**JANOME 219S**

# Janome 219S Sewing Machine User Manual

Model: **219S** | Brand: **JANOME**

## 1. Product Overview

The Janome 219S is an affordable and lightweight sewing machine designed for occasional sewers and beginners. It offers a range of essential features for various sewing projects.

Key features include 14 built-in stitches, a 4-step buttonhole, adjustable stitch length and width, and the capability for twin needle use. Its front-loading oscillating hook system ensures quick bobbin loading, complemented by automatic bobbin winding. The machine also features retractable spool pins for convenient storage and a soft cover for protection.

The removable storage box converts the flatbed into a free arm, facilitating easy access to difficult areas like sleeves and trouser legs. An extra high presser foot lift accommodates voluminous fabrics, and independent stitch length adjustment enhances versatility. With two pull-up/push-down spool pins, creative twin needle sewing is easily achievable. A darning plate is included for free-motion embroidery or sewing on buttons.




**Figure 1:** Front view of the Janome 219S Sewing Machine. This image displays the machine's main body, stitch selector dial, length dial, stitch pattern chart, and the 219-S model designation.

## 2. Setup and First Use

### 2.1 Unpacking

- Carefully remove the machine from its packaging.
- Retain all packaging materials for future transport or storage.
- Verify that all accessories listed in the packing list are present.

### 2.2 Power Connection

1. Ensure the machine's power switch is in the 'OFF' position.
2. Connect the foot controller plug to the machine's receptacle.
3. Plug the power cord into a suitable electrical outlet.

### 2.3 Bobbin Winding

The Janome 219S features an automatic stop bobbin winding system.

1. Place a spool of thread on the spool pin.
2. Guide the thread through the thread guides as indicated in the diagram (refer to machine's printed manual for

specific diagram).
3. Place an empty bobbin onto the bobbin winder spindle.
4. Push the bobbin winder spindle to the right.
5. Press the foot controller to start winding. The winding will stop automatically when the bobbin is full.
6. Cut the thread and remove the wound bobbin.

### 2.4 Threading the Machine

Proper threading is crucial for correct stitch formation.

1. Raise the presser foot lever.
2. Raise the needle to its highest position using the handwheel.
3. Place the thread spool on the spool pin.
4. Follow the numbered threading path indicated on the machine (refer to machine's printed manual for specific diagram).
5. Thread the needle from front to back.
6. Insert the wound bobbin into the front-loading oscillating hook system.
7. Draw up the bobbin thread.

## 3. Operating Instructions

### 3.1 Stitch Selection

The Janome 219S offers 14 stitch patterns. Use the stitch selector dial to choose your desired stitch. Refer to the stitch chart on the machine's body for visual reference.

- **Straight Stitch:** For basic seams and topstitching.
- **Zigzag Stitch:** For finishing raw edges, appliqué, and decorative purposes.
- **4-Step Buttonhole:** For creating buttonholes. Follow the steps indicated on the machine's stitch chart.
- **Stretch Stitches:** For knit fabrics and areas requiring flexibility.
- **Overlock Stitch:** For finishing seams and preventing fraying.

### 3.2 Adjusting Stitch Length and Width

Use the dedicated dials on the machine to adjust stitch length and width according to your fabric and project requirements.

- **Stitch Length Dial:** Controls the distance between stitches. Higher numbers mean longer stitches.
- **Stitch Width Dial:** Controls the width of zigzag and other pattern stitches.

### 3.3 Sewing with the Free Arm

To use the free arm, slide off the accessory storage box. This feature is ideal for sewing cylindrical items such as sleeves, cuffs, and trouser hems.

### 3.4 Reverse Sewing

To secure stitches at the beginning and end of a seam, press and hold the reverse lever. The machine will sew backward. Release the lever to resume forward sewing.

## 4. Maintenance and Care

Regular maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Janome 219S sewing machine.

### 4.1 Cleaning

- **Before Cleaning:** Always unplug the machine from the power outlet.
- **Lint Removal:** Regularly remove lint and dust from the bobbin case area and feed dogs using a small brush or lint brush.
- **Exterior Cleaning:** Wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn marks, use a slightly damp cloth and mild soap, then dry thoroughly.

### 4.2 Oiling

The Janome 219S is designed to require minimal oiling. Refer to the machine's specific manual for recommended oiling points and frequency. Use only high-quality sewing machine oil.

### 4.3 Storage

When not in use, cover the machine with the provided soft cover to protect it from dust and dirt. Store in a dry, stable environment away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

## 5. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Janome 219S sewing machine. For more complex problems, consult a qualified service technician.

| Problem | Possible Cause | Solution |
|---|---|---|
| Skipped Stitches | Incorrect needle size/type, improperly threaded, bent needle. | Change needle to correct size/type for fabric, re-thread machine, replace bent needle. |
| Thread Breaking | Incorrect tension, poor quality thread, needle inserted incorrectly, burr on needle plate. | Adjust tension, use good quality thread, re-insert needle correctly, check for burrs. |
| Fabric Not Feeding | Feed dogs lowered, presser foot pressure too low, lint accumulation. | Raise feed dogs, increase presser foot pressure, clean feed dog area. |
| Bobbin Thread Looping | Upper thread tension too loose, bobbin incorrectly inserted, lint in bobbin case. | Increase upper thread tension, re-insert bobbin correctly, clean bobbin case. |

## 6. Specifications

| Feature | Detail |
|---|---|
| Brand | JANOME |
| Model Number | 219S |
| Dimensions (L x W x H) | 15 x 38 x 29 cm (5.9 x 15 x 11.4 inches) |
| Item Weight | 6.53 Kilograms (14.4 lbs) |
| Material | Alloy Steel |

| Feature | Detail |
|---|---|
| Power Source | Electric Cable |
| Number of Stitches | 14 (including stretch and overlock stitches) |
| Buttonhole Type | 4-Step Buttonhole |
| Hook System | Front-loading Oscillating Hook |
| Bobbin Winding | Automatic Stop |
| Spool Pins | 2 (Pull-up/Push-down) |
| Free Arm | Yes (removable storage box) |
| Extra High Presser Foot Lift | Yes |

## 7. Warranty and Support

Information regarding warranty coverage and customer support for the Janome 219S sewing machine is typically provided with the product at the time of purchase. Please refer to the warranty card or documentation included in your product packaging for specific details on warranty duration, terms, and conditions.

For technical assistance, spare parts, or service inquiries, please contact Janome customer support or an authorized Janome service center. Contact information can usually be found on the official Janome website or in your product documentation.

It is recommended to register your product with Janome after purchase to facilitate warranty claims and receive important product updates.

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