



Metallic Threads

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Metallic Threads can present a particular challenge. Think about why the thread BREAKS.
Setting up your machine with rayon, or a lightweight cotton such as 60wt Mettler, can set you up for success.

Potential Problems	Suggested Solutions
• Too heavy of thread in bobbin	• Use 40 wt rayon or lightweight 60 wt cotton
• Tight tension	• Reduce tension until no thread pulls up at point VVVVVVVVVV
• Going too fast can snap the thread	• Slow down
• Wrong needle	• Use 12/80 topstitch or metallic
• Fabric for backing is a tighter weave	• Use lighter weight cotton