

A Quickie...How to do a *Butterfly Seam*

1. Sew diamond to diamond, this is seam 1. Use straight pins at the beginning and end to keep the seams together and to reduce stretching. Press seam to one side.
2. Lay the 3rd diamond directly on top of the diamond that is opposite the direction you pressed the seam allowance. Check the alignment of the points. Again, pin the beginning and end to keep seams together and to reduce stretching. Sew the seam, this is seam 2. Note: You should **not** have sewn over any seams if you pressed correctly in the previous step.
3. Looking at the back of the assembly, **unsew** all stitches in both seam allowances. **Try not to cut the thread just unstitch.**
4. Last step is now a snap. Lay the assembly, open, with right side down. The 3rd and last seam should point up. Place your hands with on each side of the 3rd and final seam as if to open. Note seam 1 and seam 2 will start to move up (forming a Butterfly). Using your index and thumb, grab the seam 1 and seam 2 and place together. All 4 raw edges should be in alignment and the stitching from seam 1 and seam 2 will be together with wrong sides facing. Pin the “wings” to hold them together. One diamond will be folded inside.
5. Pin beginning and end of seam 3 and aligned the raw edges. Sew the 3rd seam.
6. **Unsew** the stitches in the seam allowance. Remove pin holding the wings closed. Following the rotation of seam 1 continue the rotation for all seams.
7. **Done!** Congratulations, you’ve just learned how to execute a perfect *Butterfly Seam*