



# Pre-Purchase Space & Spec Checklist

*Ensure your machine fits your life before you buy. Print this page or use it digitally.*

**Step 1: The Dimensional Boundary Log** *Measure your designated storage spot (shelf, closet, under-bed bin, or rolling cart) and compare it against the machine's official specifications.*

- **Width / Length**
  - Your Space Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ in
  - Maximum Machine Limits: Must be strictly under 15 inches
  - Status:  Pass  Fail
- **Depth**
  - Your Space Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ in
  - Maximum Machine Limits: Must be strictly under 7 inches
  - Status:  Pass  Fail
- **Height**
  - Your Space Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ in
  - Maximum Machine Limits: Must fit your shelf clearance
  - Status:  Pass  Fail
- **Total Weight**
  - Your Space Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs
  - Maximum Machine Limits: Must be sub-14 pounds (4.5–6.3 kg)
  - Status:  Pass  Fail

**Step 2: Critical Technical Specifications** *Verify that the machine's internal architecture matches the requirements for quiet, versatile apartment sewing.*

- **DC Motor Check:** Does the machine use a modern DC motor instead of an AC motor to ensure lightweight power and low noise levels?
- **Bobbin System:** Is it equipped with a top-loading rotary hook (top drop-in bobbin) for quiet operation and easy viewing?



- **[ ] Presser Foot Adjustment:** Does it include presser foot pressure adjustment to feed both sheer knits and heavy layers without stalling?
- **[ ] Stitch Library:** Does it feature essential stretch stitches for knit fabrics and a one-step buttonhole function?
- **[ ] Drop Feed:** Does it have a drop feed mechanism if you plan to attempt free-motion quilting on a small surface?

**Step 3: The Setup & Workspace Audit** *Confirm your actual sewing environment can handle the physical stress of rhythmic machine operations.*

- **[ ] The Stability Test:** Lean heavily on your sewing desk or Murphy table. If it shakes or wobbles under arm pressure, you must purchase a dense, shock-absorbing machine mat to deaden the motor's vibration.
- **[ ] Cable & Pedal Layout:** Ensure your power outlet is within 4 feet of your table, or plan to store an extension cord inside your compact notions pouch to avoid tripping hazards.
- **[ ] Lighting Clearance:** Verify that you have enough overhead space to lift the machine's carrying handle and open the top thread spool pins completely without hitting shelves.
- **[ ] Fabric Runout:** Ensure there is at least 12 inches of flat, clear space behind the machine's free arm so your garments can feed through cleanly without bunching against a wall.