

Sewing Repair Solutions

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Did your machine come with this gadget? It's called a hump jumper. One end is thinner than the other. It is used to sew over heavy/thick seams. Your machine foot must have a "level sewing field" to work. It simply cannot climb up thicknesses of fabric. Stop when you get to thickness, raise the presser foot and place the hump jumper under the foot so the needle will stitch in the opening and keep sewing until you clear the heavy seam. So helpful when hemming jeans.

Now is the time to plan ahead instead of waiting until the Christmas sewing season is upon us. Get your machine serviced so it's ready to go into the gift making season all cleaned, oiled and sewing at its best. Service and wait times will be longer starting in September through November. Remember, we pick up and deliver your home use machines – sewing, embroidery and serger machines. Yearly maintenance is highly recommended. It's like changing the oil in your car on a regular basis. Preventive maintenance is a lot cheaper!! A clean machine is a happy machine!!

Remember to ALWAYS thread your upper thread with the FOOT UP. This opens the tension discs and allows the thread to pass through. If you are experiencing bird nests UNDERNEATH the fabric – rethread your machine and ensure your thread is going through those discs properly.

Also, if you changed the needle and experience issues – make sure your needle is inserted all the way. If you have a needle threader attachment on your sewing machine, there's a very thin wire hook in that threader that goes through the eye of your needle - if your needle is not in correctly or out of position, that tiny wire will hit the needle and break and then your auto threader is no longer going to work.

The next big issue is thread shredding and breaking. If the spool is older than 5 years – or if it says 39¢ on the label – it's time to buy new thread!! One of our favorite sewing threads is German Gutterman or Metler, Superior or Aurifil thread BUT NOT Coats and Clark. Have, white, black, beige or grey on hand – as most threads are inside a seam and won't show. These colors are a good start at a fresh collection. And to your collection as your budget allows.

Make sure you are using the correct bobbin for your machine. The wrong bobbin can give you all sorts of problems. Bobbins are NOT generic – there is a particular bobbin for your machine and may not be the same as your other machines.



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