

# Sewing encyclopaedia

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While sewing and working with needle and thread you will **stumble** across many sewing terms. We have summarized and explained the most important sewing terms for you.





needle. The instructions should state whether a seam allowance is Pattern already included or whether you have to add it. You should cut the fabric pieces accordingly.

**Broken fabric:** Especially for front and back parts, the term "broken fabric" is often found on or in the Pattern manual. This is the term used when you are supposed to lay the pattern piece twice parallel to the threadline and selvage. In this way, you will obtain a complete piece of fabric without a centre seam from a half of it Pattern . To do this, place the half paper cut piece directly on the fabric break without adding a seam.

**Threadline:** The threadline refers to the fabric direction, which you have to observe when cutting the pattern pieces. A woven fabric consists of warp and weft threads. Warp threads are the threads that are stretched on the loom, weft threads are the threads that are pushed through. The thread runs parallel to the warp direction and the selvage. It is important to take this into account, especially with garments and stretchy fabrics, as the fabric pulls and behaves differently depending on the thread run. On woven fabrics, the thread run always runs parallel to the selvage, on knitted fabrics it runs along the stitch course. In general, it can be said that the fabrics are usually less stretchy along the threadline. Selvage: This refers to the fixed edge of the fabric at the side. The selvage always runs parallel to the threadline. Since this edge is usually stronger than the rest of the fabric, the cut pieces should not protrude into this area.





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