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Stitching Magic: The Basics of Hand-Sewing for Beginners

Short Answer Key

1. The running stitch is used for creating temporary stitches, such as basting fabric layers together. An example is using the running stitch to hold fabric pieces in place before sewing a permanent seam.
2. The backstitch is strong and durable due to its overlapping stitches. It's preferred for garment seams because it can withstand wear and tear without breaking.
3. The whipstitch is used to join fabric edges neatly, creating an almost invisible seam. It differs from other stitches as it doesn't require a visible seam allowance. It's commonly used for appliqué work.
4. The blanket stitch serves both a decorative and functional purpose. It's used to finish the edges of blankets, preventing fraying while adding a decorative border.
5. A slip stitch is used for creating nearly invisible hems and closures, such as in the hems of garments or closing openings in pillows. Its advantage lies in its ability to create hidden, neat finishes.

