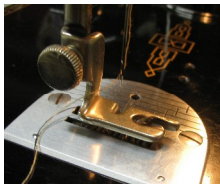


Foot Hemmer

The foot hemmer is made with a spiral formed tongue (scroll) which turns in the edge of the material and forms the hem. The foot hemmer is attached to your machine in place of the regular presser foot and is used for hemming the edge of material, making hemmed and felled seams, and you can also hem and sew on lace in just one operation.

To attach, raise your needle to the highest position, remove your presser foot, and attach the foot hemmer.



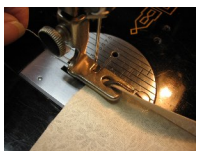
Start Hem at the Very Edge

At times, the foot hemmer can be a little tricky to learn. With practice you will do amazing things, but in the beginning don't be surprised if your material and your hems are "crooked", to say the least. Sit and practice, practice, and practice. Once you get the hang and learn your own tricks, this is a wonderful little attachment for making those dainty hems. Take it slow and you will have a perfect hem every time.

Fold the edge of your material twice, about 1/8" each time. Do this for a distance of about 2 inches and then I finger crease the folds.



Place about three or so inches of your needle and bobbin threads under the hemmer. Place your creased edge of material under the hemmer and have your end of hem directly under the needle. Lower the hemmer foot and tack this end with about two or so stitches.



Raise your hemmer again. Pull the threads and the hem slightly away from you with your left hand (while holding the threads) and pull the material toward you with your right hand into the scroll of the hemmer until the tacked end is caught in the hemmer. I do sort of "jiggle" it back and forth very gently until I see it is all within the hemmer foot. Then I am ready for the next step.

Lower the hemmer and begin sewing, again pulling the threads back while sewing. It is important to keep the mouth of the hemmer full of material so you have an even hem.

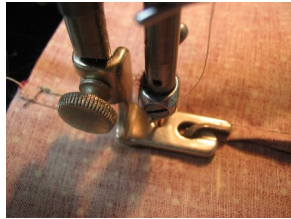


Hint: I do try to manually have about 1/8" hem folded right before the material goes through the hemmer foot. So, your left hand is in the back of the presser foot keeping the material taut and your right hand is in front, guiding the material through.

Make a Felled Seam with the Foot Hemmer

Place the right sides of your material together. They will not match at the edge (see photo below). You want to have the upper piece of material about 1/8" to the left of the material on the bottom. Stitch the two pieces together using your hemmer foot toe as your sewing guide.

Open the seam, wrong side up, flatten your seam, and now begin hemming, stitching it flat. Again, you are using the protruding toe as your sewing guide. Your hemmer foot will "grab" and turn under the top piece of material.



Hem and Sew on Lace in One Operation

Begin sewing in the normal manner.

Hold the hem in position with the needle, just as you learned earlier

Raise your presser foot and insert the edge of your lace in the slot of the hemmer and pull it back under the hemmer.

Lower your presser foot and start sewing. Your lace will be caught on the edge with the needle. I usually guide the material being hemmed with my left hand while guiding the lace with the right hand. This helps keep it properly in the slot and directly above your hem. Watch that your needle stitches through both the lace and the hem.

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