**French Seam**

French seams are most commonly used on sheer fabrics because no raw edges show through. French seams work well for straight seams, but are not flexible enough for curved seams. A French seam looks like a plain seam on the garment’s outside and a narrow tuck on the wrong side. Follow these steps to make a French seam sample:

**You will need 2-4” by 8” pieces of sample fabric for this seam.**

1. Pin the wrong sides of the fabric together.
2. Stitch **3/8** of an inch from the raw edges. Trim the seam allowances to **1/8** of an inch. Press the seam allowances open.
3. Fold the fabric along the seam line with the right sides together. Press.
4. Stitch 1/4 of an inch from the folded edge.
5. Staple your sample to the front of this direction sheet.

**\*\*\*Staple your finished sample to this page and turn it in to the bin for your class period at the front of the room.\*\*\***