



Sewing Machine Review: Singer Promise II upgraded to Singer Heavy Duty

Description



I think finding your sewing machine can be a love story. When I started sewing, I used a machine that was borrowed from the costume mistress at my ballet studio. It was a pipe dream of mine to own my own sewing machine and so I absorbed all the information that I could. She said the more metal the better. Motherboards can cause troubles. You don't really need all those stitches. Once you start on a certain brand, it might be hard to switch. Grade school Siri wanted to soak up all the knowledge she could get her hands on. Not only was Winnie our costume mistress but she did dress alterations for pageants. I have a mental picture of me in awe of all the lovely dresses that she had queued up.



Then I went to university, graduated, and moved to Richmond, Virginia. Those dreams of my own sewing machine floundered. After 4 years in Richmond, I moved to Atlanta and no longer worked weekends. I discovered a Singer Promise II machine had been packed up and travelled with me to Atlanta. If this was a fairytale, it would've been a fairy godmother who snuck it into my moving truck. In reality, one of my friends brought it to my house for a project. She moved overseas, and I moved. I will be forever grateful for that happy accident. I started sewing again in 2018.

That Singer Promise II was used like a workhorse. I started with quilting and then moved back to sewing clothes. That's when I took the plunge and bought a serger. It felt like a real risk because I hadn't been back sewing for very long. Getting a serger felt like the best next step. I got the Brother Lock 1034D. It is an understatement on how much it changed my sewing. I felt like I was given a confidence boost. I could sew clothes that I wanted to wear.



For a while, I felt untouchable working with my Promise II and serger. Then my trusty girl got squeaky, and I figured it might be time for some sort of upgrade. Okay, it is overwhelming thinking about upgrading. I decided on a Singer Heavy Duty. I can do free motion if I want to. It checks all those boxes of long-ago comments from Winnie. It has a decent amount of metal; no mother board and it has a straight stitch and zigzag. Do I sometimes feel like I am not as cool or that I should have a different sewing machine? Yes, but I am very happy with the choice that I made. My Singer Heavy Duty does the work and that's all that I can ask for. Maybe this is a little different than a normal sewing machine review, but I am a firm believer in each person can have their right machine. I would say you could love the Singer Heavy Duty but you might end up with another option. I think someone and their sewing machine is another kind of love story.

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