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Safety First

SAFETY WHEN SEWING

- 1. Never put pins in the mouth, use a pin cushion.
- 2. Hold shears away from body with blades pointed to the floor.
- 3. Do not run in the room.
- 4. Do not put shears or scissors in your lap.
- 5. Pass scissors and shears to another person by holding the blade closed, pointing the handles toward the person. Do not point scissors or shears at another person
- 6. Plug and unplug machines and iron by using the cord plug. Do not yank on cord.
- 7. Do not sew faster than you have control of the machine.
- 8. Do not press on foot control unless you are going to sew.
- 9. Keep fingers away from needle while sewing.
- 10. If there is a problem with the machine, call an adult or advisor.
- 11. Sit with good posture at the machine. Make sure you can sit comfortably so feet are flat on floor, knees fit comfortably under machine and your back is supported well by chair. Eyes should be looking straight at needle, if not adjust chair.
- 12. Keep cords out of the work space, so you or others do not trip over them.
- 13. Keep work area neat, use pin cushion for pins and needles when not in use. Put threads and clippings in waste can or paper bag attached to table.