

Antique or Old-German Seam

A flat, invisible seam for linen too narrow to spare a fold.



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"Up from below, side to side, two threads apart."

1

Pin the Selvedges

Tack or pin the two selvedges together before you begin stitching.

2

Stitch Up Through Both

Point your needle upward from below, two threads in from the edge. Pass it first through the wrong side, then the right, going through one selvedge and then the other.

3

Space the Stitches Evenly

Set each stitch two threads apart from the last, so the thread crosses itself between the two edges. Sewn this way, the seam lies perfectly flat.

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