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## **What are sewing feet?**

Sewing machine feet or otherwise referred to as presser feet are an integral part to any sewing machine, like thread or a needle the machine will simply not operate correctly. A variety of presser feet are included with all sewing machines so that you will be able to complete most tasks that you will be working on. The term "Presser Foot" explains exactly what it is meant to do, the foot presses onto the cloth and together with the feed dogs will feed the fabric through the machine as the needle penetrates the cloth for every stitch. The pressure of the foot can be altered with the machine, usually with a dial and this can be regulated for different types of fabrics. Presser feet come in all styles enabling the sewer to perform various different tasks such as attaching a zipper or rolling a hem.

Professional results are the product of precision sewing and one of the most effective ways to maintain accuracy is by using the appropriate presser feet. Once you are accustomed to matching the correct presser foot to the procedure, garment construction will be easier, faster and more satisfying. There are hundreds of specialized presser feet on the market. Nevertheless, about a handful is all that is required to execute most sewing techniques.

**The blind hem foot** has a special stitch pattern that works especially well on cotton knits, double knits and loose weaves. Otherwise it is best to hand sew a blind hem. In addition to its typical use, the blind hem foot is an effective top stitch guide.

**The invisible zipper foot's** appearance can vary between manufacturers. With the right presser foot, the invisible zipper is one of the easiest types of zippers to insert into a garment.

**The rolled hem foot** or baby hem foot as its called in the garment industry, is essentially a folder. It guides fabric and creates a fine hem that is no wider than a quarter of an inch.

**The walking foot** which is also called an even-feed foot, is affective for handling difficult or slippery fabrics and multiple plies. The foot works with the feed dogs to move or evenly feed fabric under the needle. Velvets made from either silk or rayon are some of the most difficult fabrics to sew. A walking foot will ensure that both layers of fabric match at the end of the seam. This presser foot will also maintain the match points when sewing plaids and sewing corduroy and thick layers of fabric much easier jobs. Most presser feet work at a slower pace than the feed dogs. Industrial sewing machine operators use this to there advantage when joining a pattern piece with added ease to a smaller pattern piece.

So this makes the walking foot a perfect example of an accessory that gives home sewers an advantage over industrial machine operators. This attachment cannot be used in the industry because it does not work well on high speed machines. Instead sample makers use there finger tips to apply additional pressure to control fabric and ensure that it is feeding evenly.

**The top stitch foot** helps sew an even row of straight stitches. The foot is so useful that even a busy sample maker will take time to switch to one. Not all sewing machine manufacturers make a presser foot just for top stitching. Instead they may recommend that an edge stitch foot be used. Any foot that has a vertical line by which you can sight is suitable. Just as important as the presser foot is the top stitch needle. It should have a large eye and a groove on the back of the shank.

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