

# Sewing Notes Sewing Machines

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### Sewing Machine Types

- industrial machine
- Home machine
- Serger

### Buying a Sewing Machine

#### Common Features on Machines

- Number of stitches
- Heavy or light duty



**Home sewing Machines**  
For all light duty sewing  
Used for clothes and fabrics



**Industrial machine** : for strong sewing and high volume sewing  
Heavy duty  
Can do thick sewing like leather and vinyl!  
Used for high output sewing - like sewing done in clothes factories



**Sergers aka Overlocking**  
Makes the stitches over the ends of fabric  
It helps keep the fabric from coming apart



It's the seam you will see on the inside of clothing



**Industrial (Overlocking) Machine**

## Buying a Machine



**Don't buy:**  
I tried using one of these mini machines. It sucked. It lasted about a day but never really worked at all



**Don't Buy:**  
Avoid small mini machines  
They are too light weight and won't be very good  
Examples :

### Good Buying Options



### Buying:

#### Features to start with:

It's a good idea to buy a machine with at least the zigzag feature. That's a pretty common feature and it will allow you to do more with the machine

A new used or old sewing machine can be a good option

#### The minimum recommended:

There are machines that have only straight stitch option that are ok to start with if that's all that's available

Example: I recently bought this kenmore machine



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