - is non-toxic, but VERY sticky, instant fabric adhesive. In most cases, unwanted adhesive can be removed with the fingers. Developed to hold Scout badges secure, it can be washed up to 100 times, tumble dry on warm setting and Do Not Dry Clean. It's perfect when you want a secure 'hold' for hems, embroideries or whatever. Heat set with clothes dryer for 15 minutes or heat back of item with iron set on 'wool/silk' setting for 5-10 seconds. (Take care not to melt tape as it may seep through fabric and be visible.) Spray with Goop Off® on back side of fabric to remove after 15 seconds, slowly peel apart.
- ❑ **Steam-A-Seam®** - is a unique fusible web that has a pressure sensitive coating on one side which allows for a temporary hold to the appliqué material. You can trace your design directly on Steam-A-Seam®, and easily position and reposition your appliqué pieces. Iron only one for a permanent bond. Leave edges unfinished or sew through without gumming the needle. Great for appliqué, crafts, seams, trims and hems. Use with fabric, lace, ribbon, paper, cardboard, wood and more. Also comes in pre-cut strips.
- ❑ **Steam-A-Seam 2®** - double stick fusible web, sticks temporarily on both sides when applied, bonds permanently when ironed. Use with fabric, papers, cardboard, wood and glass beads. No sewing required for seams and hems. If sewing is desired or necessary (as for zippers), sew through without gumming your needle. Easily apply lace, trim, ribbon and appliqués. Needs no top stitching for ability to be washed. Can be dry cleaned.
- ❑ **007 Bonding Agent®** - special powder bonds permanently, quick, invisible mending, no sewing required. Ideal for hemming, replacing zippers, appliqués, mending repairs, tears and rips, cigarette burns and moth holes even in upholstery. Washable and dry cleanable. Fabric stays soft and can be sewn through. Use on any fabric—from delicate silk to canvas tents.

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