

A handy guide to keep all the sewing machines in your life happy and healthy.



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When in doubt, read the manual.

Wipe the outside of the machine with a soft oil-free cloth.

If you come across rust, do a quick assessment. Does it appear to only be on the surface? If so, cover the area in sewing machine oil and use a bit of steel wool to scrub it away. If a part is rusted more thoroughly, take your machine into a repair center for assistance.

Always use sewing machine oil! Other lubricants will clog up your machine.

Remove the presser foot, it will only get in the way.

Take out the needle before beginning.

Read the manual first!

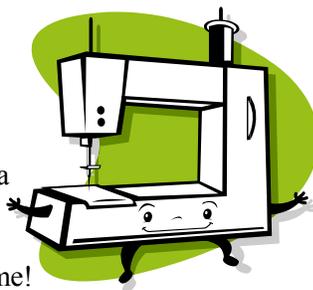
Quick Tips:

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CAUTION! Always unplug the sewing machine before performing maintenance!

A CLEAN machine runs like a dream!

Lint, threads and bits of fabric can clog up a sewing machine's regularity. With a bit of cleaning, you'll soon find your favorite stitcher is up and running like new in no time!



- 1 Using a small nylon paintbrush or the brush that came with the machine, dust lint from the feed dogs, under the throat plate and inside the bobbin case.
- 2 Pull stray threads and fabric fibers from all the nooks and crannies (especially the thread path) using a pair of tweezers.
- 3 Use canned air to blow hard to reach lint. Direct the air to blow the lint toward an opening and not back into the machine.
- 4 If lint and debris is soaked with machine lubricant, use a q-tip to wipe it away.
- 5 After this cleaning, keep it up! Get in the habit of dusting your machine after each project and it will be sure to be stitching along for years to come.

OIL is a machine's best friend!

All sewing machines need lubricant to keep the gears turning happily. Regular oiling helps prevent rust; especially if you live in a humid climate. Check your manual to confirm the oil type and appropriate oiling locations.

Pro Tip: Only disassemble the sewing machine one area at a time. Be sure to note how the parts fit together. Take a picture of the parts assembled and each step as you work your way in to confirm you can reassemble the machine. Any space that requires a special hex screwdriver should only be accessed by a sewing machine repair expert. It could void a warranty if opened at home.

Scrap Happy: Once you've finished oiling the machine and have reassembled all of the parts, grab a few scraps to test it out. Stitch along the scraps to catch any oil that might be looking for an escape path. Sew until oil is no longer visible. Now your machine is ready for action!