



Congratulations on the purchase of your new machine ...and welcome to our family of customers at *Hans' Sewing & Vacuum!*

With proper use and care your new machine will provide you with many years of reliable service. Here are few things we'd like you to remember to help you get started.

- ✦ When you get home, carefully unpack your machine and check the contents against the items listed in your machine manual. –Check the packaging. (Sometimes a piece can be hiding in the Styrofoam.)
- ✦ Use your machine before class. (Be sure to bring us what you're sewing for “show and tell”!) If you are having trouble threading the machine or making basic stitches –give us a call. We want to get you started on the right foot.

Free lessons!

As a new machine owner you are entitled to **free lessons** to acquaint you with the proper use and care of your machine. *Don't forget to get a schedule of upcoming classes and sign up!*

- ❖ Use the needles that come with your machine or *Schmetz system 705H* needles size 90/14 for general sewing, or 80/12 for quilting. Change your needle with each 6-8 hours of machine use. Sewing with lycra, leather or heirloom fabrics, decorative or metallic threads? *Ask us about our wide selection of specialty needles.*
- ❖ Use better quality thread for optimum stitch quality and machine performance. For quilters use Mettler's “silk finish” cotton, for general sewing use a “*long staple polyester*” such as Mettler's Metrosene. *Take time at your class to learn about our wide selection of utility and decorative threads.*
- ❖ Beginning tips:
 1. Make sure your presser foot is lifted when threading your machine.
 2. Check to make sure your bobbin is inserted correctly and your bobbin thread unwinds in the direction shown in your machine manual.
 3. *Machine won't run?* Check that your bobbin winder lever isn't pushed on.
 4. If you lower your feed dogs, upon pushing the lever to raise them, they will come up after you take a stitch. *Don't know why you'd lower the feed dogs?* Come to class!
 5. The hand wheel should always be turned toward your shoulder.
 6. The needle *and* the thread take-up lever should be in the highest position at the beginning and ending of stitching.
 7. Leave 4” thread tails *under* and *behind* the presser foot when beginning to sew.

For class: bring your machine, accessories, your manual and paper & pen/pencil.