



Maple Cottage Designs

10 TIPS: CARING FOR YOUR SEWING MACHINE

Tip	Description
Regular Cleaning	Clean the bobbin area after each project, turn the machine off first. Wipe down the exterior regularly with a soft cloth to remove dust and lint.
Oil Your Machine	Some machines DO NOT require regular oiling, check your sewing machine manual first. Follow the manufacturer's instructions if your machine require oiling, frequency of oiling and application points.
Change Needles Regularly	Replace the needle after every 8-10 hours of sewing or at the start of a new project. This ensures sharpness and prevents damage.
Use the Correct Accessories	Use the correct presser foot, needle type, and thread for your project. Refer to your manual for guidance on the appropriate accessories.
Check Your Tension	Regularly adjust the tension settings according to your fabric and thread type to ensure even stitches and prevent puckering or thread breakage.
Proper Storage	Cover your sewing machine when not in use to protect it from dust and moisture. Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
Professional Servicing	Have your machine professionally serviced every 12-18 months to clean, oil, and adjust hard-to-reach parts and address potential issues early.
Use Quality Supplies	Invest in high-quality thread, fabric, and needles to ensure smooth operation and prevent damage to your machine.
Refer to the Manual	Keep your sewing machine's manual handy for specific maintenance instructions, troubleshooting tips, and information on unique features.
Be Gentle	Handle your machine with care. Avoid forcing fabric through the machine and be gentle when threading needles and inserting bobbins to prevent mechanical issues.

Taking the time to care for your sewing machine properly will pay off in the long run. Regular maintenance not only extends the life of your machine but also ensures that your sewing projects are smooth and enjoyable. By following these tips, you'll keep your sewing machine running like new, allowing you to focus on creating beautiful and functional items for years to come. ❤️