

## All Machines

For Technical Assistance Please Call Toll Free 1-877-4BROTHER

## Upper thread breaks

- Upper thread is not threaded correctly • Correctly thread the machine
- Upper thread tension is to tight • Reduce upper thread tension
- Needle is not installed correctly • Install needle correctly
- Needle is bent or worn • Replace the needle
- **Presser foot height is incorrect** • Adjust presser foot height to thickness of material
- Presser foot has nicks or burrs on it • Replace presser foot
- Needle is hitting the needle plate • Reposition needle plate
- **Presser foot is not correctly positioned to the needle plate** • Align presser foot to hole in the needle plate
- Rotary hook is dirty or needs to be oiled • Clean and oil rotary hook
- Rotary hook over oiled • Clean excess oil from rotary hook
- Needle bar(s) over oiled

   Clean excess oil from needle bar(s)
- Bobbin thread is not wound correctly • Replace bobbin
- Bobbin case is damaged • Change bobbin case
- Scratches on the sliding surface of the rotary hook • Smooth scratches or replace rotary hook
- Poor quality thread
  - *Replace thread*
- Fabric is not taut in the hoop
  - o Re-hoop garment

- Wrong type of backing
  - Use the correct backing for garment
- Design contains many small stitches of .2 mm or less • Modify design to eliminate stitches of .2mm or less
- **Too much density in design** • *Reduce density in design*
- The area around the hole in the needle plate is damaged • Replace needle plate
- Rotary hook is out of time
  - *Re-time rotary hook*