

Sewing Machines and Costs

There will be no cost for the use of the machine or thread that is provided by the Library. The following costs will apply to maintenance and loss of materials:

Universal needle

Patrons are encouraged to bring in their own needles for use in the machines, but a single Universal needle will be available and in the machine for use. If the needle breaks, while you are using the machine, the library will provide a second needle at no cost.

If the needle should break again, we will provide a replacement at a cost of \$1.00

Bobbins

Metal (Bernina)– \$1.50

Plastic (Singer) - \$.50

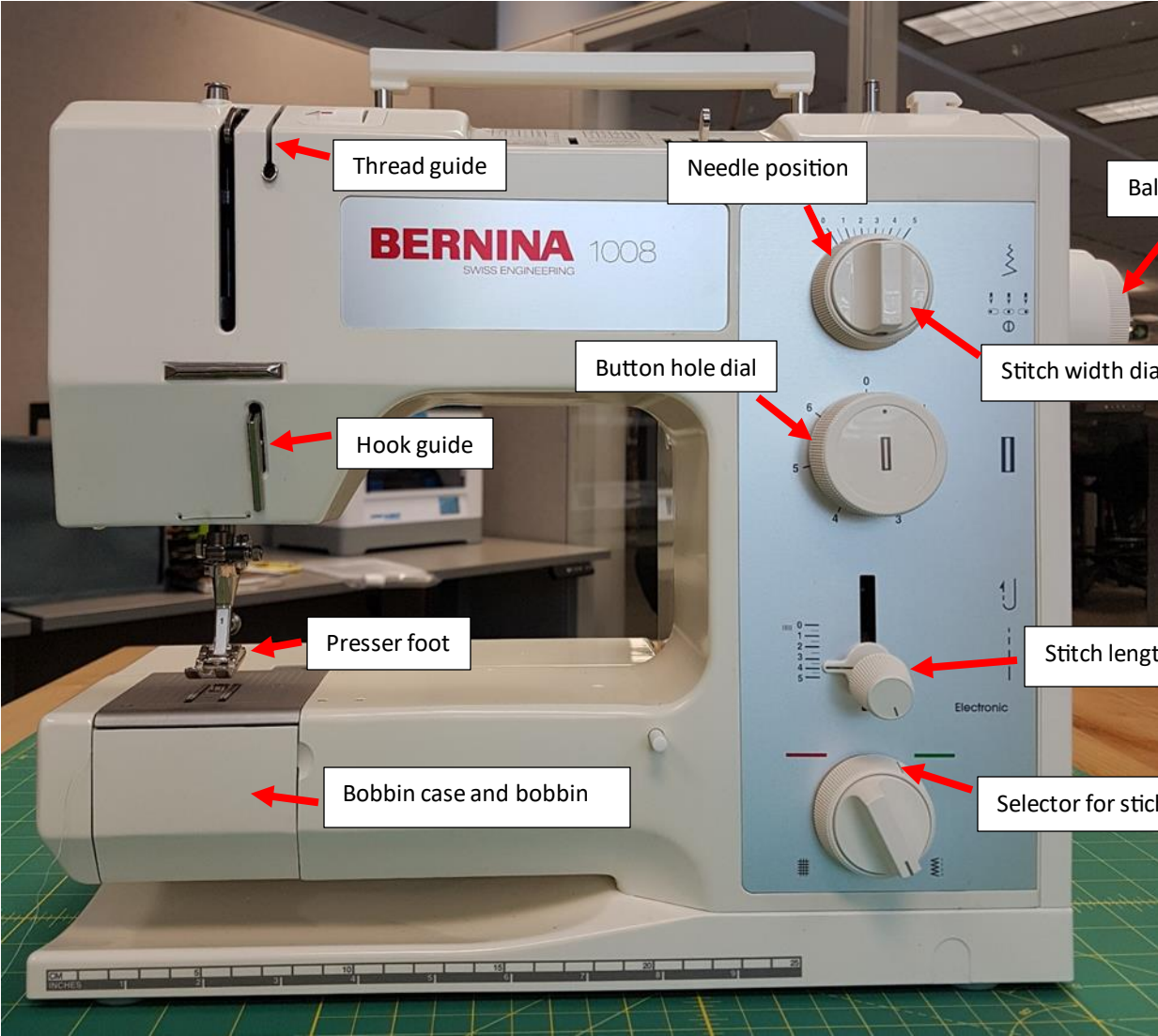


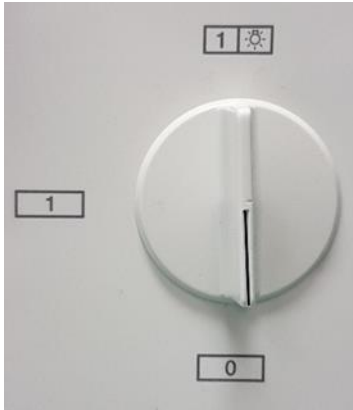
Using the Bernina

Although it may look complicated, the Bernina sewing machine is relatively easy to use. Even if you have never used a sew machine before, you can use this machine with a few basic instructions.

To get started you will need some basic understanding of what the parts of the machine are and how they are used together.







Located on the side of the machine is the on / off switch.

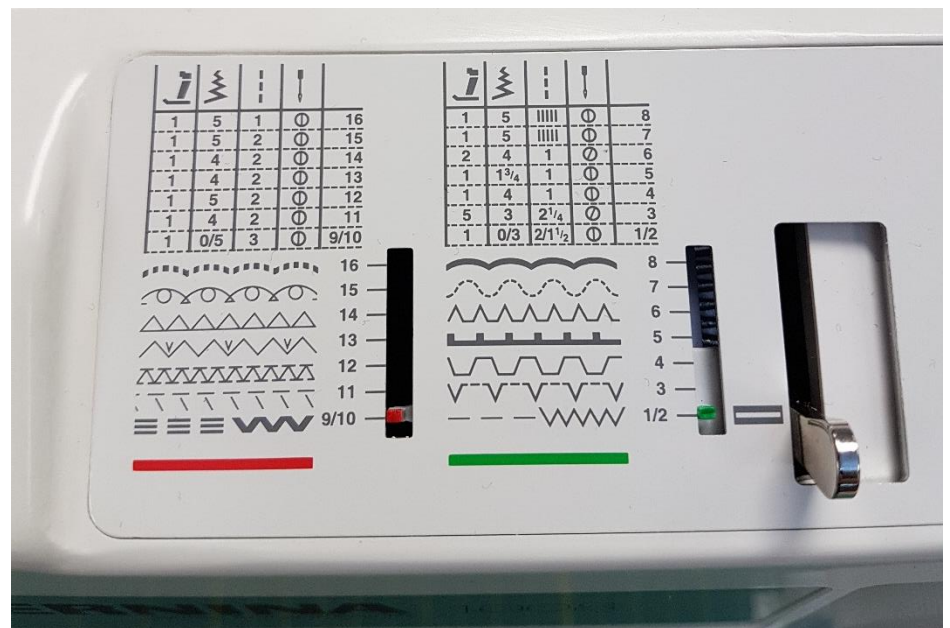
There are 3 settings, (0) OFF; (1) ON; (1+lightbulb icon) ON with the machine light.

The machine will have full power on setting (1).

At the top of the machine is the stitch menu and selector.

Green: Easy stitches

Red: Fancy stitches



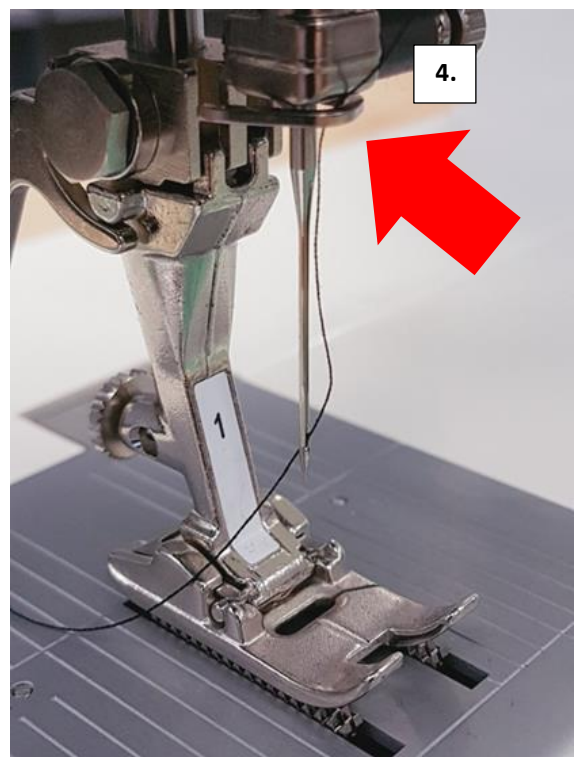
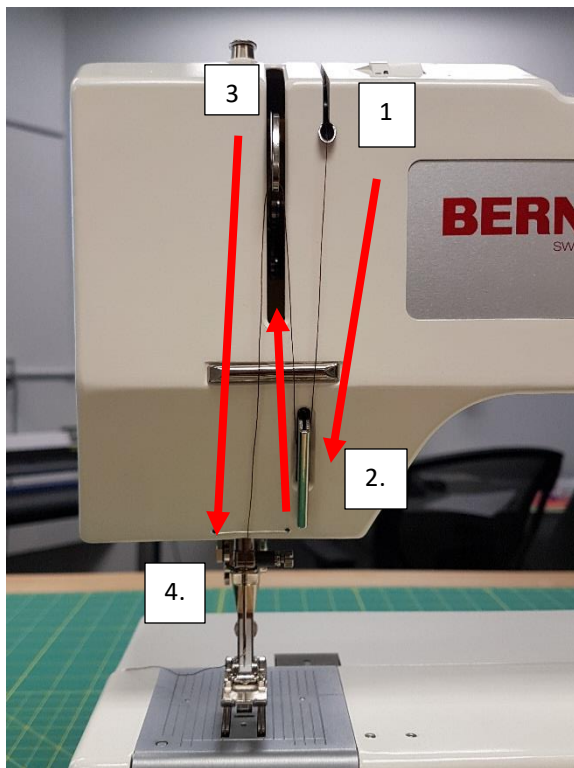
How to Thread the Machine

Threading the upper thread

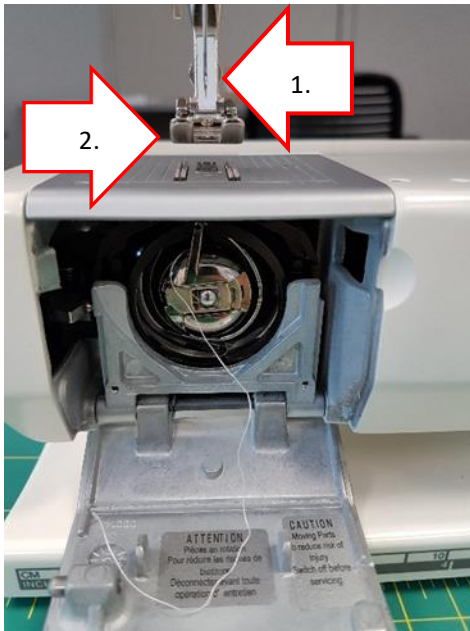
Place the reel of thread on one of the two thread holder pins.

Firmly clip the thread into the thread guide (1) on the top of the machine.

Bring the thread down through the channel at the front of the machine, and then loop it into the (2) Guide Hook as you pull it upwards to the (3) Take Up Leaver. Once hooked into the take up leaver, pull the thread down towards the presser foot and then hook the thread into the (4) Needle Holder Thread Guide before threading the needle.



Thread and load the Bobbin



Raise the needle (1) by turning the balance wheel on the side of the machine. Raise the presser foot (2), by lifting the presser foot lever which is located on the back of the machine.

Open the hinged front cover on the free arm.



Hold the bobbin case by the latch with the index finger and thumb of the left hand.



Inserting the bobbin

Hold the bobbin case in the left hand.

Insert the bobbin with the thread running in a clockwise direction.



Take the thread anticlockwise to the slot



Pull the thread into the slot and under the spring, until it lies in the T-shaped slot at the end of the spring.



When the end of the thread is pulled, the bobbin should turn clockwise, in the direction of the arrow.



Hold the bobbin case by the latch with the index finger and thumb of the left hand. Insert so that the finger of the bobbin case points upwards, engaging in the notch of the hook race cover.

Check: Pull end of the thread. Close the hinged front cover.

Useful Resources

LIBRARY

All things “sewing” in the Library!

<https://pickering.bibliocommons.com/v2/search?query=sewing&searchType=keyword>

ONLINE

Video – Anatomy of a Stitch

What happens inside your sewing machine?

http://www.threadsmagazine.com/2015/03/12/video-sewing-machine-anatomy-how-a-stitch-is-made?utm_campaign=socialflow&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=editpost

Seamwork

Free online sewing magazine which provides tips, tricks and instructions on various sewing techniques.

<https://www.seamwork.com/issues>

The Guardian Online – Lifestyle > Sewing

Semi regular column on all things sewing including some tips and tricks.

<https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/sewing>

SEWING COMMUNITIES ONLINE

The following Sewing Sites are regularly updated and very well maintained. You will find sewing pattern reviews, videos, tutorials and a whole community of ‘sewers’, ‘sewists’, and makers who are sharing their knowledge and cheering one another on as they share a love of sewing.

Canada

Textillia - <https://www.textillia.com/>

England

The Fold Line - <https://thefoldline.com/>