



Oiling Your Sewing Machine – One-Page Checklist

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This one-page guide shows when, where, and how to oil your sewing machine safely and effectively.

1. Read Manual First

- Check manual for oil points
 - Confirm correct oil type
- Wrong oil can harm parts*

2. Choose the Right Oil

- Use clear sewing machine oil
 - Avoid WD-40 or heavy oils
- Light oil only*

3. When to Oil

- Oil after heavy use/cleaning
 - When machine squeaks
- Regular schedule prevents wear*

4. How to Apply Oil

- Clean first
 - Apply small drops with dropper
 - Never over-oil
- Too much = buildup*

5. Parts to Oil

- Hooks, bobbin case, feed dog parts
 - Metal joints & hinges
- Focus on friction areas*

6. Testing After Oiling

- Test sew on scrap
 - Listen for smooth sound
 - Wipe excess oil
- Confirms correct oiling*

7. Cleaning & Storage

- Wipe spills
 - Cover machine
 - Store dry
- Dust + oil = gunk*

8. Maintenance Record

- Log oil dates & spots
- Note performance
- Track re-oiling needs

Why This Checklist Matters:

Establish safe oiling habits, prevent damage, and keep your machine running smoothly for years.