SCISSORS & SHEARS

Shear Genius
Quality Scissors & Shears Make a Difference

When choosing the right scissors and shears for the job, keep in mind:

- Scissors and shears made of steel and plated with nickel or chrome are stronger and stay sharp longer. The blade and the handle will be formed in one continuous piece. Fabric cutting is easier and faster with sharp blades.

- Some types of scissors and shears have stainless steel blades fitted to a plastic handle. These scissors are not as sturdy and don’t retain a sharp edge for as long a time as carbon steel. They are harder to re-sharpen and are value priced. These types of scissors are better for cutting paper or for snipping thread.

- Titanium scissors are very lightweight and strong with an easy, smooth blade action. They stay sharp longer and resist corrosion.

### Appliqué Scissors
These are offset for level cutting.

### Bent Handle Dressmaker Shears
Allows the cutting blades to rest flat on the table.

### Large Handle Scissors
These allow a better grip for more control of the blades.

### Embroidery Scissors
These should be sharp to the tip to allow for trimming close to the stitching. Curved tips allow for picking up dropped stitches and trimming while fabric is still in the machine.

### Finishing Shears
These have a pinking or scalloping edge used to trim seams for ravel-resistance.

### Thread Snipping Scissors
These often are made spring-loaded to be operated by squeezing to trim loose threads.

### Caring for Scissors and Shears
Use scissors only on the materials they were meant to cut. Fabric shears should not be used to cut paper as this will dull the blades. Keep scissors dry and dust free, and occasionally oil at the screw. Protect the points by storing them in a closed position in a sewing box or the box they came in. Sharp pointed scissors often come with a plastic cover. Using this protects the points and prevents injury. Remember to sharpen and condition high quality shears on a regular basis. Be sure to have a qualified professional do this maintenance.