

How to select the right machine for you!

Sewing machine buyers guide



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The world's leading sewing machine manufacturer

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Things to consider....

Choosing a sewing machine can seem a daunting task, especially if you're buying it for someone else. By asking a few simple questions you'll be able to make the right choice.

EXPERIENCE

Is the sewing machine for a beginner or for someone more experienced?

Generally beginners will probably need an inexpensive machine with a range of basic stitches, while an experienced sewer may require many more features. Consider if the aim is to progress as it may be best to buy a machine you won't grow out of within a short time. Janome has an extensive range of models from standard mechanical models to very sophisticated and powerful computerised models packed with lots of easy to use features.

PROJECTS

What type of sewing will the machine be used for?

Dressmaking, home furnishings, repairs and alterations, upholstery, crafts, quilting or all of these? Look for the term "free arm" which will make sewing around sleeves and trouser legs easier. Larger arm space/longer arm models will help with those bigger projects such as quilts, bridal wear and free motion artwork projects. For crafts and quilting you'll need a machine with a wider range of stitches. For upholstery look for a machine capable of heavy duty use. To complement your sewing machine and achieve a high level professional finish you'll find an overlocker and coverstitch machine invaluable.

FREQUENCY OF USE

How often will the machine be used?

If a machine is only for occasional use such as mending or light sewing, a more basic model may be suitable. For regular sewing and where stitch variety is needed choose a model with a larger range of stitches, features, feet and accessories.

WEIGHT

Will the machine need to be packed away after each use or transported to a class?

A hard cover may be preferable for storage. Machines vary from around 5kg to over 15kg. Choose a machine for your needs e.g. if its too light for sewing at high speeds, it will jump around the table.

PRODUCT QUALITY

It is important that you choose a machine that will give you many years of good service. All Janome machines are built with either a metal body or a metal internal frame. Without either of these, stitch quality is likely to suffer after a period of use.

WARRANTY

Generally Janome sewing machines come with a 2 years parts and labour warranty. This can be extended up to 5 years on payment of a small additional fee.



Types of machine

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Mechanical^o Sewing machines

Mechanical sewing machines are basic entry level models, with limited features and stitches. Models can have a 4-step or 1-step buttonhole facility and may have an automatic needle threader. They can sew most fabrics and be very robust however lower-priced models in this category are better suited to sew light to medium-weight fabrics. Generally they will have a convertible free arm which is used to help sew around sleeves and trouser legs.

There are two types of bobbin systems used for mechanical models. One is a front loading system where the bobbin is inserted into a bobbin case and then slotted into a front opening on the arm of the machine. The second type is a top loading, full rotary hook system for an easy jam proof operation. This system also offers a clear view cover for the bobbin area which allows for monitoring of the bobbin thread level.

o For full details of machines in this Mechanical range visit janome.co.uk

Computerised^o Sewing machines

Computerised sewing machines are suitable for both beginners and more experienced sewists. They are more versatile machines with added features which help to make sewing easier, with more precise control and greater needle penetration power to easily handle thicker and speciality fabrics.

Everything is made easy as these machines offer many different stitch options which are selected by pressing a key or using the LCD touch display screen. Computerised models feature the ability to precisely control the sewing speed and adjust the stitch settings. Some models may have a memory facility to memorise favourite stitches and stitch combinations. A lock stitch button finishes off all of your ends and a scissors button can trim threads automatically before removing the fabric. Would you like a built in alphabet for sewing name tags and personalising projects?



M200 QDC

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Atelier 6

Computerised larger-arm space^o Sewing machines

Take your sewing to a new level with a computerised larger-arm space model. These machines are perfect for those who need all the best and easiest computerised functions, plus additional arm space for larger projects such as bridal wear, quilt making, home furnishings and creative thread painting. The sheer length of the arm space, 210mm (8 1/4") to the right of the needle gives you space to create. These machines are a powerful tool to enhance your creativity, choose a 9mm stitch width model to further enhance the decorative stitches. Power, precision and spectacular stitch quality with a built in AcuFeed Flex Layered Fabric Feeding System and an Automatic Presser Foot Lift function on the Atelier 7.

Computerised long-arm^o Sewing machines

The long arm range have all the features you require whether you are a dressmaker, a quilter or simply love sewing. 9mm stitch width is standard and some models even allow you to design your own decorative stitches. Select a model with the built-in 'Sewing Applications' facility for pre-set stitch functions and you'll be ready to sew zips, blind hems, buttons, quilting, ruler work, patchwork and lots more!

Choose the free-arm MC9450 QDC or a flat-bed model like the MC6700P where you have space, speed and stability. The ultimate Continental M7P flat-bed model has arm space of 343mm (13.5") to the right of the needle and a speed of up to 1300SPM.

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343mm (13.5") arm space
to the right of the needle

SEE THE
CONTINENTAL
M7P



Continental M7 Professional

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Computerised sewing & embroidery^o machines

Part of the computerised range includes combined sewing and automatic embroidery models that are top of the range, they can do both sewing and automatic embroidery! Loaded with features, these machines are also able to stitch out pre-programmed embroidery designs which are perfect for personalising your sewing. There are many built-in designs and additional designs can be imported. Optional digitizing software is available to create or edit designs.

If you already have a sewing machine you love, just add an embroidery only model which will embroider whilst you are still sewing... the perfect combination!

Embroidery only magic!

SEE THE
MC550E



Horizon Quilt Maker MC15000

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Overlocker & Coverstitch^o machines

Professionally finish projects inside and out, on even the finest stretch knits and speciality fabrics!

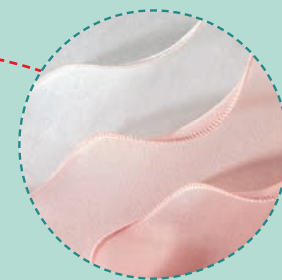
The main benefit of an overlocker (also known as serger) is that it can sew a seam, finish the edge and trim off the excess fabric all in one step. Unlike sewing machines, overlockers cannot sew buttonholes or zips. You can sew a seam together and finish the edges with a 4 thread finish. For open seams use a 3 thread finish and create fine rolled hems with 3 or 2 threads on the finest of fabrics.

A coverstitch machine will create parallel rows of straight stitching on the fabric right side and cover the raw hem on the reverse side. See the 2000CPX. Hemming stretch fabrics is so easy!

See the air threading AT2000D Professional for the easiest threading overlocker we've ever made!

The 1200D combined overlocker and coverstitch model has decorative stitching options, such as a blanket hem finish and a simultaneous top and bottom cover stitch for an industrial style cover hem.

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AIR THREAD
2000D



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Air thread 2000D

Maximum speed controller

This function is only available on computerised machines. It sets the maximum sewing speed of the machine irrespective of how far the foot controller is depressed.



Free arm

A free arm is a cylinder on the bed of the machine which allows you to sew around items such as sleeves and trouser legs. Detach the accessory box to reveal the free arm.

Knee lifter

This allows you to operate the presser foot keeping both hands on the fabric. The knee lifter is a drop down bar extension that fits into the slot and is extremely helpful when pivoting, sewing appliqué, curves, patchwork & quilting.

Auto-thread tension

For general sewing, set the tension dial at AUTO. This setting covers a wide range of sewing conditions.

Foot pressure dial

The pressure of the foot can be adjusted, for example release the pressure slightly when stitching appliqué to help turn corners smoothly.

Stitch adjustment

Use to override default stitch settings for stitch width and stitch length. Some models have a favourite stitch memory facility allowing you to save and recall your settings.

Stitch selector

On computerised machines it is easy to select a stitch by pressing a key or using a touch pad. On more basic machines, the stitch selector is usually a manual dial.



Stitch library

To access the selection of different stitches available simply select the stitch mode and key in the stitch number required.

Bobbin winder

Thread from the spool winds onto the bobbin keeping an even tension. When the bobbin is fully wound it will stop automatically. Some models have an independent bobbin winder where you don't have to unthread the machine to refill the bobbin.

Spool holder

For smooth feeding of thread simply load the thread spool horizontally and use the end cap to firmly secure the thread in place whilst sewing.

ABOUT JANOME

Since 1921 Janome sewing machines have been renowned for quality and reliability at affordable prices. Established in the UK in the 1960's, Janome is now a brand leader with an extensive range of sewing machines and overlockers. Over 2 million Janome machines have been sold in the UK with over 70 million sold worldwide.

Janome adheres to high ethical standards with regards to the use of child labour, safety, pay, terms of employment and working hours. Ethical audits are used and many of these audits are conducted as part of the company's participation in the Ethical Trading Initiative which brings together representatives of government, business, trade unions and human rights groups. Janome believes that its customers have the right to expect that Janome products will provide them with truly aspirational levels of quality and value without exploiting the people who work for their suppliers.

Janome sewing machines are designed for ease of use to encourage all levels of sewing, their aim is to provide customers with an unrivalled level of service.

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