

Sewing Machine Review: Pfaff Quilt Ambition 630

Description



Having started sewing on a very simple Singer machine, I was over the moon when I upgraded to my Pfaff Ambition 630 3.5 years ago. I wrote a comprehensive review of it on my blog after a couple of months of use, but now that itâ??s been with me for a few years, I would love to share my long

term review with you.



Letâ??s start with the good: Two of the things I love the most about my Pfaff are its versatility, and its intuitive design. It can handle almost everything I throw at it, from slippery lightweight linens to heavyweight denims and wools,

and the way you engage with the machine is very easy to grasp. I particularly love that you can save your favourite stitch settings for easy access, how easy it is to load the bobbin, and the great built-in storage it has.

Perhaps the biggest selling point of the machine is Pfaffâ??s proprietary IDT system, which is a built-in walking foot. It helps feed the fabric more evenly through the needle, and I found it a joy to have when sewing through multiple layers or tricky fabrics.



It also comes with a million different stitch patterns, including a very fun alphabet feature. Iâ??ve only used a few of these specialty stitches since I mostly make quite classic looking garments, but having the option to add some subtle embroidery is lovely for making those special items.

There are, of course, a couple of things I donâ??t love about this machine, both affecting the accuracy and precision of my sewing. First, the back stitching button has a noticeable lag of about 2 stitches, meaning the machine wonâ??t start sewing in reverse until about 2 stitches after you start holding the button. I got used to the rhythm of the machine pretty quickly, and I donâ??t really have a serious problem with this lag, but it would certainly be nice not to have it. Secondly, the machine creates a small thread nest at the beginning of each seam â?? unless you take the time to pull the bobbin thread up and hold on to the two thread tails as you start sewing. I donâ??t think these issues are deal breakers, but when combined, they do cause a slight disadvantage in terms of precision sewing.



One final complaint I have is that this machine has its limits when it comes to sewing through multiple layers of heavy materials like denim. I have a pretty difficult time when it comes to sewing on belt loops on my jeans, but it can get through with some help from a hump-jumper and taking it very, very slow.

Overall, I think my Pfaff Ambition 630 and I make a great team. Together we built a whole handmade wardrobe for me and my partner, and itâ??s been really nice to have a reliable machine that can handle the full range of my sewing projects. For my next machine I would love something a bit more heavy duty and precise, but for now â?? I just love this machine.

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