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THREAD TENSION GUIDE

Thread tension can affect the way the stitches appear on both sides of a guilt sandwich. In some cases, you can adjust the tension dial to remedy this problem (as indicated below). Other times, you may need to troubleshoot for other causes of unbalanced tension, such as extra lent clogging the machine, badly wound bobbins, poor quality thread, incorrectly threaded needle, or a dull needle. They all play a part with tension when you are quilting. Refer to your sewing machine manual for more information.

Correct

BALANCED TENSION

Not Correct



TOP TENSION TOO TIGHT Bobbin Thread shows on top. Lower the thread tension dial.

Mot Correct



TOP TENSION TOO LOOSE Top Thread shows on back. Increase the thread tension dial.

If you're troubleshooting tension issues, start with the default setting on your thread tension dial, adjust slightly up or down depending on how the threads appear. You can find the default setting in the sewing machine owner's manual, or start with the middle number on the dial and adjust from there until your stitches show evenly on top and bottom.

THREAD TENSION DIAL

