

31 Basic Sewing Machines: The Line-up

This survey from *Threads* August/September 2002 issue (#102) tells you which machine has which features, so you can choose one wisely.

Baby Lock B17	Suggested retail price \$449	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 17	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, button sewing, blind hem	Bobbin vertical	
	Needle threader no	Case none	Weight (with case) 17.75 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 72 pp., English, French, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 1 electrical; 2 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Baby Lock BL6300	Suggested retail price \$699	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 25	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, satin stitch	Bobbin drop-in	
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 18.75 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 92 pp., English, French, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 10 mechanics; 25 casting	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Baby Lock BL7800	Suggested retail price \$1,099	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 40	Buttonhole 1-step automatic, rounded, heavy-duty, stretch, keyhole	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, overcasting, satin stitch, blind hem	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features no units of measure on stitch length and width adjusters
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 23.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 75 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 25 manufacturer's defects	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Bernina Activa 125	Suggested retail price \$999	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 19	Buttonhole 4-step, manual sizing	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, overcasting	Bobbin vertical	Notable features no extension table; LCD
	Needle threader no	Case none	Weight (with case) 22 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 52 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 5 circuit boards; 20 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	

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Bernina Bernette 60	Suggested retail price \$599	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 15	Buttonhole 4-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, button sewing	Bobbin vertical	
	Needle threader no	Case soft	Weight (with case) 17.25 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 29 pp., English, French, Dutch	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 10 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Brother LS-1217	Suggested retail price \$99	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 2	Buttonhole manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) none	Bobbin vertical	Notable features screw-on presser feet
	Needle threader no	Case none	Weight (with case) 13 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 68 pp., English, French, Spanish, Portuguese	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 mechanics; 1 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs plate cover	
Brother PC-2800	Suggested retail price \$1,299	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 40	Buttonhole 1-step automatic, rounded, heavy-duty, stretch, keyhole	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, overcasting, satin stitch, blind hem	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features no units of measure on stitch length and width adjusters
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 23.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 75 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Brother PS-2500	Suggested retail price \$1,199	Type electronic	Built-in stitches 37	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, button sewing, walking, spring-action quilting, 1/4-inch foot	Bobbin drop-in	
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 23 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 85 pp., English, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 25 mechanics; 1 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Brother XL-5340	Suggested retail price \$179	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 21	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, button sewing, quilting	Bobbin vertical	
	Needle threader yes	Case none	Weight (with case) 17 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 69 pp., English, French, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 mechanics; 1 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs plate cover	

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Elna 1010	Suggested retail price \$449	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 10	Buttonhole 4-step manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, rolled hem, overedge attachment	Bobbin vertical	Notable features 1-sided zipper foot
	Needle threader no	Case none	Weight (with case) 17 lb	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 39 pp., English, French	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Elna 3007	Suggested retail price \$799	Type electronic	Built-in stitches 25	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, rolled hem, overcasting, embroidery	Bobbin drop-in	
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 23.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 120 pp., English, French, German, Italian	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Elna 6003Q	Suggested retail price \$1,249	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 42	Buttonhole 1-step automatic, stretch, keyhole	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, rolled hem, satin stitch, overcasting	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 22.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 132 pp., English, French, German	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Euro-Pro Craft N' Sew	Suggested retail price \$299	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 23	Buttonhole 4-step manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) blind hem, satin stitch, overcasting, button sewing, darning, buttonhole, rolled hem, cording, quilting, gathering	Bobbin vertical	
	Needle threader no	Case hard	Weight (with case) 16 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 41 pp., English, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs plate cover	

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Husqvarna Viking Freesia 415	Suggested retail price \$799	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 15	Buttonhole 4-step manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, open toe, overcasting, blind hem	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD; adjustable presser foot pressure
	Needle threader no	Case soft	Weight (with case) 17 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 49 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 20 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Husqvarna Viking Huskystar 224	Suggested retail price \$499	Type electronic	Built-in stitches 24	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, button sewing, blind hem, overcasting	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features adjustable presser foot pressure
	Needle threader yes	Case soft	Weight (with case) 18.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 50 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 1 electrical; 5 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Husqvarna Viking Lily 535	Suggested retail price \$1,099	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 29	Buttonhole 1-step automatic, keyhole	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) 2 buttonholes, open toe, blind hem, overcasting, Teflon	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features additional extension table; LCD; adjustable presser foot pressure
	Needle threader no	Case hard	Weight (with case) 21.75 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 50 pp., English, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 20 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Janome Décor Excel Pro 5124	Suggested retail price \$899	Type electronic	Built-in stitches 24	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, narrow hem, satin stitch, overcasting	Bobbin drop-in	
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 24.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 39 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 10 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Janome Jem Gold	Suggested retail price \$349	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 9	Buttonhole 4-step manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) overcasting	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features no stitch length or width adjustment; 3 straight stitch lengths; 3 zigzag widths
	Needle threader yes	Case none	Weight (with case) 13.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 22 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 10 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs no	

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Janome Memory Craft 3500	Suggested retail price \$1,199	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 50	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, narrow hem, cording, overcasting, satin stitch	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 22 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 44 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 20 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Kenmore 15516	Suggested retail price \$180	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 16	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, straight stitch, satin stitch	Bobbin vertical	Notable features 1-sided zipper foot
	Needle threader no	Case none	Weight (with case) 15.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 76 pp., English, French, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 90 days parts; 2 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Kenmore 16530	Suggested retail price \$399	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 30	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) 2 buttonholes, straight stitch, satin stitch, overcasting, blind hem	Bobbin drop-in	
	Needle threader yes	Case none	Weight (with case) 17 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 100 pp., English, French, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 90 days parts; 2 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Kenmore 19157	Suggested retail price \$499	Type computerize	Built-in stitches 80 + 2 alphabets	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) 2 buttonholes, straight stitch, satin stitch, overcasting, blind hem	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 22.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 108 pp., English, French, Spanish; video	Warranties (in years) 90 days parts; 2 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	

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Kenmore 19365	Suggested retail price \$799	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 96 + 2 alphabets	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, overedge, straight stitch, satin stitch, overcasting, embroidery	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 22.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 127 pp., English, French, Spanish; video	Warranties (in years) 90 days parts; 2 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Pfaff Hobby 1030	Suggested retail price \$459	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 15	Buttonhole 4-step manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, overcasting	Bobbin vertical	
	Needle threader no	Case hard	Weight (with case) 17 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 64 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 10 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Pfaff Select 1530	Suggested retail price \$929	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 14	Buttonhole 4-step manual	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, overcasting, clear plastic	Bobbin vertical	Notable features Integrated Dual Feed system
	Needle threader no	Case hard	Weight (with case) 19.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 70 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 20 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Pfaff Tiptronic 2030	Suggested retail price \$1,649	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 61 + alphabet	Buttonhole 1-step automatic, stretch, keyhole	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) overcasting, darning, hem, fancy stitch	Bobbin vertical	Notable features LCD; Integrated Dual Feed system
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 22.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 141 pp., English	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Simplicity SA1600 Liberty	Suggested retail price \$299	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 17	Buttonhole 4-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, button sewing, straight stitch, overcasting	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features hard case doubles as extension table
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 16.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 37 pp., English, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 10 mechanics; 25 casting; 1 workmanship	Adjustable feed dogs plate cover	

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Singer 2623	Suggested retail price \$799	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 24	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, straight stitch	Bobbin drop-in	
	Needle threader yes	Case soft	Weight (with case) 18.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 38 pp., English, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 2 electrical; 10 head adjust-ments, 90 days adjustments	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
Singer XL-3400	Suggested retail price \$1,199	Type computerized	Built-in stitches 56 + 2 alphabets	Buttonhole 1-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, overcasting, satin stitch	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD
	Needle threader yes	Case hard	Weight (with case) 23.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 73 pp., English, French, Spanish	Warranties (in years) 5 electrical; 25 mechanics	Adjustable feed dogs no	
White 2037	Suggested retail price \$399	Type mechanical	Built-in stitches 37	Buttonhole 4-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, straight stitch, rolled hem, gathering, cording, roller foot, 1/4-inch foot	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features adjustable presser foot pres- sure
	Needle threader yes	Case soft	Weight (with case) 18 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 41 pp., English; video	Warranties (in years) 1 electrical; 10 mechanics; 1 work- manship	Adjustable feed dogs yes	
White 2999	Suggested retail price \$499	Type electronic	Built-in stitches 24	Buttonhole 4-step automatic	Presser feet (general purpose, zipper, and...) buttonhole, blind hem, straight stitch, rolled hem, gathering, cording, roller foot, 1/4-inch foot	Bobbin drop-in	Notable features LCD; adjustable presser foot pressure
	Needle threader yes	Case soft	Weight (with case) 16.5 lb.	Instruction manual (pages divided equally among languages) 40 pp., English; video	Warranties (in years) 1 electrical; 10 mechanics; 1 work- manship	Adjustable feed dogs yes	

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