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what sewing machine do you recommend?

There are so many makes and models of sewing machine to choose from, it can become a bit of a daunting task for some body new to sewing. The main things to remember when it comes to choosing the right machine is, does it have the main stitches? And does it come with the main sewing feet to be able to complete every task that I am going to sew? The main stitches that you will use are a straight stitch and a zigzag stitch, other useful stitches would include a buttonhole stitch and a sewing on button function. The main feet are a zigzag foot, which will also be used for your straight stitching, a buttonhole foot, a button sewing on foot and a zipper foot. If your sewing machine has these main simple features you are on the right track to choosing the right machine for you.

If you are armed with knowledge of what to look for, then the next step would be to go to the sewing machine shop and choose the machine that catches your eye and appeals to you most. Try out various models by having a go, you will soon know which machine suits you best just by using it. Choosing the machine that you feel most comfortable with is the key factor here as you will be using the machine for years to come. Remember sewing is an enjoyable and very fulfilling hobby, so having a machine that you love is very important.

Once you have chosen the machine that you like, find out what attachments are available. As you sew more and more, your sewing projects will become more and more elaborate and you will discover that you might need extra attachments such as feet to complete the task in hand. Most sewing machines will have the basic feet included but there should be a range of feet that you can purchase separately at a later date. These feet are designed to perform various different sewing tasks such as sewing leather, binding the edge of cloth or rolling a small hem. There are also different needles you can purchase such as leather sewing needles or twin needles for sewing a decorative edge. The more you sew, the more you will discover what is available on the sewing market.

The tailors last note:

Just remember, buy the machine that you like the most in terms of design and the machine that feels right for you when you are sewing with it. Do not be pressured into buying a machine that you are not so keen on as this will result in dissatisfied feel and can affect your sewing projects.



My sewing machine of choice, the Bernina Artista. I love the look and feel of this machine.

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