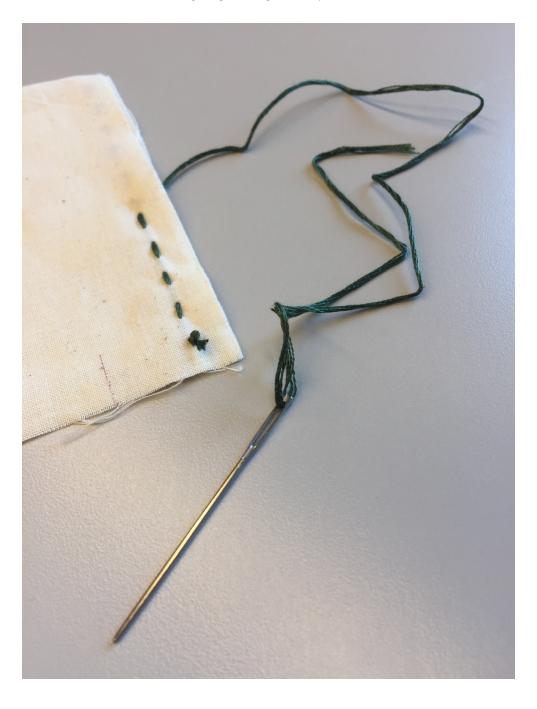


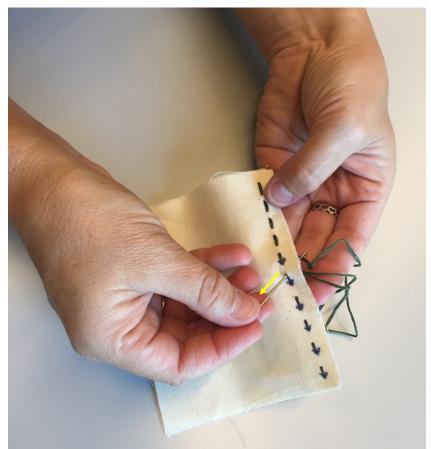
## HAND-SEWING: SEAMS FOR JOINING PIECES

To sew two pieces of fabric together, a simple straight stitch is easiest. The example shows a straight line of stitches for clarity, but you can also sew two curved pieces of material together as well.

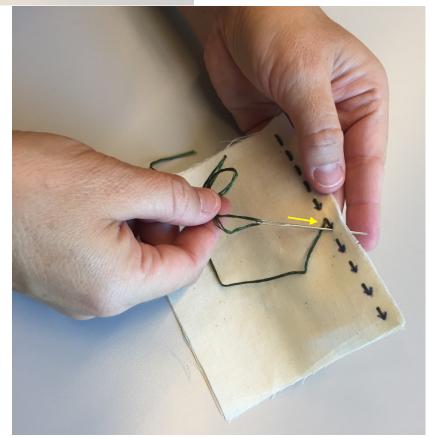
- 1. Follow the Sewing Set-Up Instructions to prepare your needle and thread for sewing.
- 2. See image below; this is what the stitching will look like. Note the knotted end of the thread starting the row of stitches, and the short tail going through the eye of the needle:



3. In the following images the stitch lines are marked with arrows so you can see the direction of the stitching. Come up through the fabric at the beginning of the arrow, and stich down through the fabric at the pointed end of the arrow:

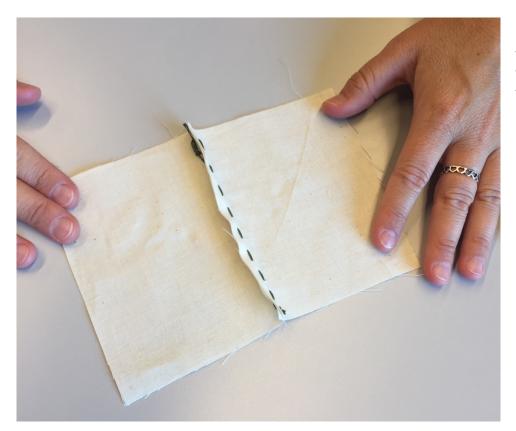


Pull the needle up through the fabric.



Then push the needle through the fabric, at the end of the stitch. This length could be different than the example here. Shorter will produce tiny stitches, which are more secure but will take longer to sew. Longer stitches will be less secure but will be faster to sew.

4. Repeat step 3 until you have sewn the entire seam. Knot the end as shown in the Sewing Finishing instructions.



Completed sewn seam with fabric folded back. This is the side that usually faces the inside of a garment.



View from the other side of the completed seam. This is the side that usually is seen from the outside of the garment.