

# Seam Rippers

## HOW TO CHOOSE A SEAM RIPPER:

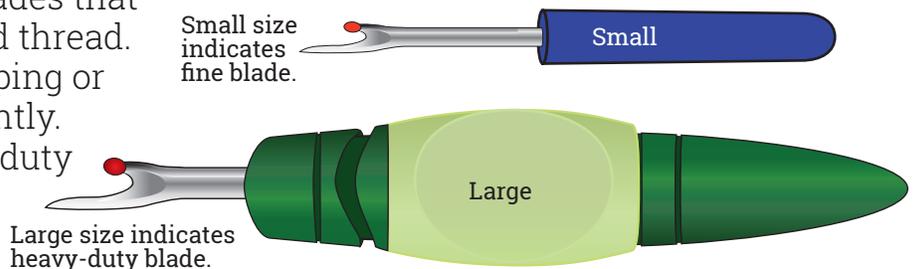
**What is a seam ripper and how is it used?** A seam ripper is a hand-held tool with a smooth point and cutting blade on one end and a handle on the other. It is designed to remove unwanted stitches.

### Seam rippers serve many functions.

- Use to remove seams when changing the design of a finished garment.
- Use to remove stitches in an incorrectly-stitched seam.
- Use to open up buttonholes. Zigzag stitches are placed very close together, and a sharp smooth edge is required to cut between stitches without accidentally clipping them.
- The combination of the point and blade are also ideal to creatively rip fabric for re-styling and repurposing clothing!

**There are many styles of seam rippers.** The physical size varies, but the designation of small or large refers to the blade. The function is the same; which should you choose?

- Small rippers have fine blades that are ideal for fine fabric and thread. Smooth edges prevent ripping or snagging fabric inadvertently.
- Large rippers have heavy-duty blades to slice through heavier thread and fabric. Great for outdoor gear and clothing or for refashioning garments that require a strong push to rip.
- Comfort may be a consideration. Ergonomic seam rippers offer the best choice if you have arthritis or suffer from carpal tunnel syndrome. A rounded shape and soft grip can ease hand strain and stress. Consider styles #5100, 5101, 5110 or 5111.



### Specialty features offer more versatility.

- Choose a ripper with added tools such as a magnifier, LED light or needle threader.
- Choose a ripper with a more exposed sharp blade, such as the #640 Curved Blade Ripper to easily cut serger threads, which are overlapped and close together.



## SEAM RIPPER ANATOMY:

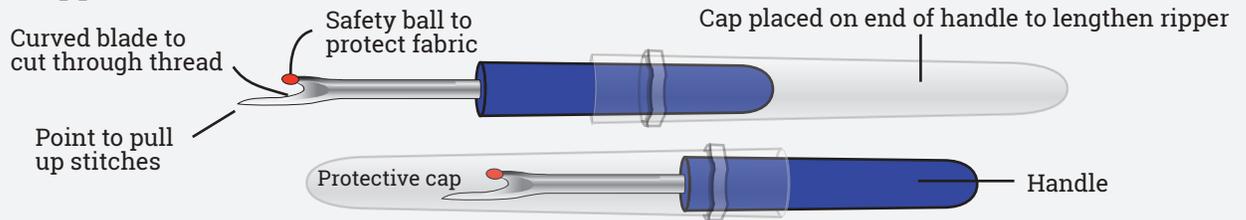
Seam rippers vary greatly in appearance, but each ripper has the same basic features – a cutting blade, a protective cap, and a handle.

A seam ripper is by far one of the most useful tools for your sewing room. Having multiple styles and sizes offers a range of versatility. It is important to always have the correct tool for the task at hand!

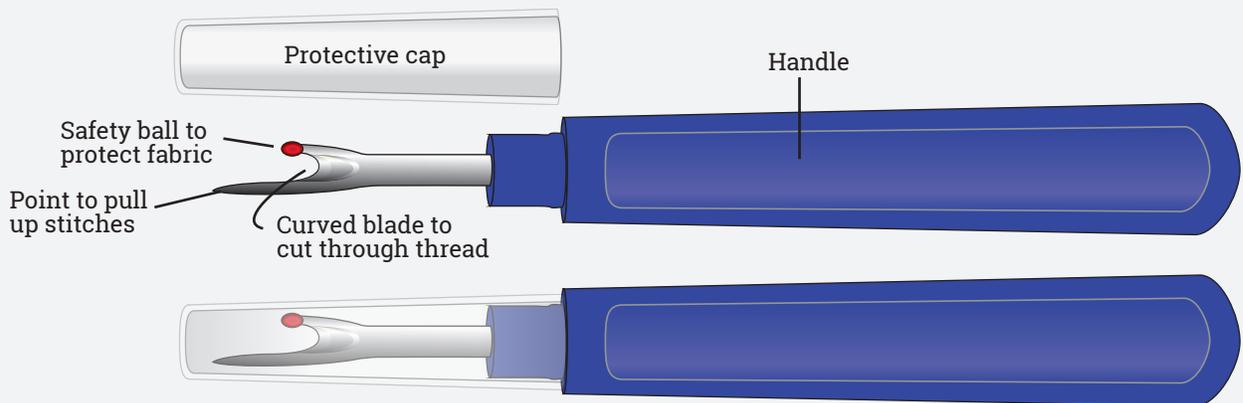
See “How to Use a Seam Ripper” for tips on use and technique.

### Basic Seam Ripper Anatomy

#### Small Ripper with fine blade



#### Large Ripper with heavy-duty blade



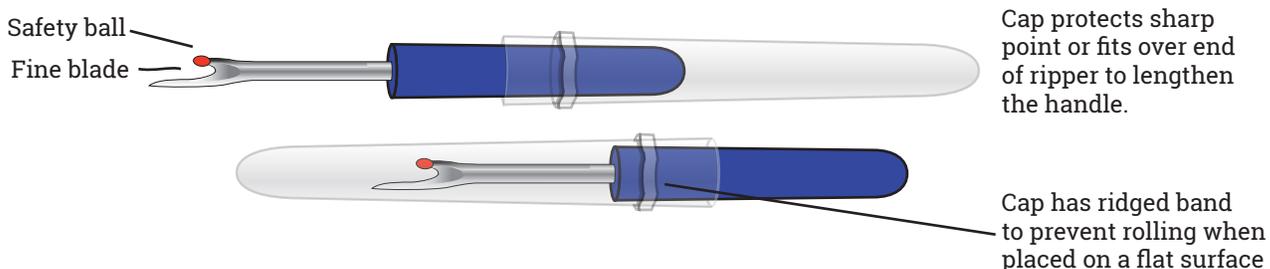
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## RIPPER STYLES:

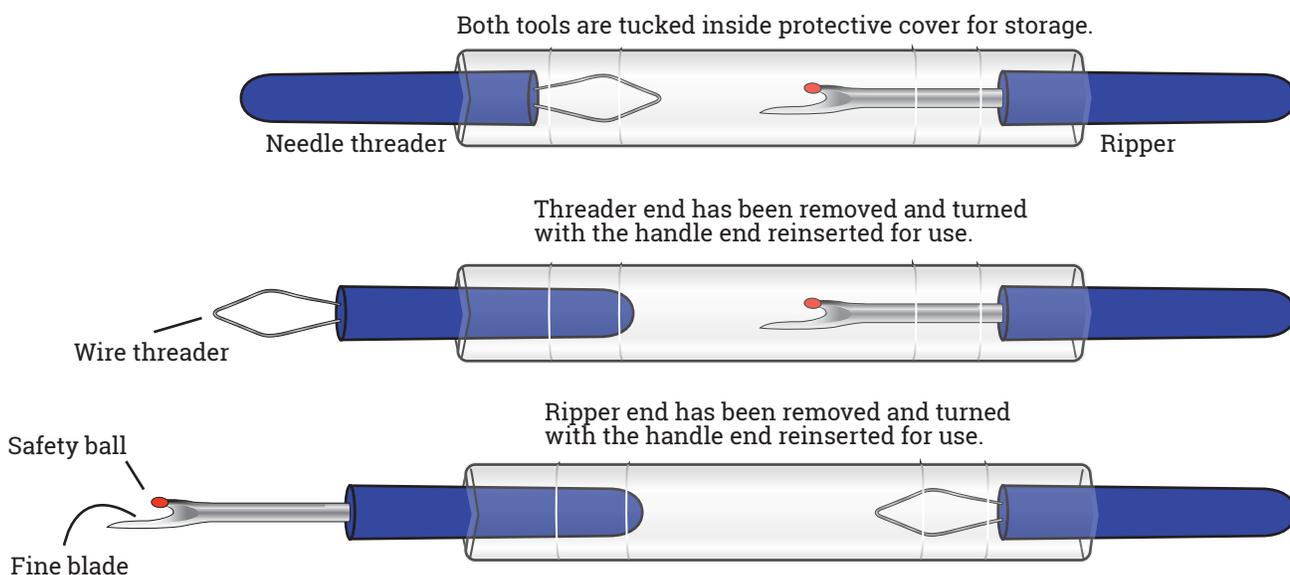
### Item #608 Small Seam Ripper

This compact ripper is perfect to fit into sewing kits, classroom take-along supplies, or to keep close to your sewing machine for those sewing mishaps. The small handle can be extended by placing the cap over the end. The fine blade is ideal for removal of tiny stitches.



### Item #609 Small Seam Ripper with Needle Threader

The ripper is the same compact size as #608, with the added bonus of a needle threader on the opposite end. The clear cap actually forms the center connecting section of the ripper with one tool at each end. Pull out the tool desired, turn it, and place the handle end back into the tube for use. The tool at the opposite end stays stored away until it is needed! The cap has a hexagonal shape to keep it from rolling away when set down.

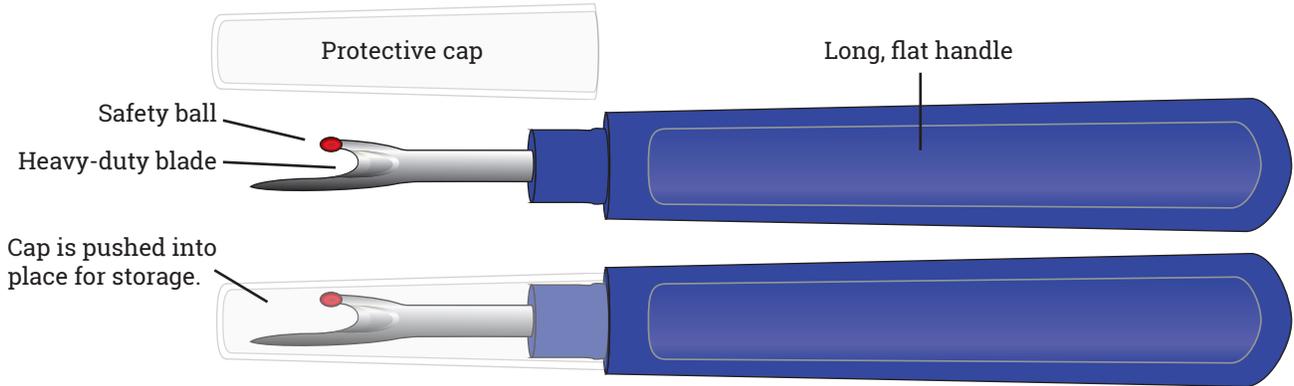


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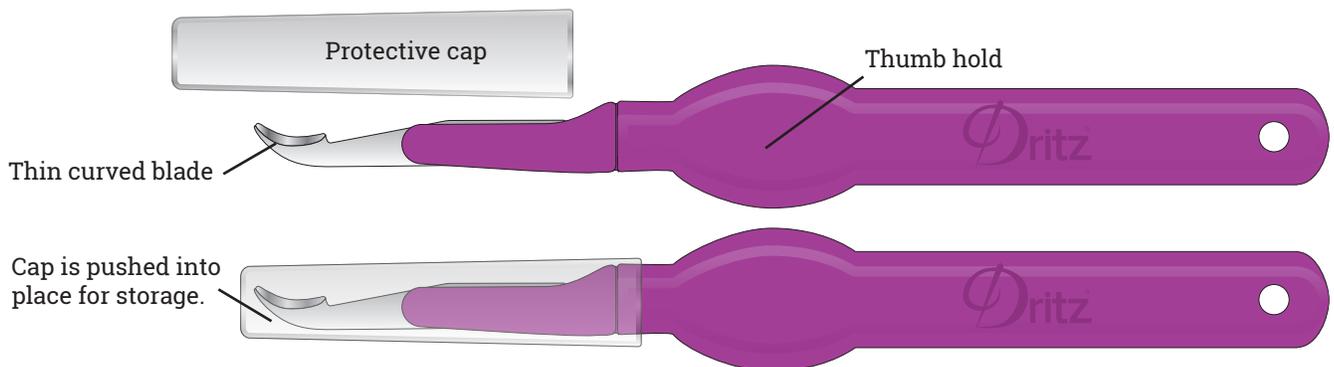
## Item #638 Large Deluxe Seam Ripper

This ripper has a heavy-duty cutting blade. The handle is flat and long, designed to sit in the palm of your hand while working. The flat shape also keeps it from rolling away when placed on your work surface!



## Item #640 Curved Blade Seam Ripper

This ripper has entirely different styling than traditional rippers. The curved blade is not tucked away below a point; it is at the edge of the shaft. It features a large handle with a thumb hold for better control. The blade is thin and extra sharp to easily cut through unwanted threads, and sliding under stitches for smooth cutting. Great for cutting serger stitches! The protective cover should be left in place when not in use. Use care when removing and replacing the cover.

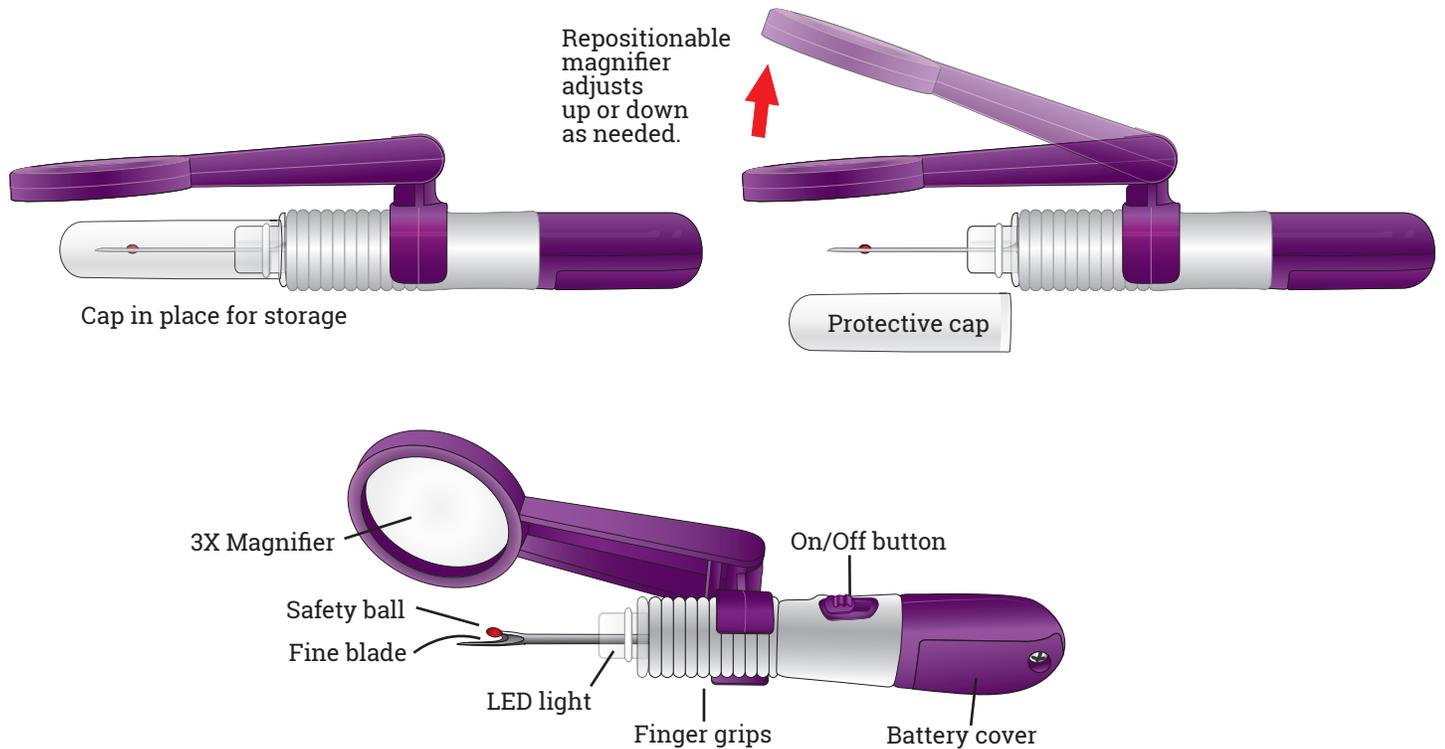


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## Item #947 Magnified LED Seam Ripper

Often it feels like embedded stitches are simply invisible. The thread matches so well that you can't tell the stitch from the fabric weaving. This fine-blade ripper has an LED light bulb and repositionable magnifier with 3X magnification to help you focus on the tiniest stitches. Soft, slip-resistant finger grips on the handle help you handle the ripper with ease. Button at side turns light on and off. Magnifier can be rotated to adjust position with the arm adjusted up or down as needed to increase magnification. A protective cap fits over the ripper end when not in use.



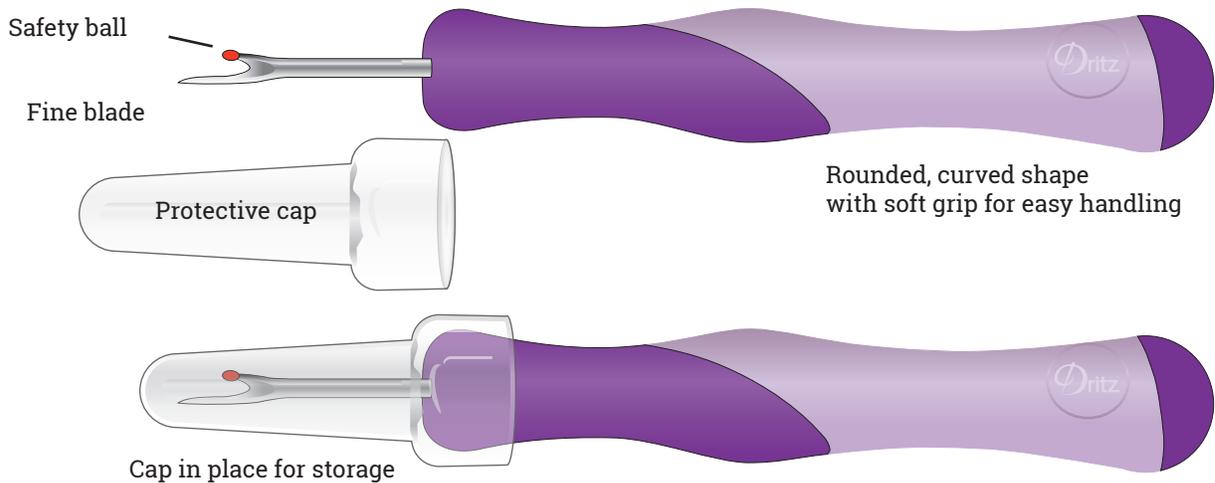
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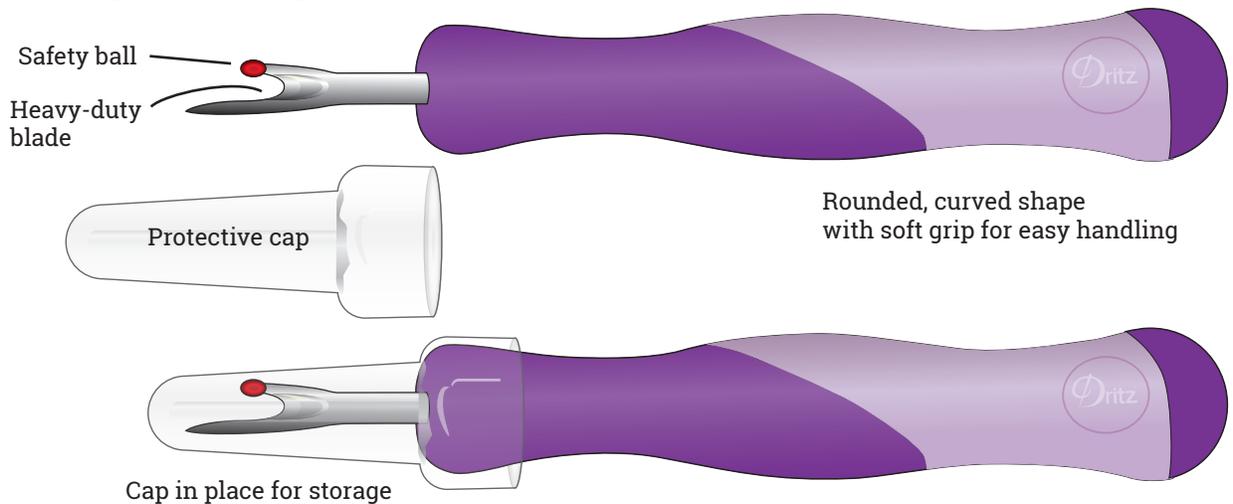
## Item #5100 and #5101 Ergonomic Seam Rippers

The rounded design of this ripper is designed to fit snugly in the palm of your hand. It has a soft grip and a rounded, curved shape that can easily be held by those with arthritis or carpal tunnel syndrome, making it the go-to ripper for the seasoned sewist. Flat sides on the protective cap keep it from rolling when set down. This ripper is available in both a small size with a fine blade and a larger size with a heavy-duty blade.

### #5100 Small Seam Ripper with fine blade



### #5101 Large Seam Ripper with heavy-duty blade



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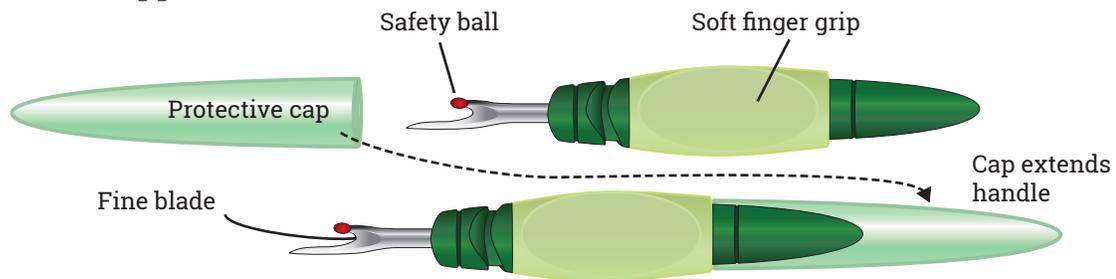
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## Item #5110 and #5111 Ergonomic Seam Rippers

This ergonomic ripper style gives you two choices – small or large handle and fine or heavy-duty blade. Each handle size has a conical shape with soft indented finger grips, offering less stress for those with arthritis or carpal tunnel syndrome. The comfortable grip helps eliminate hand strain and fatigue, enabling completion of large projects.

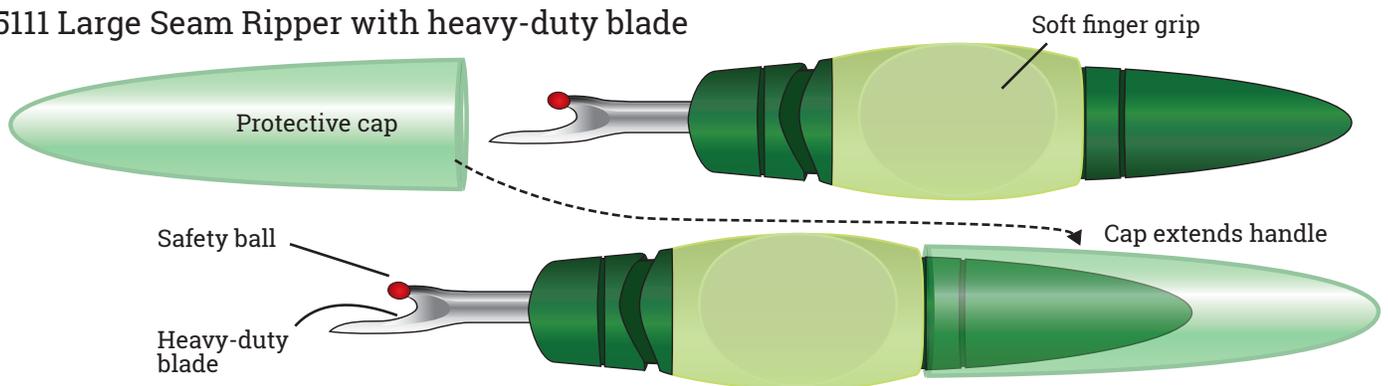
Translucent cap fits snugly on end of ripper to extend the length. Simply pull the cap off end of ripper, place over blade and push to secure for safe storage.

### #5110 Small Seam Ripper with fine blade



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### #5111 Large Seam Ripper with heavy-duty blade



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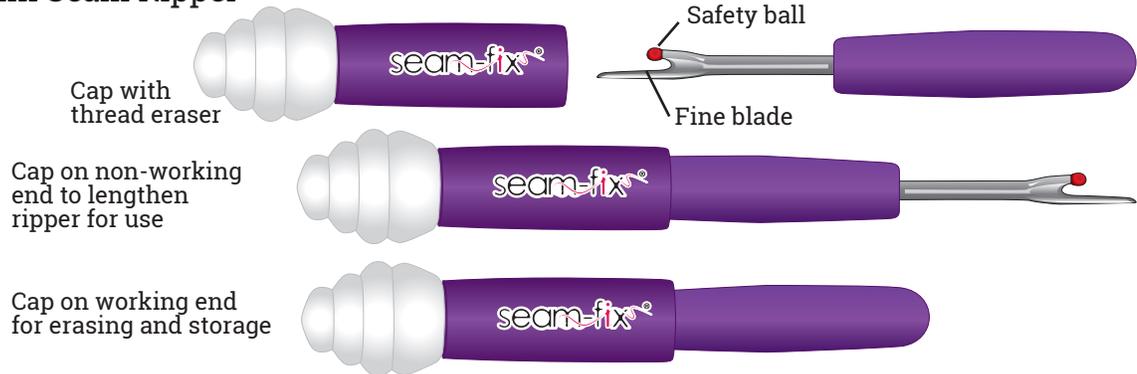
## #664, 665, 953, and 949 seam-fix<sup>®</sup> Seam Rippers

Seam-Fix tools all have a soft rubber cap that is designed to “erase” loose threads. Use the ripper to slice the stitches and the ridged end to erase the cut threads. This double feature makes them essential tools for any sewing room.

The styles in this group include a mini ripper (Item #664), a standard size ripper with fine blade (Item #665), a double-sided seam ripper with both heavy-duty and fine blades (Item #949), and a multi-purpose tool housing a fine-blade ripper as well as an awl/stiletto (Item #953). Of course each tool has the soft, non-slip eraser end.

Item #664, with its petite size, is great for transporting to classes or to keep in your sewing kit.

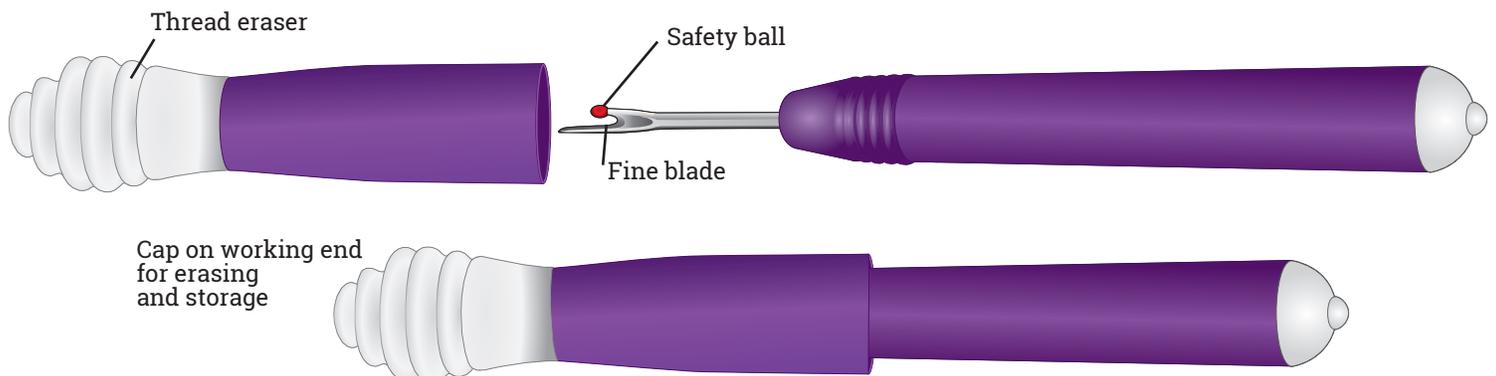
### Item #664 Mini Seam Ripper



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Item #665 is a standard all-purpose ripper, perfect for your sewing room.

### Item #665 Seam Ripper



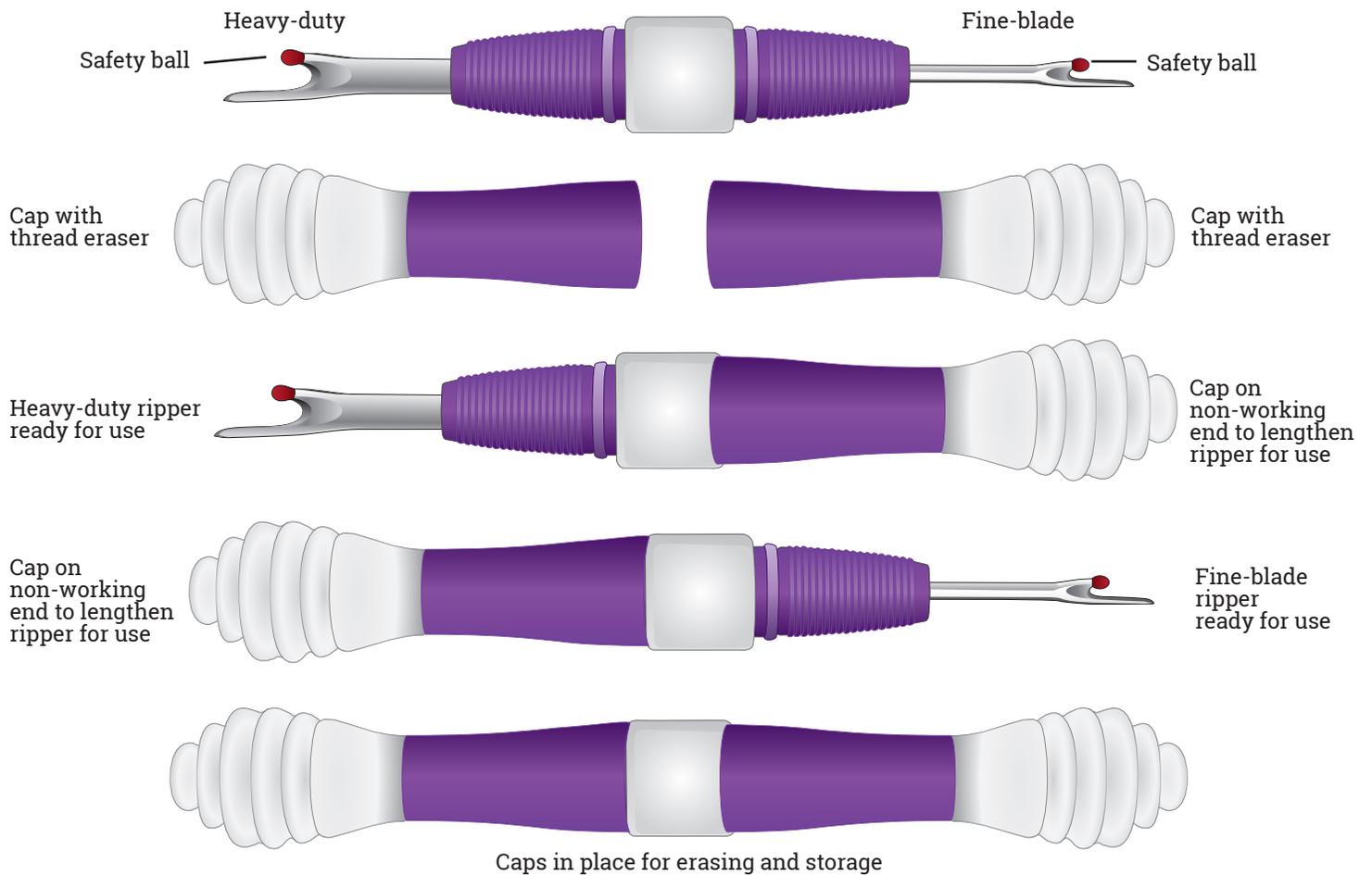
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#664, 665, 953, and 949 **seam-fix**<sup>®</sup> Seam Rippers, continued:

Item #949 has a ripper at each end of the tool. Caps are interchangeable. Always keep a cap in place over the non-working end to protect your hand from the sharp point. Place both caps on the seam ripper for storage.

## Item #949 Double-sided Seam Ripper



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#664, 665, 953, and 949 **seam-fix**<sup>®</sup> Seam Rippers, continued:

Item #953 has an awl/stiletto on one end and a fine-blade ripper on the opposite end. There are two caps. The smooth, rounded cap is meant to cover the ripper when using the awl/stiletto. This allows you to tuck the non-working end of the ripper into your palm to cushion it, and enable you to push down on the awl to maximum effect. The ridged cap is the eraser cap. Place this over the awl/stiletto end when you are using the ripper to protect your palm from the point of the awl/stiletto. Place both caps on the tool for storage. Great versatility in one tool!

## Item #953 Seam Ripper, Awl & Stiletto

