

Foot Book

Tailor Tack Foot #7



Foundation: Cut-away stabilizer

Background: Felt

Techniques: Fagoting and Bundling

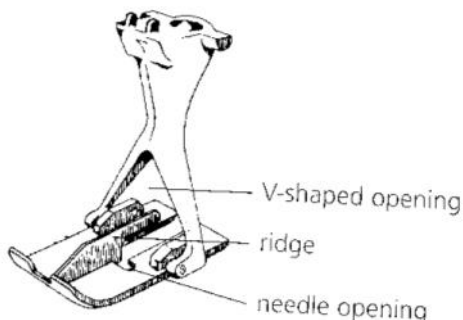
Embellishments: Stamped card embellished with hand-made paper and fibers

(See below for more directions.)



Originally designed to eliminate the tedious job of marking garment pieces with hand tailor tacks, this foot also offers decorative options for joining two pieces of fabric and for making fringe.

The needle opening will accommodate a stitch width up to 5.5mm. Intended to be used with a zigzag stitch at least 3mm wide, this foot will *not* work with a straight stitch setting; the needle will hit the ridge and bend or break.



Cutting & Preparation

Cut one 8" square of felt and one 8" square of cut-away stabilizer. Use temporary spray adhesive to bond the stabilizer to the felt.

Cut 2 pieces of medium weight fabric, 3" x 6" each

Cut one piece of colored cardstock to be 5½" x 8½".

Cut a piece of handmade paper 6" x 6". This piece will be trimmed to fit the card during construction

Collect the following items:

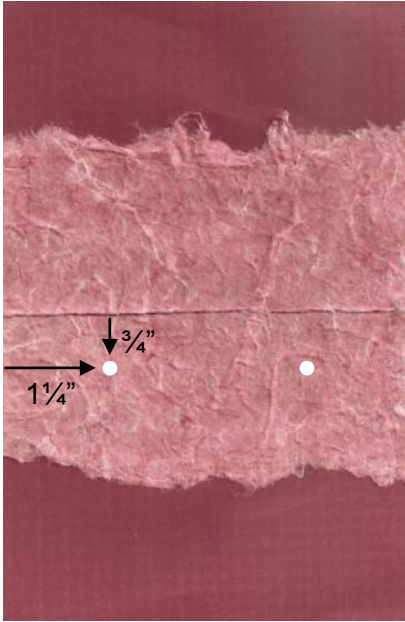
- Four decorative brads to secure the sewn swatch to the inside of the card
- Four adhesive mounting corners to mount the printed photo of Foot #7 on inside of card
- A sticker or marker to apply/write the numeral 7 to the front of the card.
- One sheet of 8½" x 11" photo paper
- Gluestick
- Yarn and/or fibers of your choice to make the "tie" on the card front
- Hole punch (¼" or ⅛")
- Rubber stamp of faux writing or other desired design
- Black ink pad

Creating the Card

Fold the cardstock in half to be 5½" x 4¼".

Unfold the card and lay flat with outside facing up. Tear the upper and lower edges of the piece of handmade paper to get ragged, uneven edges. The finished piece should be about 6" x 4"-4½".

Tip: To get more texture along the torn edges, use a paint brush to wet a "wavy line" on the paper before tearing.



Position the handmade paper over the cardstock, centering it over the fold in the center of the card. Using glue stick, glue the paper in place. *Note: The sides of the paper will extend beyond the side edges of the cardstock.*

Trim the side edges of the paper even with the side edges of the card.

Punch two holes in the front of the card through the paper and

the cardstock. Position each hole approximately ¾" down from the fold and 1¼" in from the side.

Stamp faux writing or other desired design on the front of the card as shown in the photo on previous page or as desired.

Add a sticker or use a marker to draw the number 7 on the front of the card, placing it in the lower right corner.

Cut 10" of yarn or fiber (can combine 2 or more if desired—as long as they fit through the holes). From the inside of the card, thread each end of the fiber into one hole, bringing them to the front of the card. Tie into a bow or a double knot as desired.

Print the following page on photo paper. After printing, trim the photo as shown, leaving a white border around the image.

Adhere the adhesive photo corners to the inside flap of the card and insert the photo.

Set the card aside and create the Fagoting Swatch from the next column.

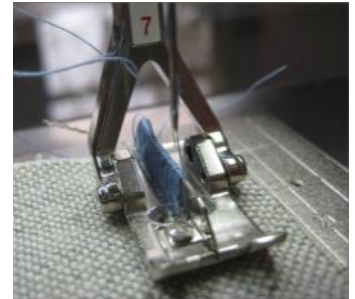
Fagoting Swatch

Thread the machine with polyester, cotton, or rayon thread of your choice.

Select the zigzag stitch and adjust the width to 5mm and the length to 0.5mm-1mm.

Place the two pieces of fabric (3" x 6") right sides together and position them under Foot #7 to stitch on the seam line.

Sew along the seam line.

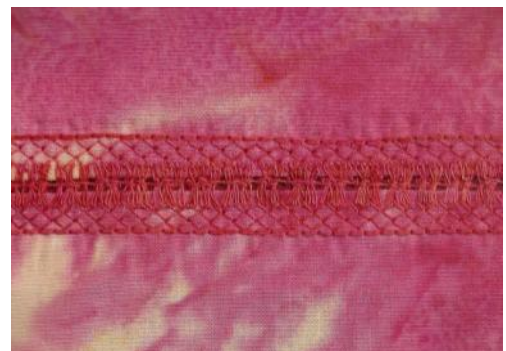


When seam is complete, carefully slide the thread off of the foot. Open the seam and gently pull the fabrics apart.

Note: Photo is showing the wrong side of the fabric.

Change to Clear Embroidery Foot #39 and select the Triple Straight Stitch. Sewing from the right side, stitch down the center of the thread to "bundle" it, giving it a "lacy" look.

Finish by stitching decorative stitches along the outer edge of the thread, sewing through the open seam allowances.



Almost any decorative stitch can be used along the outer edges of the Fagoting. Shown are Honeycomb with Triple Straight Stitch.

Trim the Fagoting Swatch to 5" x 3".

Position the open card on the felt background as desired. *Optional: Use glue stick to hold it in place.*

Place the trimmed swatch on the inside of the card as shown. *Optional: Use glue stick to hold it in place.*

Use decorative brads in each corner, putting them through the swatch, card, & felt background before opening the prongs.

Finishing

Place the page wrong sides together and straight stitch close to the outer edges through all layers. *Note: The page shown is back-to-back with the page for Edgestitch Foot #10. The double rows of stitching on the Foot #7 page are the result of the ribbon border stitching on the Foot #10 page.*

Add metal eyelets to the binding edge.

