

	Sharon Brayton	Becky Bright	Ginny Cooper	Kathy Gaughen	Kathy Gaughen	Sharon Gieras
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Janome	Brother	Baby Lock	Janome	Elna
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm						
Serger						
Other (explain)						Made in Geneva, Switzerland
Model # or name	Opal 670	Horizon Memory Craft 8200	XR 3140	Aria	JW 8100	
Approximate age of the machine	8 years	8 years	5 years	7 years	3 years	1970's
Do you use this machine for:						
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery						
Free-motion quilting	X	X		X	X	
Computerized quilting						
Garment making	X		X	X	X	
Other (explain)						
How often does your machine need servicing?	Unsure		Just once	About once a year	I have not had it serviced yet. I use it infrequently.	Once a year
Where do you have it serviced?	Viking Dealer in Ukiah	Woodland Sewing Center	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich or Meissner in Santa Rosa		Paul (Sew 'n Sew)
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Oh, yes	Yes		Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	It is a good machine for me and my needs	Dual feed, good lighting, 11" between needle and control base, scissors button, pop-up throat plate	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.	You get a 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.	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.	It's all metal - heavy duty
What are the things you don't like about this machine?				It does not have an accurate 1/4 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.	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.	My walking foot doesn't fit
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.	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.	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.	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.	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.

	Dee Goodrich	Dee Goodrich	Dee Goodrich	Dee Goodrich	Dee Goodrich
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Pfaff	Pfaff	Bernina	Juki	Janome
Domestic	X	X	X		X
Long-arm					
Serger				X	
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Quilt Ambition 2.0	Expression 4.2	1630 Inspiration Plus		Gem Gold
Approximate age of the machine	6 years	6 years	15 years	15 years	18 years
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing	X	X	X		X
Embroidery					
Free-motion quilting	X	X	X		X
Computerized quilting					
Garment making	X	X	X	X	X
Other (explain)	Thread painting, mending	Mending		Finishing some quilts before binding	
How often does your machine need servicing?	Every 2 years for cleaning	Every 2 years	2-3 years	About every 3-4 years	Every 2 years
Where do you have it serviced?	Village Sewing	Village Sewing	Paul Cupich	Village Sewing	Paul Cupich
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Built in walking foot; excellent tension	Built in walking foot.	Excellent tension, metal presser feet	Easy to thread, extremely reliable	Lightweight, small portable, excellent tension
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.	Needs same thread in bobbin as top thread. Hard to quilt without walking foot. Presser feet VERY expensive.	n/a	No needle down (mechanical machine)
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.	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).	A real workhorse, can do great finish, rolled hems, etc. Best Serger for the price.	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.

	Phoebe Graubard	Phoebe Graubard	Evelyn Harris	Nancy Kozak	Nancy Kozak	Nancy Lamphear
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Brother	Singer	Janome	Janome	Janome	Janome
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm						
Serger						
Other (explain)						
Model # or name	6000i	Featherweight 221	Magnolia 7330	Magnolia 7330	Memory Craft 6500 Professional	Memory Craft 8900 QCP
Approximate age of the machine	10 years	70 years	6 years	5 years	Purchased used	6 years
Do you use this machine for:						
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery						
Free-motion quilting			X	X	X	X
Computerized quilting						
Garment making				X		X
Other (explain)						
How often does your machine need servicing?	When it needs it	Hasn't been serviced since I bought it	Rarely	Haven't had it serviced yet	Haven't had it serviced yet	Once a year or so
Where do you have it serviced?			See comment below			Paul Cupich
Do you recommend this place?		Yes				Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Modest price, sews nicely	Ease of use; beautiful stitches	It is very reliable and stitches evenly through multiple layers of fabric with ease.	Easy to use, travels well	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
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Noise, learning computer applications	None	I'm pretty limited in how much quilting I can do with it. It has a few embroidery templates, but not very many.			
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.			I used to have it serviced by Parkside Sewing Center, but they closed permanently during the pandemic shutdown. I currently don't have a good place to service my machine, but my husband does a great job of keeping it going for me (not that it needs much in the way of servicing).	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.	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.	

	Nancy Lamphear	Nancy Lamphear	Sharon Lau	Sharon Lau	Sharon Lau
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Bernina	Husqvarna Viking	Brother	Gammill
Domestic		X	X	X	
Long-arm					X
Serger	X				
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Huskylock 936	530	Designer SE Special Edition	6000i (I have 2 of these)	Vision 2 18-8
Approximate age of the machine	17 years	2 years	18 years	7 years	5 years
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing		X	X	X	
Embroidery			X		
Free-motion quilting			X		X
Computerized quilting					
Garment making	X	X	X		
Other (explain)					
How often does your machine need servicing?	Depends on hours of sewing	Depends on hours of sewing	Once a year	Have never had either of them serviced	I regularly clean and oil - has not needed other service
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich		
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes		
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Nice overlock stitch	Dependable, great stitch	Accurate, tension is generally reliable, can use prewound L size bobbins, lots of decorative stitches, foot pedal triggers automatic presser foot lift.	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.	Very sturdy, solid machine. Few tension issues. Easy to trouble-shoot.
What are the things you don't like about this machine?			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.		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.		Lots of decorative stitches. Easy to use.	Husqvarna Viking used to be the gold standard for sewing machines when they were made in Sweden. Now Viking/Husqvaqma/Pfaff/Singer are all owned by SVP Worldwide and most machines are made in China.	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.	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).

	Linda Moore	Linda Moore	Linda Moore	Lonna Oliver	Lonna Oliver
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Baby Lock	Brother	Baby Lock	Brother	Husqvarna Viking
Domestic		X	X	X	X
Long-arm					
Serger	X				
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Triumph	Dream Machine 2	Aria	CS6000i	Quilter Lily 545
Approximate age of the machine	3 years		2018		
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing		X	X	X	X
Embroidery		X			X
Free-motion quilting				X	X
Computerized quilting		X			X
Garment making	X	X	X	X	X
Other (explain)	Pillowcases and Dress-a-Girl				
How often does your machine need servicing?	Every couple of years	Once a year	Once a year	Never	Never
Where do you have it serviced?	Meissner - Sacramento	Meissner - Sacramento	Meissner - Sacramento		
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes		
What features do you especially like about this machine?	I love the rolled hems.	Large throat plate; embroidery	Runs very well	Easy to use, very light so easy to carry, easy to thread, reliable, love it	Dependable, works very well, lots of options, versatile, sturdy case, a workhorse!
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Changing the needle from 3 to 4	Very heavy	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.	Nothing	Weight - very heavy
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	I don't use this machine as often as I should. But, I do like it.	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.		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	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.

	Paula Perelstein	Stella Regalia	Stella Regalia	Sharon Rowan	Sharon Rowan	Sharon Rowan
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Husqvarna Viking	Pfaff	Janome	Bernina	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X	
Long-arm						
Serger						X
Other (explain)						
Model # or name	EPIC	Ambition 1.0	Platinum 760	B550	Sapphire 930	Husky Lock 936
Approximate age of the machine	4 years	3 years	10 years	approx. 10 years	5 years	Good question!??
Do you use this machine for:						
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X	
Embroidery	X					
Free-motion quilting				X (practicing)		
Computerized quilting						
Garment making				X	X	X
Other (explain)						
How often does your machine need servicing?	Every 2 years; updates itself 2x per year	Once a year cleaning	Once a year cleaning	Should be every 2 years	Should be 2 years (has been 4)	Had it serviced when I got it in good condition
Where do you have it serviced?	Village Sewing			Used to go to Parkside (closed now); will go to Village in Santa Rosa	Villabe Sewing in Santa Rosa	Village Sewing in Santa Rosa
Do you recommend this place?	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Strong motor, variety of stitches		Easy to use	Everything	Lots	
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	n/a			Nothing until I saw newer ones!	Nothing	
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	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.					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.

	Tracy Salkowitz	Tracy Salkowitz	Charlotte Saunders	Sandi Smith	Sandi Smith	Sandi Smith
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Brother	Baby Lock	Bernina	Pfaff	Husqvarna Viking	Husqvarna Viking
Domestic	X		X	X	X	
Long-arm						
Serger		X				X
Other (explain)						
Model # or name	Innovis Duetta	Imagine	Patchwork Edition 140	Creative 7570	(Packed, but it's the same as Lonna's backup machine)	Huskylock 910
Approximate age of the machine			10 years	20+ years	25 years	17 years
Do you use this machine for:						
Piecing	X		X	X	X	X
Embroidery	X					
Free-motion quilting	X		X	X	X	
Computerized quilting						
Garment making			X	X		X
Other (explain)		Serging				Texture quilts
How often does your machine need servicing?	Annually as recommended	Annually	Once a year	Every year and a half	Every 3 years	Every 3 years
Where do you have it serviced?	In Stitches, Dixon, CA	In Stitches, Dixon, CA	Gualala	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Easy to use	Auto threading	All features	Needle threader; versatility	Light	Easy to thread
What are the things you don't like about this machine?			Nothing	Hook up for embroidery doesn't work well	No needle threader - has less features than my Pfaff	Could be easier
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...	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.	The best machine I have ever had.	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 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 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.

	Catherine Stobie	Grace Van Doren	Grace Van Doren	Grace Van Doren	Sherry Waggoner	Sherry Waggoner
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Pfaff	Baby Lock	Husqvarna Viking	Bernina	Brother	Brother
Domestic	X		X	X	X	X
Long-arm						
Serger		X				
Other (explain)						
Model # or name	1174	Imagine	#1+	Aurora 440	888-E42	PQ1300
Approximate age of the machine	35-40 years	10 years	15 years	10 years	5 years	30 years (\$322 in 1991)
Do you use this machine for:						
Piecing	X		X	X	X	X
Embroidery	X		X			
Free-motion quilting						
Computerized quilting						
Garment making	X					
Other (explain)		Table runners and pillow cases				
How often does your machine need servicing?	More often than I realized	Not often	When it quits working - not often	Not very often	No service yet	Every 3 years - mostly for cleaning
Where do you have it serviced?	Village Sewing in Ukiah	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich	Paul Cupich		Currently Paul Cupich
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Quiet, sturdy, dependable	It works so quickly		The walking foot. It's reliable.	Many different stitches, light weight, adjustments are easy	It's a workhorse, nothing fancy, straight stitch only
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Nothing	So hard to thread!			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.	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.		I use this machine to take to retreats, etc. So I haven't used it very much for over a year.		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.

	Marcia Weeks	Cindi Jo Willey	Daisy Woodhams	Daisy Woodhams	Daisy Woodhams
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Baby Lock	Husqvarna Viking	Husvarna Viking	Elna	Baby Lock
Domestic	X	X	X	X	X
Long-arm					
Serger					
Other (explain)					
Model # or name	Esante	Opal 690Q	Opal		Aria
Approximate age of the machine	16 years	2 years	5 years	5 years	4 years
Do you use this machine for:					
Piecing	X	X	X	X	X
Embroidery	X				
Free-motion quilting					X
Computerized quilting					
Garment making	X				
Other (explain)	Can quilt small quilts only	Attaching binding with walking foot, other crafts and small repairs.			Ruler work
How often does your machine need servicing?	Every 2 years	Yearly	3-4 years (I clean after every project)	4 years	Just took it in for auto threader
Where do you have it serviced?	Paul Cupich	Where I purchased it; Village Sewing Ukiah. (They take it to their Santa Rosa shop.)	The Sewing Machine Shop/Walnut Creek (bay area)	The Sewing Machine Shop/Walnut Creek (bay area)	The Sewing Machine Shop/Walnut Creek (bay area)
Do you recommend this place?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Excellent stitch - easy threader	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"	Light enough for traveling	Large harp - 12" High shank machine
What are the things you don't like about this machine?	Manual was not the best.	Kind of noisy, and new bobbin shape is annoying.	Not good for ruler work or free motion	Not designed for quilting; beginner sewer	Heavy
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	I actually do get service done regularly, as I should. Love the auto thread cutter. Bobbin winding easy. Does not work well with walking foot - even bought a new foot. Still does not work well. The embroidery is still very nice, but I do not use as much as I did when grandkids were small. (Teens are not interested!) I would like to be able to do free motino quilting, but does not seem to function in that capacity - or maybe it is the person sitting in front of the 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. The 1/4" foot is an accurate foot when used with the 1/4" computer setting.	Simple machine great for a beginner. I use for classes where free motion or ruler work is not required.	Comes with a walking foot that does not hop. It is a computerized dual feed. Need to move the needle to the right for 1/4" seem - the 1/4" foot is not accurate.

	Daisy Woodhams	Daisy Woodhams	Angela Zucker
Machine brand (Juki, Pfaff, Brother, etc.)	Janome	Baby Lock	Bernina
Domestic	X	X	X
Long-arm			
Serger			
Other (explain)			
Model # or name	Memorycraft/8200 QC	Presto II	770 QE
Approximate age of the machine	2 years	3 months	3 1/2 years
Do you use this machine for:			
Piecing		X	X
Embroidery			
Free-motion quilting	X		X
Computerized quilting			X
Garment making			
Other (explain)	Ruler work		
How often does your machine need servicing?	Don't know yet (3-4 years)	Don't know yet	Once a year unless I have problems
Where do you have it serviced?			Cal Sewing, San Rafael
Do you recommend this place?			Yes
What features do you especially like about this machine?	Large 10 1/2" wide harp/throat with 5 1/2" height		Easy to thread, regulated stitch, cuts thread, etc.
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. The 1/4" foot with the 1/4" setting requires the needle to be positioned as far to the right as it can. Terrible piecing machine for me.		
Please add anything else you think would be valuable for other members to know about your machine.	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.	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.	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!