

Activity 92

Know Your Sewing Machine

Directions: To sew most efficiently, you need to understand the parts and functions of a sewing machine. Most sewing machines have parts that are similar. Read the name of each part below and match it to its function by writing the correct letter on the corresponding blank line. Then study the sewing machine diagram. Label each part with the appropriate number.

Name of Part

- _____ 1. stitch regulator
- _____ 2. bobbin
- _____ 3. take-up lever
- _____ 4. presser foot
- _____ 5. throat plate
- _____ 6. reverse feed button
- _____ 7. hand wheel
- _____ 8. feed dogs
- _____ 9. thread tension control
- _____ 10. stitch width control
- _____ 11. bobbin winding spindle
- _____ 12. spool pins
- _____ 13. needle

Function

- A.** contains guideline markings that help keep stitching straight
- B.** holds bobbin while thread is wound on it
- C.** controls the length of the stitches
- D.** move fabric forward with each stitch
- E.** feeds the thread that forms the upper part of the stitch
- F.** determines whether zigzag or decorative stitch is narrow or wide
- G.** small spool that holds thread inside machine
- H.** hold thread spools in place
- I.** holds fabric in place
- J.** regulates tightness or looseness of thread
- K.** feeds thread from spool to needle; moves up and down as needle moves
- L.** moves take-up lever and needle up and down
- M.** control that allows machine to stitch backwards

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