



Parts of a sewing machine

WHEEL

This turns as the machine goes. By turning the wheel **towards** you, you can raise and lower the needle to place it exactly where you want.

ON/OFF SWITCH

This turns the power on and off.

REVERSE CONTROL

Use this lever to sew backwards.

STITCH WIDTH SELECTOR

Adjust this dial to change your straight stitch to a zigzag stitch.

STITCH LENGTH SELECTOR

Adjust this to set the length of your stitch.

TENSION CONTROL

This controls the amount of pressure on your thread as it passes through your machine. You shouldn't normally have to adjust this.

THREAD GUIDES

These guides lead your thread from the spool all the way to the needle.

THREAD TAKE-UP

This lever helps to keep the tension on the thread. We can also look at this to see if our needle is **up** or **down** when we want to stop or start.

BOBBIN CASE

The bobbin case holds the bobbin, and the bobbin holds the bottom thread.

PRESSER FOOT

The presser foot works with the feed dog to hold the fabric and move it through the machine. Presser feet come in different shapes for different jobs.

PRESSER FOOT LEVER

This lever raises and lowers the presser foot. Raise it to insert your fabric. Lower it when ready to sew.

FEED DOG

The feed dog teeth and presser foot work together to move the fabric along. Can you see the teeth?

