

**Did you know that:**

- Using the correct needle is essential when sewing and embroidering. There are different types of Schmetz needles to use with different types of fabric. For example, if you are embroidering (or sewing) on a stretchy t-shirt, you will want to use a stretch needle. This will prevent skipped stitches, leaving you with a flawless embroidery.
- Choosing the correct stabilizer is important too! Use a cut-away for stretchy fabric and use a tear-away for anything that isn't stretchy. Stabilizers come in many different types, designed to help make your embroidery experience fun and easy.
- Your machine uses a specific bobbin. Make sure that you are using the correct bobbin for your Brand and Model. (Refer to your owners manual if you are unsure) If you use the wrong bobbin in your machine, you could damage the machine which may lead to a costly repair. If you're still unsure of which one to get, visit your local dealer. Some bobbins look alike but they are actually different, so don't be fooled!
- Embroidery machines use a special bobbin thread while in embroidery mode. When embroidering, you will use "embroidery" bobbin thread in the bobbin. This typically comes in white (black is available too for use with black or darker garments), and is a finer weight thread than your normal embroidery thread. It is important to use the correct embroidery bobbin thread (refer to your manual for your brand's preference) to achieve optimal results. You do not need to wind a bobbin of the same color you are using on top because: 1. It's more expensive than bobbin thread 2. You usually don't see the back anyway.
- Sticky stabilizer can sometimes "gum" up your needle and make your thread break. The Schmetz Titanium needle prevents sticky build-up. Also, you can clean any sticky residue off with a cotton ball or swab and rubbing alcohol.
- You shouldn't use spray adhesives near your machine. When using any type of sticky spray, use it on the other side of the room, away from your machine.
- You should get your machine cleaned once a year. Doing this is good preventative maintenance against costly repairs later on. Meanwhile, keep your bobbin case/area clean. Use a lint brush to get rid of the fuzzies that may accumulate.
- Use a quality thread. Mega Sheen thread is known for it's quality and beauty. It can also be bleached without any fading. Make sure to NEVER use hand quilting thread in a machine. Hand quilting thread has a coating on it that will get sticky stuff on the insides of your machine and cause threads to break.