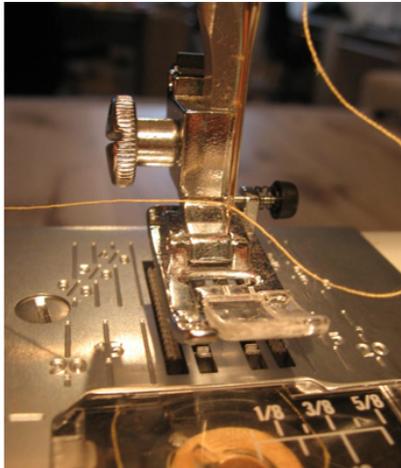


Thread a Sewing Machine

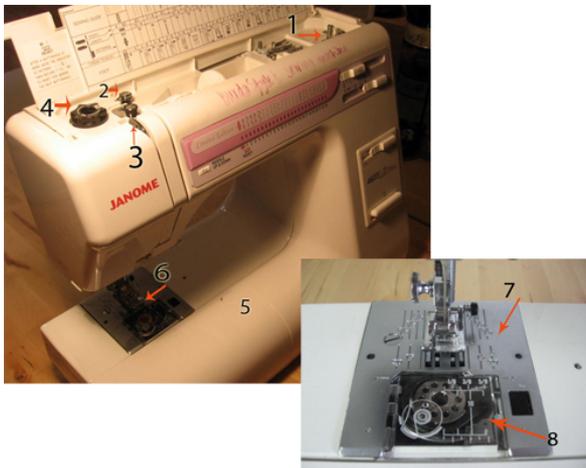
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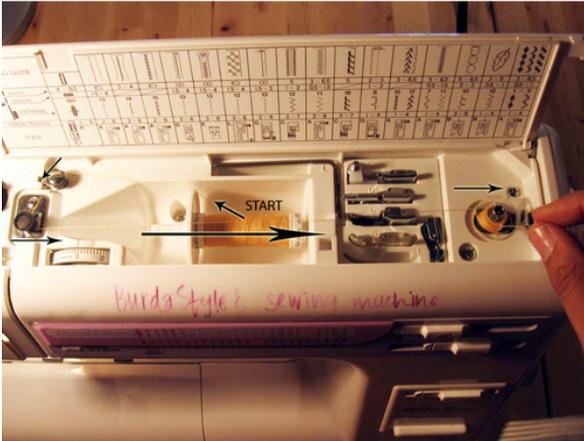
Please note, these are general guidelines to follow when threading a machine. Each sewing machine is different and you should refer to your owner's manual if you have any questions. Knowing how to properly thread a sewing machine makes the sewing process a lot easier.

Step 1



First step is to wind a bobbin of thread. Before doing this, make sure to familiarize yourself with your sewing machine. You should know these terms: 1. Bobbin Winding spindle- used to, you guessed it- Wind the bobbin! 2. Thread guide- the device which carries the thread 3. Thread Take-up lever- arm that pulls up the slack in the thread 4. Upper tension control- mechanism that controls the delivery of the upper thread 5. Extension Table- the surface the fabric lays on when sewing 6. Presser Foot- Pressed down and fabric and stabilizes fabric as sewing 7. Needle Plate- the plate under the presser foot that has slots that allow the feed dogs below to move the fabric along, and an opening for the needle to carry the upper thread up and down 8. Bobbin case and bobbin- holds the bobbin, which carries the lower thread, and provides tension

Step 2



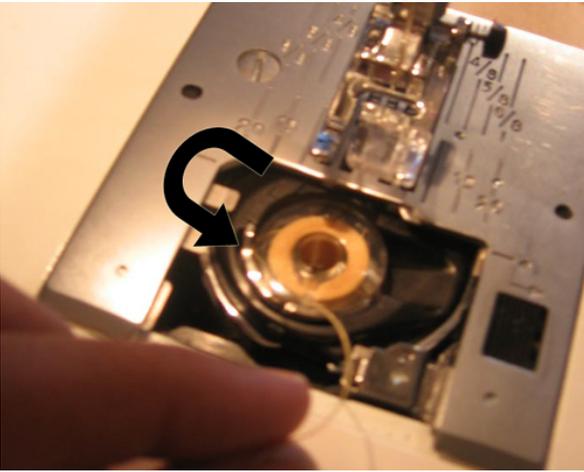
Place thread spool on spindle and wind through thread guide and then through special bobbin winding guide (if you have one). Place empty bobbin on bobbin winding spindle. Pull tail end of thread through top of bobbin and pull a bit through, hold with your hand. (If your machine allows, disengage the sewing machine needle. Usually this is done by pushing in the center portion of the hand wheel on the right side of your machine.) Slide bobbin spindle to the right, to engage the bobbin winding mechanism. Press foot down and wind.

Step 3



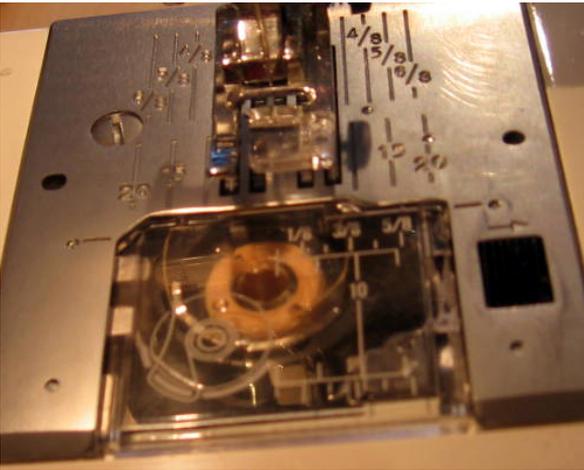
Wind until bobbin is full, holding thread end while winding. Cut excess of thread.

Step 4



Insert bobbin into case as illustrated above.

Step 5



Pull a little tail of the thread and tuck it into the bobbin case. Cover.

Step 6



Now to thread the upper thread, begin by raising the needle to its highest point by turning the handwheel towards you. Place a spool of thread on the spool pin located at the top of your sewing machine. If the spool pin runs horizontally, secure the spool of thread with the cap provided. Take the thread through the thread guide and along the other threading points on the top of your machine may have towards the tension guide.

Step 7



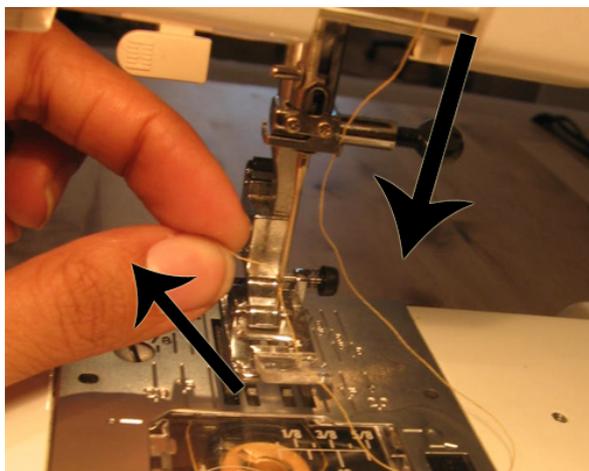
Take the thread down through the tension guide (the part of the machine that controls the flow of thread), and then back up to the next threading point. Make sure the thread passes in between any tension discs and hooks that might be on your machine.

Step 8



Push the thread end through the lever at the top left of the machine, if applicable, or around it and down through the threading points at bottom left and above the needle.

Step 9



Thread the needle, usually from front to back, but your machine might be from back to front, so check your manual! Pull a bit of thread through the eye of the needle and pull it towards the back. Taking hold of the thread that has been threaded through the machine needle, rotate the hand wheel until the needle is at its highest position again, bringing the bobbin thread out.

Step 10



Lift the presser foot with the lever usually located a little behind the foot. Pull both these threads towards the back and under the presser foot, and then begin sewing!
