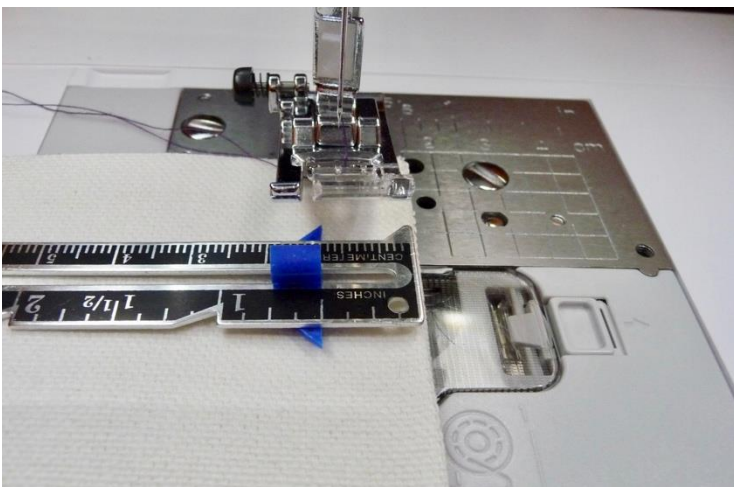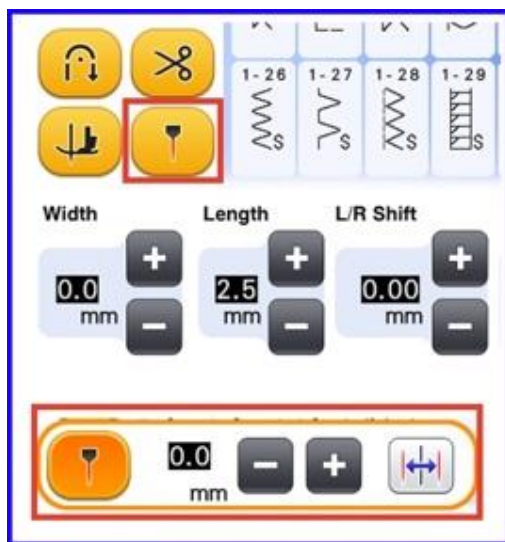**Let's go sew!**
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Tip Sheet – Use the Sew Straight™ Laser Vision Guide to set your seam allowance.

The **Sew Straight™ Laser Vision Guide** was introduced by Brother with the first Dream machine, the 8500D. It was enhanced on the Dream 2 8550D model and is known as the Sew Straight™ 2 Laser Vision Guide on that model machine. A variety of other machines in the "V" series line include this feature, including the VM6200D, VQ3000, and select machines in the new 2019 line-up. Check with your local Brother dealer for complete and updated information on models with this special feature.

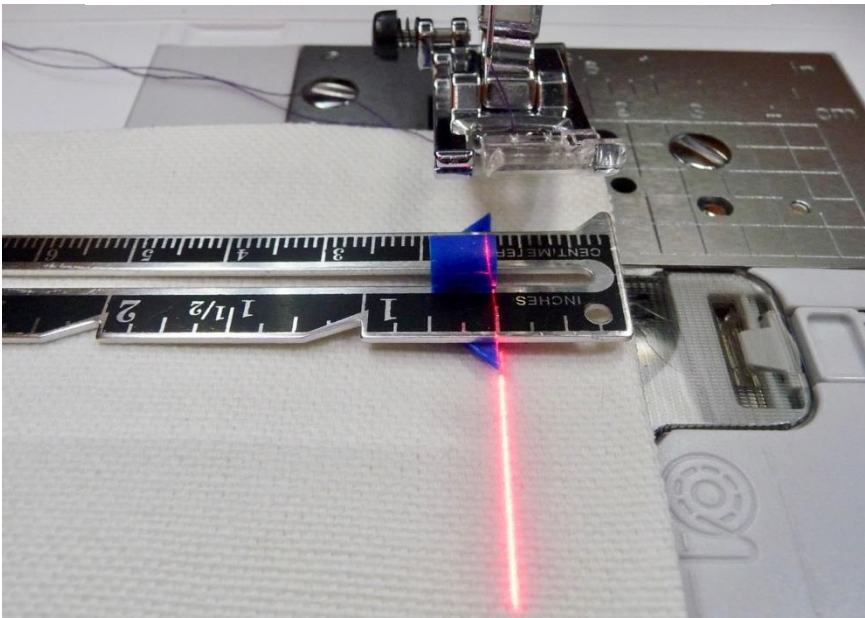I like to use this feature as an aid to set my seam allowance. Here's how:

Start with a straight stitch in the left needle position. Next, I find a guideline on the plate that I want to follow. In this case I selected the first line closest to the foot. I choose this line regardless of the metric or inch marking, selecting it merely for convenience. It's an easy sight line to follow because it is the very first line past the presser foot. Now, I set my seam gauge for the desired distance and place it along the raw edge. In this example I want to stitch a 1/2-inch seam.
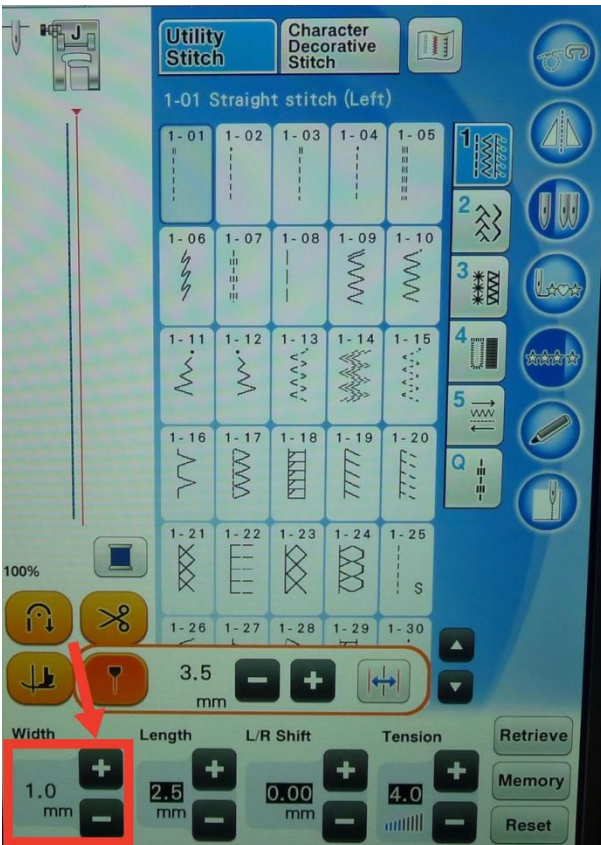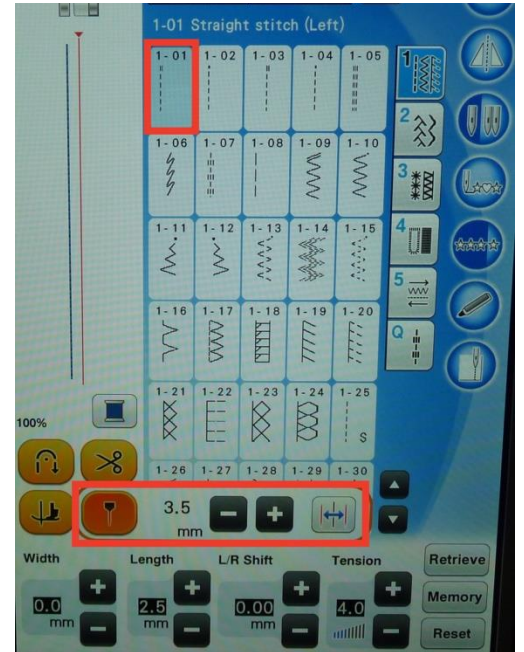

Touch the icon to activate the laser.

Use the Plus/Minus keys to move the laser until it matches the designated line on the seam gauge.
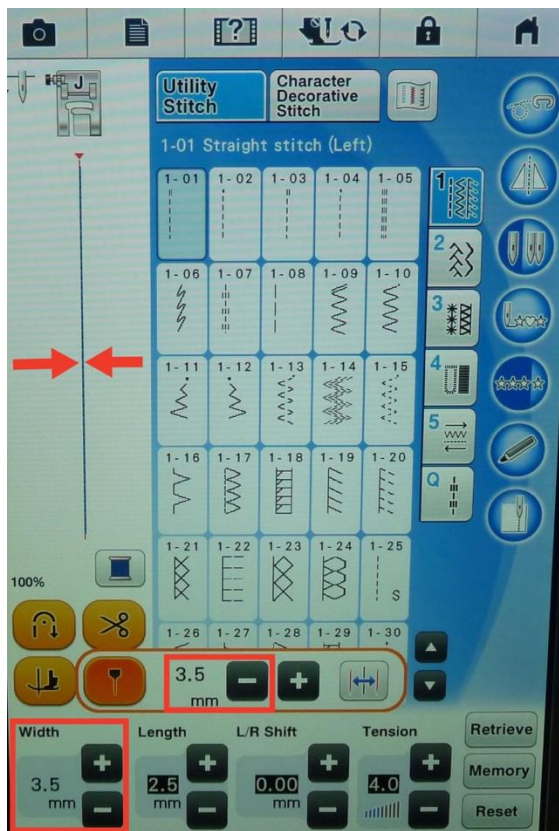
In this case the laser is set for 3.5 when lined up with the seam gauge.
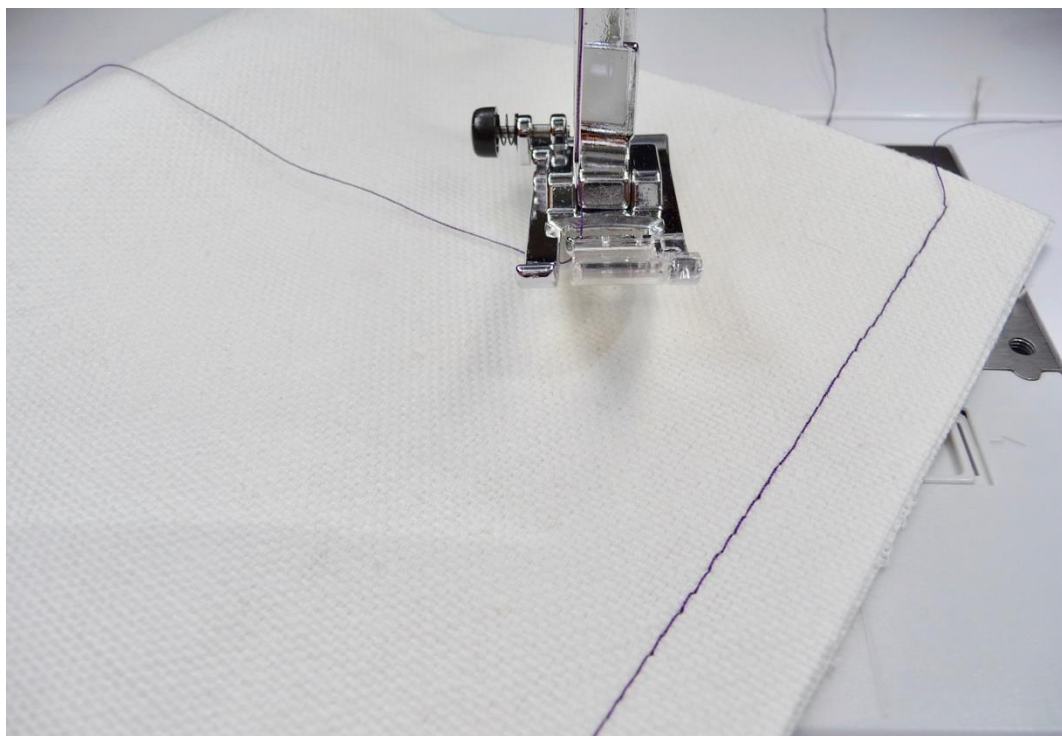

Now, move the needle to match the point of the laser by touching the plus mark for the width key.

Continue touching until the blue and red lines match up.

Here you can see that the settings match and the blue and red lines are directly on top of one another and have merged into one.

Sew with the raw edge of the fabric along the designated guideline on the throat plate and the seam will result in a perfect ½-inch seam allowance.

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