

# Sewing Machine Troubleshooting

Nothing is more annoying when you're sewing than when you just can't get your sewing machine working right. Most problems you can fix at home, so have a look below for our DIY suggestions. If none of those work, then it's time to ask a mechanic to take a look.

## DIY Fixes

Most common issues are easily fixable at home. See if any of these solutions help!

### Re-thread

Re-thread both top and bottom from scratch - this can fix some tension issues. This is your first port of call.

### Change the Needle

Make sure you're using the right type of needle, that it's a new needle and that it's in correctly.

### Check the Foot

Ensure you are using the right foot for the task. Modern machines can tell you which foot you need.

### Dust Inside the Machine

It's amazing the difference a dusting can make! All that fluff can clog up the mechanism - so clean it out!

### Change your Thread

Cheap and old thread can fluff up and break more easily. Switch to a high quality thread.

## Time to Call in the Professionals!

Some issues need an expert eye to identify and fix. If none of the solutions above help, your machine probably needs a service. These are the three most common problems that a mechanic deals with regularly:

### Machine Missing Stitches?

Probably a timing issue caused by running over a pin.

### Machine Not Turning On?

Could be the motor is burnt out or there is another electrical fault.

### Machine Seized Up?

The machine will need a full strip down and lubrication.