

OWQ Sewing Machine Survey
By Brand of Machine

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	Kathy Gaughen	Linda Moore	Daisy Woodhams	Daisy Woodhams
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Baby Lock
Domestic	X	X	X	X
Long-arm				
Serger				
Other (explain)				
Model # or name	Aria	Aria	Aria	Presto II
Approximate age of the machine	7 years	2018	4 years	3 months
Do you use this machine for:				
Piecing	X	X	X	X
Embroidery				
Free-motion quilting	X		X	
Computerized quilting				
Garment making	X	X		
Other (explain)			Ruler work	
How often does your machine need servicing?	About once a year	Once a year	Just took it in for auto threader	Don't know yet
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul Cupich or Meissner in Santa Rosa	Meissner - Sacramento	The Sewing Machine Shop/Walnut Creek (bay area)	
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	
What features do you especially like about this machine?	You get a lot of machine for the money. The lighting is pretty good. The feet, bobbins, power cord and foot pedal are interchangeable with my Janome. The touch pad is large, intuitive, and easy to use. The extension table is large enough. The instruction manual is complete and easy to follow.	Runs very well	Large harp - 12" High shank machine	

	Kathy Gaughen	Linda Moore	Daisy Woodhams	Daisy Woodhams
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Baby Lock
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	It does not have an accurate ¼ inch foot. Sometimes the machine continues to sew after I have removed my foot from the pedal. Sometimes it just does not sew and I need to restart it. The needle threader is permanently broken.	This machine runs like a champ! I need to learn how to free motion quilt on this machine. Plus, the attachments work on my Brother Dream Machine 2 as well. This machine stays at my home in Nevada City.	Heavy	
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	This machine is very heavy so not good for classes. I was looking at a Bernina but this machine had so many more features for less money so that was the deciding factor.		Comes with a walking foot that does not hop. It is a computerized dual feed.	A mid-size machine with a 7" harp. Purchased just for piecing and possibly taking to classes where free motion or ruler work is required.

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	Dee Goodrich	Nancy Lamphear	Sharon Rowan	Charlotte Saunders	Grace Van Doren	Angela Zucker
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm						
Serger						
Other (explain)						
Model # or name	1630 Inspiration Plus	530	B550	Patchwork Edition 140	Aurora 440	770 QE
Approximate age of the machine	15 years	2 years	approx. 10 years	10 years	10 years	3 1/2 years
Do you use this machine for:						
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery						
Free-motion quilting	X		X (practicing)	X		X
Computerized quilting						X
Garment making	X	X	X	X		
Other (explain)						
How often does your machine need servicing?	2-3 years	Depends on hours of sewing	Should be every 2 years	Once a year	Not very often	Once a year unless I have problems
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich	Used to go to Parkside (closed now); will go to Village in Santa Rosa	Gualala	Paul Cupich	Cal Sewing, San Rafael
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Excellent tension, metal presser feet	Dependable, great stitch	Everything	All features	The walking foot. It's reliable.	Easy to thread, regulated stitch, cuts thread, etc.

	Dee Goodrich	Nancy Lamphear	Sharon Rowan	Charlotte Saunders	Grace Van Doren	Angela Zucker
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina	Bernina
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Needs same thread in bobbin as top thread. Hard to quilt without walking foot. Presser feet VERY expensive.		Nothing until I saw newer ones!	Nothing		
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	Originally made in Switzerland, very reliable. Excellent for garment making, mending, etc. Easy to use. Exclusive decorator stitches not found in my other machines (Pfaff).	Lots of decorative stitches. Easy to use.		The best machine I have ever had.		This 7 series has 10" of space to the right of the needle. This allows more space for the piece you are quilting. It also has a large embroidery area for large designs. I am still learning about all this machine offers! I like it!

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	Ginny Cooper	Phoebe Graubard	Sharon Lau	Lonna Oliver	Linda Moore
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Brother	Brother	Brother	Brother	Brother
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm					
Sergers					
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	XR 3140	CS6000i	CS6000i (I have 2 of these)	CS6000i	Dream Machine 2
Approximate age of the machine	5 years	10 years	7 years		
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery					X
Free-motion quilting				X	
Computerized quilting					X
Garment making	X			X	X
Other (explain)					
How often does your machine need servicing?	Just once	When it needs it	Have never had either of them serviced	Never	Once a year
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul Cupich				Meissner - Sacramento
Do you recommend this place?	Oh, yes				Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	It was inexpensive, less than \$200. It is very easy to use, once I got the bobbin figured out. Bobbins are tricky. It is light weight and therefore easy to take to a class. It has a few embroidery stitches which I've used on a few things, like the pockets on the little Dress a Girl dresses.	Modest price, sews nicely	Lightweight. 60 built-in stitches. Tension never seems to be an issue. Comes with a walking foot, 9 other feet and a table. 25 year limited warranty and life-time free tech support (I've never used). Can use prewound L size bobbins.	Easy to use, very light so easy to carry, easy to thread, reliable, love it	Large throat plate; embroidery

	Ginny Cooper	Phoebe Graubard	Sharon Lau	Lonna Oliver	Linda Moore
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Brother	Brother	Brother	Brother	Brother
What are the things you don't like about this machine?		Noise, learning computer applications		Nothing	Very heavy
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	Bobbins – make sure you are using the bobbin recommended by your manufacturer. Also, make sure that the bobbin thread is the same weight as your top thread. Both these details help with tension.		I bought this machine specifically because it is lightweight (about 10 pounds) and easy to take to classes and retreats. (I have 2 because I had one here and one I LA when we still had houses in both places.) It seems to be a workhorse of a machine.	60 Unique built-in stitches: The Brother CS6000i includes 60 built-in sewing stitches, including decorative stitches and 7 styles of auto-size buttonholes; Automatic needle threader, jam resistant drop-in bobbin, hard protective case, wide table, 10 sewing feet, needle set including twin needle, 3 bobbins and more; LCD Screen	I love this machine! But it is difficult to take to a class because of its size and weight. I broke a bobbin case but it was my fault. The thread got caught and caused a tension problem.

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	Tracy Salkowitz	Sherry Waggoner	Sherry Waggoner
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Brother	Brother	Brother
Domestic	X	X	X
Long-arm			
Serger			
Other (explain)			
Model # or name	Innovis Duetta	888-E42	PQ1300
Approximate age of the machine		5 years	30 years (\$322 in 1991)
Do you use this machine for:			
Piecing	X	X	X
Embroidery	X		
Free-motion quilting	X		
Computerized quilting			
Garment making			
Other (explain)			
How often does your machine need servicing?	Annually as recommended	No service yet	Every 3 years - mostly for cleaning
Where do you have it serviced?	In Stitches, Dixon, CA		Currently Paul Cupich
Do you recommend this place?	Yes		Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Easy to use	Many different stitches, light weight, adjustments are easy	It's a workhorse, nothing fancy, straight stitch only

	Tracy Salkowitz	Sherry Waggoner	Sherry Waggoner
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Brother	Brother	Brother
What are the things you don't like about this machine?		It does not handle thickness in seams very well sometimes. I also have problems when I put the material under the presser foot, it does not catch and will create a tangled mess moving forward.	There isn't anything I don't like about this machine except it's heavy.
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	Baby Lock and Brother are both made by Brother and essentially have the same features. I really love them machines - though, of course, I have new machine envy...	I specifically bought this machine for classes because it was light and easy to handle. It is good for simple projects, but I constantly have to watch the material under the presser foot to assure it doesn't get stuck. Only negative.	This was the fancy machine I bought after using only Singer machines. It has been an excellent machine, minimal actual repairs. It has never let me down.

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Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Elna	Elna
Domestic	X	X
Long-arm		
Serger		
Other (explain)	Made in Geneva, Switzerland	
Model # or name		
Approximate age of the machine	1970's	5 years
Do you use this machine for:		
Piecing	X	X
Embroidery		
Free-motion quilting		
Computerized quilting		
Garment making		
Other (explain)		
How often does your machine need servicing?	Once a year	4 years
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul (Sew 'n Sew)	The Sewing Machine Shop/Walnut Creek (bay area)
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	It's all metal - heavy duty	Light enough for traveling

	Sharon Gieras	Daisy Woodhams
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Elna	Elna
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	My walking foot doesn't fit	Not designed for quilting; beginner sewer
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	This machine was in Carole Poma's garage. When I needed a machine, she generously gave it to me in exchange for binding 3 quilts.	Simple machine great for a beginner. I use for classes where free motion or ruler work is not required.

	Sharon Brayton	Cindi Jo Willey	Daisy Woodhams	Sharon Lau	Paula Perelstein
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm					
Serger					
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Opal 670	Opal 690Q	Opal	Designer SE Special Edition	EPIC
Approximate age of the machine	8 years	2 years	5 years	18 years	4 years
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery				X	X
Free-motion quilting	X			X	
Computerized quilting					
Garment making	X			X	
Other (explain)		Attaching binding with walking foot, other crafts and small repairs.			
How often does your machine need servicing?	Unsure	Yearly	3-4 years (I clean after every project)	Once a year	Every 2 years; updates itself 2x per year
Where do you have it serviced?	Viking Dealer in Ukiah	Where I purchased it; Village Sewing Ukiah. (They take it to their Santa Rosa shop.)	The Sewing Machine Shop/Walnut Creek (bay area)	Paul Cupich	Village Sewing
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	It is a good machine for me and my needs	I love the drop-down foot that lowers itself when you press on the foot pedal, and that when you stop sewing, you can set it so the needle will stay down. It has been a nice little machine and has plenty of stitches to play with.	Good piecing machine/accurate 1/4"	Accurate, tension is generally reliable, can use prewound L size bobbins, lots of decorative stitches, foot pedal triggers automatic presser foot lift.	Strong motor, variety of stitches

	Sharon Brayton	Cindi Jo Willey	Daisy Woodhams	Sharon Lau	Paula Perelstein
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking
What are the things you don't like about this machine?		Kind of noisy, and new bobbin shape is annoying.	Not good for ruler work or free motion	The plastic sleeve that slides over the arm (and holds the feet and bobbins) is plastic and has broken (but the machine is 18 years old). The design of the thread uptake lever - as a slot, not a hole - means thread can slip out of it, especially a very fine thread or monopoly. The buttons that control things like backstitch no longer work and parts are not available.	n/a
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.		I was using a Husqvarna Viking Designer 1 for years and wanted one a little smaller. I have kept the Designer for embroidery (that I may never do!) and as a backup machine.	Short shank machine. Free arm. Included accessories: walking foot, buttonhole, 1/4" foot Cons: impossible to center the needle for generic ruler foot. Harp is too small for doing quilts larger than 40 x 40.	Husqvarna Viking used to be the gold standard for sewing machines when they were made in Sweden. Now Viking/Husqvarna/Pfaff/Singer are all owned by SVP Worldwide and most machines are made in China.	You can wind bobbins while sewing or doing embroider in the hoop. There is a separate motor for bobbin winding. Easy to use machine - very reliable.

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Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking
Domestic	X	X	X	X
Long-arm				
Serger				
Other (explain)				
Model # or name	Sapphire 930	Quilter Lily 545	(Packed, but it's the same as Lonna's backup machine)	#1+
Approximate age of the machine	5 years		25 years	15 years
Do you use this machine for:				
Piecing	X	X	X	X
Embroidery		X		X
Free-motion quilting		X	X	
Computerized quilting		X		
Garment making	X	X		
Other (explain)				
How often does your machine need servicing?	Should be 2 years (has been 4)	Never	Every 3 years	When it quits working - not often
Where do you have it serviced?	Villabe Sewing in Santa Rosa		Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich
Do you recommend this place?	Yes		Ys	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Lots	Dependable, works very well, lots of options, versatile, sturdy case, a workhorse!	Light	

	Sharon Rowan	Lonna Oliver	Sandi Smith	Grace Van Doren
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Nothing	Weight - very heavy	No needle threader - has less features than my Pfaff	
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.		Works with the Husqvarna Viking Fabric Mover with Stitch Regulator, adaptable needle place, presser foot is easily changed, simple to change length and width for its stitches, drop-in bobbin, free arm lets you sew such things as pant legs, able to modify the needle up/down setting. The sewing community say it is an easy to use machine both to operate and maintain; many people say it's solid construction leads to fewer breakdowns.	I got this machine as a "back up" and to take to classes and group sewing. Lonna has the sister to this machine and we both love them, even though the throat is narrow - 7 inches. I like that prewound bobbins for Pfaff and Viking are the same.	I use this machine to take to retreats, etc. So I haven't used it very much for over a year.

	Becky Bright	Nancy Kozak	Nancy Lamphear	Daisy Woodhams	Kathy Gaughen
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Janome	Janome	Janome	Janome	Janome
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm					
Serger					
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Horizon Memory Craft 8200	Memory Craft 6500 Professional	Memory Craft 8900 QCP	Memorycraft/8200 QC	JW 8100
Approximate age of the machine	8 years	Purchased used	6 years	2 years	3 years
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing	X	X	X		X
Embroidery					
Free-motion quilting	X	X	X	X	X
Computerized quilting					
Garment making			X		X
Other (explain)				Ruler work	
How often does your machine need servicing?		Haven't had it serviced yet	Once a year or so	Don't know yet (3-4 years)	I have not had it serviced yet. I use it infrequently.
Where do you have it serviced?	Woodland Sewing Center		Paul Cupich		
Do you recommend this place?	Yes		Yes		
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Dual feed, good lighting, 11" between needle and control base, scissors button, pop-up throat plate	Has an extended bed; extra foot types, quilting bar, easy to use mode buttons, elevated thread guide; monogramming, can do applique & french knots, automatic thread cutter & lots more	Wide throat	Large 10 1/2" wide harp/throat with 5 1/2" height	This is a very basic computerized machine. I purchased it to take to classes because it is light in weight. I used it recently to complete a quilt because my Aria was in for repair and came to appreciate it more. The extension table is ok. There are a wide variety of stitches. The feet, bobbins, foot pedal and power cord are interchangeable with my Baby Lock Aria. The LCD display is small but adequate once you get familiar with the functions of the machine.

	Becky Bright	Nancy Kozak	Nancy Lamphear	Daisy Woodhams	Kathy Gaughen
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Janome	Janome	Janome	Janome	Janome
What are the things you don't like about this machine?				Janome requires that the needle be moved to the far right for a 1/4" seam. Therefore, a scant 1/4" seam is not possible.	It does not have an accurate 1/4 inch foot. The light is poor so you need another light source. The needle threader works but is clumsy.
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	The wide space makes it easy to machine quilt. I just finished a king size.	I haven't owned it for very long and haven't used many of the features. It's definitely another step up from my Janome and can be used for quilting medium sized projects. Also allows for easier free motion quilting due to the extended bed that can be attached.		High shank machine. The convertible free motion foot with ruler foot is nice. It is not a hopping foot and it has a spring adjustment for adjusting the height of the foot from the quilt top. With a minor needle adjustment, can use this foot on the Baby Lock Aria. Uses the same bobbins as the Baby Locks that I have.	Again, I bought this because of the light weight and the ease of transporting to classes. It is a very functional machine. When the time comes to buy another "big" machine, I will definitely research other Janome models.

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Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Janome	Janome	Janome
Domestic	X	X	X
Long-arm			
Sergers			
Other (explain)			
Model # or name	Gem Gold	Magnolia 7330	Platinum 760
Approximate age of the machine	18 years	5 years	10 years
Do you use this machine for:			
Piecing	X	X	X
Embroidery			
Free-motion quilting	X	X	
Computerized quilting			
Garment making	X	X	
Other (explain)			
How often does your machine need servicing?	Every 2 years	Haven't had it serviced yet	Once a year cleaning
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul Cupich		
Do you recommend this place?	Yes		
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Lightweight, small portable, excellent tension	Easy to use, travels well	Easy to use

	Dee Goodrich	Nancy Kozak	Stella Regalia
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Janome	Janome	Janome
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	No needle down (mechanical machine)		
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	This is a workhorse, very portable, excellent for classes and retreats. It's a mechanical machine so very little maintenance needed. This was the first small Janome, very affordable.	It has 30 programmed stitches which are easy to change to; has a speed control; easy threading; can lower feed dogs. Nothing fancy but a step up from my old Singer Zig-Zag machine.	

	Dee Goodrich	Dee Goodrich	Stella Regalia	Sandi Smith	Catherine Stobie
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Pfaff	Pfaff	Pfaff	Pfaff	Pfaff
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm					
Serger					
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Quilt Ambition 2.0	Expression 4.2	Ambition 1.0	Creative 7570	1174
Approximate age of the machine	6 years	6 years	3 years	20+ years	35-40 years
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery					X
Free-motion quilting	X	X		X	
Computerized quilting					
Garment making	X	X		X	X
Other (explain)	Thread painting, mending	Mending			
How often does your machine need servicing?	Every 2 years for cleaning	Every 2 years	Once a year cleaning	Every year and a half	More often than I realized
Where do you have it serviced?	Village Sewing	Village Sewing		Paul Cupich	Village Sewing in Ukiah
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Built in walking foot; excellent tension	Built in walking foot.		Needle threader; versatility	Quiet, sturdy, dependable

	Dee Goodrich	Dee Goodrich	Stella Regalia	Sandi Smith	Catherine Stobie
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Pfaff	Pfaff	Pfaff	Pfaff	Pfaff
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Can't think of anything	Throat plate too wide for piecing. Difficult self-threader. Tension needs adjustment. Special bobbins which hold very little thread.		Hook up for embroidery doesn't work well	Nothing
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	This is the best sewing machine I've ever owned. Very easy to use, likes all threads, thin, metallic, thick, etc. Great needle threader. Handles hours of sewing without any problems. Great for free-motion quilting and regular quilting. Has many fancy stitches, easy to use. Does not require special bobbins, #15 is fine. Good manual included with machine; many good online resources for reference.	I bought this thinking it was their best model for quilting. However, the Ambition 2.0 (at 1/3 the price) sews much better. This one has the thread cutter and more fancy stitches, but is picky about using metallic thread or different weights in bobbin.		It's a workhorse machine and very reliable. I thought I'd be able to attach and use the embroidery unit, but instruction was not readily available so I've not done much with that.	I got this machine when I was 30 or 31. It was always the most dependable; smoothest stitches. Unfortunately, because I didn't service it in the last 15 years, the innards rusted so much that they couldn't be taken apart to replace. My fault. I just bought another Pfaff, but haven't used it enough to comment yet.

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	Phoebe Graubard	Sharon Lau
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Singer	Gammill
Domestic	X	
Long-arm		X
Serger		
Other (explain)		
Model # or name	Featherweight 221	Vision 2 18-8
Approximate age of the machine	70 years	5 years
Do you use this machine for:		
Piecing	X	
Embroidery		
Free-motion quilting		X
Computerized quilting		
Garment making		
Other (explain)		
How often does your machine need servicing?	Hasn't been serviced since I bought it	I regularly clean and oil - has not needed other service
Where do you have it serviced?		
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Ease of use; beautiful stitches	Very sturdy, solid machine. Few tension issues. Easy to trouble-shoot.

	Phoebe Graubard	Sharon Lau
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Singer	Gammill
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	None	My space is limited, so this is only an 18" throat on an 8 foot frame, limiting me to quilts where the back is no wider than 70-72" (so top is 66" or so). But I don't quilt a lot of large quilts, so that's not a big issue.
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.		I tested several different brands when I was looking for a longarm. Gammill clearly had the most solidly build machines and frames, and when the machine is running it really does purr, unlike others that sounded like a tin lizzy (yes, that brand specifically).

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Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Juki
Domestic							
Long-arm							
Serger	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Other (explain)							
Model # or name	Imagine	Imagine	Triumph	Husky Lock 936	Huskylock 936	Huskylock 910	
Approximate age of the machine		10 years	3 years	Good question!??	17 years	17 years	15 years
Do you use this machine for:							
Piecing						X	
Embroidery							
Free-motion quilting							
Computerized quilting							
Garment making			X	X	X	X	X
Other (explain)	Serging	Table runners and pillow cases	Pillowcases and Dress-a-Girl			Texture quilts	Finishing some quilts before binding
How often does your machine need servicing?	Annually	Not often	Every couple of years	Had it serviced when I got it in good condition	Depends on hours of sewing	Every 3 years	About every 3-4 years
Where do you have it serviced?	In Stitches, Dixon, CA	Paul Cupich	Meissner - Sacramento	Village Sewing in Santa Rosa	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich	Village Sewing
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Auto threading	It works so quickly	I love the rolled hems.		Nice overlock stitch	Easy to thread	Easy to thread, extremely reliable

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Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Baby Lock	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking	Juki
What are the things you don't like about this machine?		So hard to thread!	Changing the needle from 3 to 4			Could be easier	n/a
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	That you don't have to do the complicated threading is really nice. The thread is forced through the machine by just pushing down a lever ...very cool. It also has some wavy stitches that add a nice touch.		I don't use this machine as often as I should. But, I do like it.	Need someone who has or had one of these to teach me how to use it - machine guide is Greek to me!! I need hands-on instructions.		I wish it could sew mid-garment, not just on the edge. My daughter has one that threads super easy and will sew mid-garment - it's a Baby Lock.	A real workhorse, can do great finish, rolled hems, etc. Best Serger for the price.