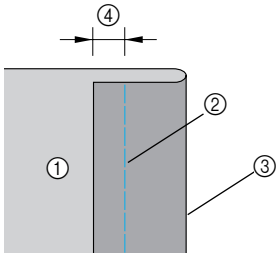
Blind Hem Stitching

Secure the bottoms of skirts and pants with a blind hem. Two stitches are available for blind hem stitching.

Stitch Name	Pattern	Application	Stitch Width [mm (inch.)]		Stitch Length [mm (inch.)]		Presser Foot
			Auto	Manual	Auto	Manual	
Blind hem stitch	17	Blind hem stitching on mediumweight fabrics	0.0 (0)	3← – 3→	2.0 (1/16)	1.0–3.5 (1/16–1/8)	R
	18	Blind hem stitching on stretch fabrics	0.0 (0)	3← – 3→	2.0 (1/16)	1.0–3.5 (1/16–1/8)	

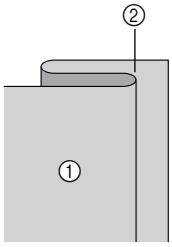
Sew a blind hem according to the following procedure.

1 Fold the fabric along the desired edge of the hem, and then baste it about 5 mm (3/16 inch) from the edge of the fabric.



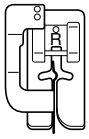
① Wrong side of fabric
② Basting stitching
③ Desired edge of hem
④ 5 mm (3/16 inch)

2 Fold back the fabric along the basting, and then position the fabric with the wrong side facing up.



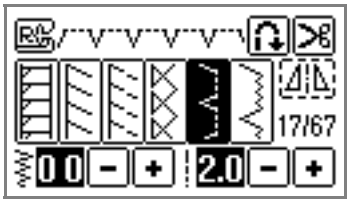
① Wrong side of fabric
② Basting

3 Attach blind hem foot "R".



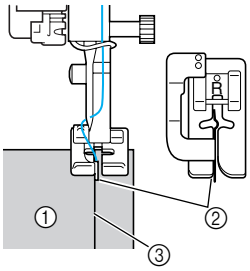
- For details, refer to "Replacing the presser foot" (page 38).

4 Select a stitch.



- For details, refer to "Selecting stitching" (page 45).

5 Position the fabric with the edge of the folded hem against the guide of the presser foot, and then lower the presser foot lever.



① Wrong side of fabric
② Fold of hem
③ Guide

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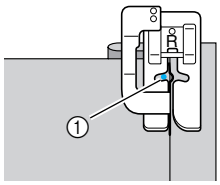
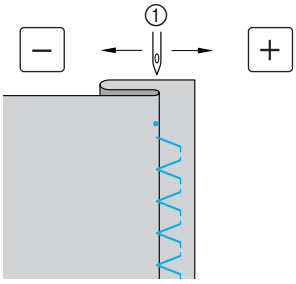
6 Adjust the stitch width until the needle slightly catches the fold of the hem.



① Needle drop point

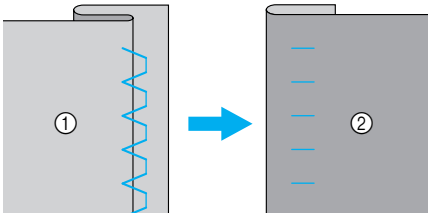
When you change the needle drop point, raise the needle, and then change the stitch width.



① Stitch width

■ **If the needle catches too much of the hem fold**

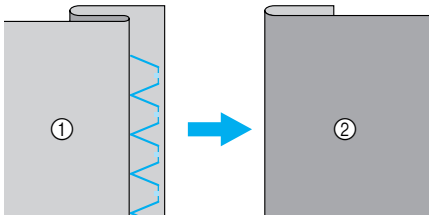
The needle is too far to the left.
Press [+] to decrease the stitch width so that the needle slightly catches the fold of the hem.



① Wrong side of fabric
② Right side of fabric

■ **If the needle does not catch the hem fold**

The needle is too far to the right.
Press [−] to increase the stitch width so that the needle slightly catches the fold of the hem.

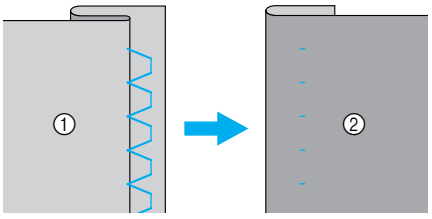


① Wrong side of fabric
② Right side of fabric

- For details, refer to "Adjusting the stitch width" (page 54).

7 Sew with the fold of the hem against the presser foot guide.

8 Remove the basting stitching.



① Wrong side of fabric
② Right side of fabric