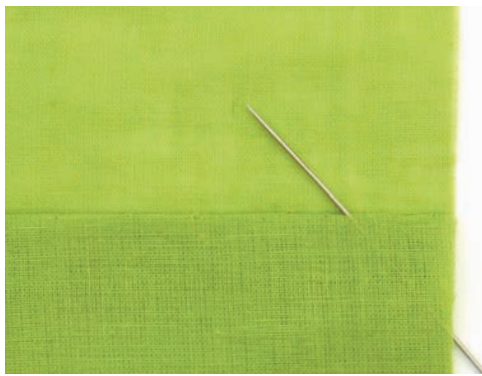
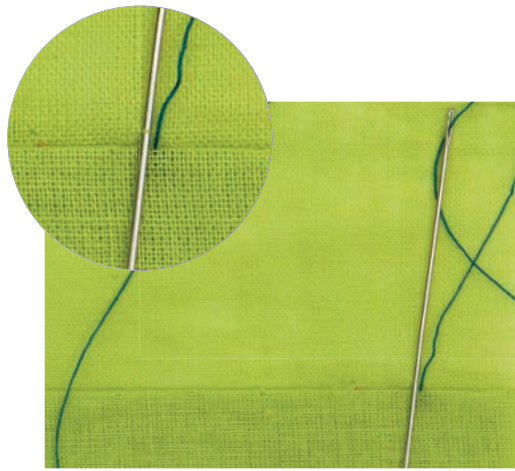


blind hemming

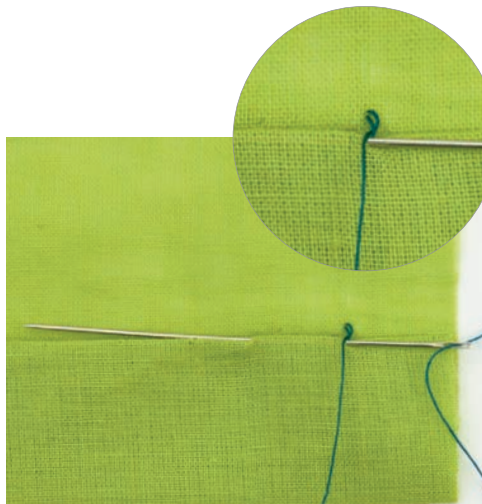
Blind hemming is very similar to slip hemming (see page 73), and from the right side of the fabric the stitching will be barely visible. It is used widely on the hems of garments and curtains where a softer, less crisp hem is required, because the actual fold of the hem is often left unpressed to create a softer look.



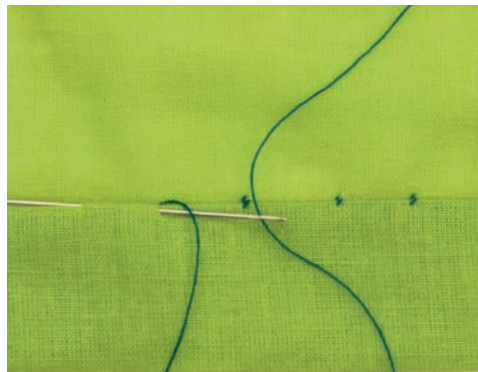
1 Knot the thread and insert the needle into the fold of the hem, bringing the needle out right on the fold.



2 Loop the thread around to the right and pick up a few threads on the needle from the main fabric, close to the fold.



3 Insert the needle into the fold and run along the fold for 12mm (½").



4 Repeat the last two steps until you have completed the line of stitching, then fasten off with a couple of tiny backstitches (see page 62).

SKILL LEVEL 2

TOOLS AND MATERIALS

- Needle: use a needle appropriate to the fabric and project – use a fine sharps or betweens for dressmaking projects and a long darning needle for home furnishings.
- Thread: use a good-quality thread.
- Match the thread colour as closely as possible to the fabric to produce an almost invisible stitch.

NOTES ON USING THIS STITCH

- Use on hems where you do not want to see any stitching on the right side.
- Hems can be of any depth, which is particularly useful on curtains.