



The Ultimate Mid-Arm Machine Showroom Worksheet

Bring this tracker to the dealer to compare machines objectively and keep your budget in check.

Part 1: Space & Budget Planner

Fill this out before leaving home.

- **Max Available Wall Length:** _____ inches
- **Max Available Room Depth:** _____ inches
(Remember to subtract 24–36 inches on all sides for walking clearance!)
- **Maximum Target Frame Size:** _____ feet
- **Total Budget Cap:** \$ _____
- **My Top 3 Non-Negotiables:**
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.

Part 2: The 15-Minute Test Drive Checklist

Test these features on the shop floor. Rate each machine you test.

Machine Model Tested: _____ | **Quoted Price (inc. frame & setup):** \$ _____

Feature to Test	What to Look For	Pass / Fail / Notes
Stitch Regulation	Run the machine fast, then slow. Are the stitches perfectly even without skipping?	



Ergonomics	Hold the handlebars. Are your shoulders relaxed? Can you adjust the handles easily?	
Visibility & Lighting	Is the hopping foot easy to see? Are the built-in LEDs bright enough to catch tension issues?	
Threading & Bobbin	Ask to re-thread the machine completely. Is the bobbin area easy to access and change?	
Screen Interface	Navigate the menus. Is it intuitive to switch from regulated to manual mode?	
Frame Stability	Lean slightly on the front bar. Does the frame wobble, or is it rock-solid?	

Part 3: Dealer Support Questions

- Do you offer in-home setup and installation?
- What is the current turnaround time for maintenance or warranty repairs?
- Are new-owner training classes included with this purchase?