

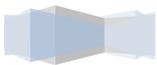
# top 10 sewing essentials

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**SEWING BASICS I  
FOR BEGINNER SEWISTS**

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# Top 10 Must Have Sewing Tools

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#1

**Sewing Machine** *Duh.* Right? Who sews by hand?? You will, but just not yet!! If you're not lucky enough to get a hand-me-down machine by an ever-so-gracious family member, then you will need to get one! Luckily, this can be made easy by going to your local fabric store (ie Joann's, Hancock Fabrics etc). Asking your spouse for one for the upcoming holidays is ideal! So, it definitely helps to put this on your Wish List!

- **Expected Cost** - \$140 - \$250 on average.



#2

**Seam Ripper** - Everyone needs one. Even the experts, no matter how easy they make their creations look! This will become a very close friend of yours....

- **Expected Cost** - \$0.79 - \$7.99 (depends on where you go vs shopping online... this doesn't need to be where you spend your \$\$, so get the best deal you can find.



#3

**Thread** - To start, it's a good rule of thumb to get the basics when it comes to selecting threads. You definitely don't want to wait to buy your basic thread colors (ie white, black). You will always need/want matching thread colors for your individual projects once you get up & running. Buy your basic colors now, so you can always have some on deck!

- **Expected Cost / Spool** - \$3.49 - \$5.10 (local stores run deals on staples, like thread, so be sure to grab the circular and shop with COUPONS!)



#4

**Pins** - You will see the pro's refer to pinning or they may use washers as pattern weights. This is pretty important, and from what I've heard is that washer (found at your local hardware store) can be more expensive than a box of pins. If up to you, but, again... don't spend the bulk of your money on this. Just make sure you have some handy!

- **Expected Cost** - \$2.48 - \$4.99 (these can be bought anyway, including Walmart)



**Tailors chalk / pen (washable ink)** - This is mainly used to alter/tailor patterns to desired measurements. This is to be used on your fabric, so you'll want to make sure that it doesn't stain.

- **Expected Cost** - \$1.49 - \$5.00



**Measuring Tape\* / Hem Ruler** - I put these 2 things together because you don't necessarily NEED the hem ruler, but it sure is helpful! Measuring tape can be used to take measurements.

- **Expected Cost** (Measuring Tape\*) - \$0.99 - \$5.84 (\*) This is required item.  
The one pictured was \$0.99, if you want to be fancy with it, you can get a retractable one for \$6
- **Expected Cost** (Hem Ruler) - \$1.85 - \$6.03 (not required)



**Rotary Cutter** - This is used to cut out your fabric. It makes things a lot easier, when compared to cutting with scissors only.

- **Expected Cost** - \$9.39 - \$24.00 (don't break the bank on this - shop around and use your coupons!)



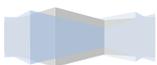
**Sturdy Table** - Sounds like a given, but I had to add this. I actually use what some may call a card table (not displayed above), and it's pretty wobbly. If you can use something more sturdy, please do so! Your table is mainly used for sewing, but you may need to use it for cutting your fabric as well. Cutting on the floor is no bueno! (trust me)

- **Expected Cost** - \$89.99 - \$129.00 (Walmart/Ikea might be good places to start out)



**Scissors** - The displayed scissors are my cutting scissors. I use them for cutting fabric and thread, once I've completed a seam. You will also see a smaller set of scissors at your local craft store, for cutting while at your machine. I have both, but only use the larger set.

- **Expected Cost** - \$2.50 - \$21.99





#10

**Bobbins** - This one is important. All sewing machines need this in order to sew.

The thread on the top of your machine is the top thread that ends up on your project. The bobbin thread is the bottom thread that ends up and closes in your project. Very necessary. *Also* - Each sewing machine has a specific size of bobbin that can fit within it. For example - My machine came from Joann's (Singer Curvy 8763) and it requires bobbin size 15J.

- **Expected Cost** - \$2.70 - \$9.99

