

TAG SUGGESTIONS FOR SELECTING A SEWING MACHINE

BASIC FUNCTIONS AND FEATURES:

Have a straight stitch, zigzag stitch (length and width of both stitches should be adjustable).

Have a reverse.

Have a bobbin winder

Have a top loading drop in bobbin.

Have a "free arm" configuration.

Have a light.

NICE ADDITIONS:

Speed control

Needle up or down feature

Button hole foot

Decorative stitches

Additional "feet" (zipper, hemming, etc. and tools) included with purchase.

WHERE TO PURCHASE: Big Box Stores VS a Dealership

There can be a substantial \$\$\$ gap between machines from big box and dealerships . Each manufacturer produces high, medium, and low cost product lines and that is reflected in the pricing. Extra features and hardware (what feet/tools are included), also how many tutoring sessions are included (one on one machine intro tutorials), phone troubleshooting, and available repair services are also a part of the cost difference. Access to an experienced sewist may mean you don't need some of these services HOWEVER frustration with a machine is the number one reason machines are banished to the closet.

Do your research online and visit dealers!