

Pinking Shears

Jose is buying his mom some pinking shears for her birthday. She wants to have them for finishing the edges of seams. Help him make the right choice.

Rank the samples from best to worse.

1. A pair of Wiss pinking shears
2. A set of Fiskars Softouch spring action scissors
3. Rotary cutter with a pinking blade
4. A pair of Fiskars Corner Edgers with a zigzag pattern similar to pinking shears

Rank: 1-3-2-4

Cuts: 4-5-6

(Hornel scores, for online score calculations see:

<http://www.worldaccessnet.com/%7Enormans/hornel.html>)

Reasons

1. These are pinking shears. Exactly what Jose's mom wants. This is Jose's best choice.

3. The rotary cutter has a pinking blade in it. It would be difficult to use to trim seams but it does pink fabric when you use it to cut. It would be the next best choice for Jose.

2. The Fiskars Softouch spring action scissors are used like regular shears for cutting fabric. They don't pink the edges of the fabric and would not work for what Jose's mom wants to do. This is a better choice than the paper cutters in #4 as they will cut fabric and will be useful to someone who sews.

4. These are paper scissors. They make decorative corners on paper similar to the pinked edges pinking shears make on fabric but they don't cut fabric at all. This would be the worst choice Jose could make.