

# 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

### Function

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| _____ 1. stitch regulator        | <b>A.</b> contains guideline markings that help keep stitching straight        |
| _____ 2. bobbin                  | <b>B.</b> holds bobbin while thread is wound on it                             |
| _____ 3. take-up lever           | <b>C.</b> controls the length of the stitches                                  |
| _____ 4. presser foot            | <b>D.</b> move fabric forward with each stitch                                 |
| _____ 5. throat plate            | <b>E.</b> feeds the thread that forms the upper part of the stitch             |
| _____ 6. reverse feed button     | <b>F.</b> determines whether zigzag or decorative stitch is narrow or wide     |
| _____ 7. hand wheel              | <b>G.</b> small spool that holds thread inside machine                         |
| _____ 8. feed dogs               | <b>H.</b> hold thread spools in place  |
| _____ 9. thread tension control  | <b>I.</b> holds fabric in place  |
| _____ 10. stitch width control   | <b>J.</b> regulates tightness or looseness of thread                           |
| _____ 11. bobbin winding spindle | <b>K.</b> feeds thread from spool to needle; moves up and down as needle moves |
| _____ 12. spool pins             | <b>L.</b> moves take-up lever and needle up and down                           |
| _____ 13. needle                 | <b>M.</b> control that allows machine to stitch backwards                      |

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