



## Presser Foot Project Checklist:

### Choosing the Right Tool for the Job

#### Part 1: Analyze Your Project

- **What is the primary task?**
  - General Seaming (Straight/Zigzag)
  - Inserting a Zipper
  - Hemming
  - Quilting
  - Finishing a Raw Edge
  - Creating Gathers/Ruffles
  - Topstitching
- **What fabric are you using?**
  - Lightweight / Delicate (Chiffon, Silk) -> Consider Rolled Hem Foot.
  - Stretchy / Knit -> Use Walking Foot or Stretch Stitch.
  - Slippery / Shifty (Satin, Velvet) -> Use Walking Foot.
  - Multiple Layers (Quilts, Fleece) -> Use Walking Foot.
  - Sticky (Vinyl, Leather) -> Use Walking Foot or Teflon Foot.
  - Standard Cotton / Woven -> Standard Foot is usually okay.

#### Part 2: Select Your Presser Foot

- **If Task is...**
  - Zipper: Use Zipper Foot.
  - Invisible Hem: Use Blind Hem Foot.
  - Narrow Hem on lightweight fabric: Use Rolled Hem Foot.
  - Quilting straight lines OR matching plaids/stripes: Use Walking Foot.
  - "Drawing" with thread: Use Free-Motion Quilting Foot.
  - Preventing fraying: Use Overcasting Foot.
  - Making ruffles: Use Gathering Foot.

#### Part 3: Machine Setup Checklist

- **Before You Sew:**



- Is the machine turned off for installation?
- Is the presser foot securely snapped or screwed on?
- Have you selected the correct stitch on the machine for this foot? (Crucial for Blind Hem & Overcasting feet!)
- Is the needle position correct? (Crucial for Zipper Foot!)
- Have you disengaged the feed dogs? (ONLY for Free-Motion Quilting!)
- Have you adjusted the stitch length? (Longer for Walking Foot, specific length for Rolled Hem).
- Have you tested your setup on a scrap piece of the same fabric? **(DO NOT SKIP THIS STEP!)**

## Troubleshooting Quick-Fixes

- **Problem: Fabric Puckering?**
  - Try reducing upper thread tension.
  - Try reducing presser foot pressure (if your machine allows).
  - Use a new, sharp needle.
- **Problem: Skipped Stitches?**
  - Re-thread the machine completely.
  - Change the needle (it might be bent or dull).
  - Check that you are using the correct foot for the stitch type.