MACHINE CARE

Sewing Machine Care Checklist

A little routine care keeps your machine stitching beautifully between professional services. Print it and keep it by your machine.

Every project

- [ ] Put in a fresh needle
- [ ] Wind a full bobbin with good-quality thread
- [ ] Re-thread with the presser foot UP
- [ ] Test-sew on a scrap of your fabric

Every 8 hours of sewing

- [ ] Remove the needle plate and bobbin case
- [ ] Brush lint from the feed dogs and hook area (no canned air)
- [ ] Wipe the bobbin case and check for nicks
- [ ] Check the needle for burrs or bends

Monthly

- [ ] Oil only where your manual says (many machines need none)
- [ ] Wipe the exterior and thread path
- [ ] Check the power cord and foot pedal
- [ ] Keep the machine covered when not in use

Once a year

- [ ] Book a professional tune-up: deep clean, timing, tension and a test sew
- [ ] Update software and firmware on computerized machines
- [ ] Replace worn presser feet and bobbins

Book a service if you notice: skipped or uneven stitches a new needle does not fix · thread nests under the fabric · new clunking or grinding noises · a stiff handwheel · fabric that will not feed evenly · error messages. Request a repair at allaboutsewingmachines.ca/pages/request-a-repair.

Tune-up & service log

Machine: _____ Model / serial: _____ Purchased: _____

Date	What was done	Who (me / shop)	Notes