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SewLaVie 1130

SewLaVie 1130 Computerized Sewing and Quilting Machine User Manual

Model: 1130

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the SewLaVie 1130 Computerized Sewing and Quilting Machine. This machine is designed to provide a versatile and efficient sewing experience for a wide range of projects, from basic repairs to intricate quilting and garment creation. Please read this manual thoroughly before operating your machine to ensure safe and correct usage and to maximize its performance and lifespan.

2. Important Safety Instructions

When using an electrical appliance, basic safety precautions should always be followed, including the following:

- Read all instructions before using this sewing machine.
- Keep these instructions in a convenient place near the machine.
- Always unplug the machine from the electrical outlet immediately after using and before cleaning, removing covers, or making any user servicing adjustments.
- Do not allow to be used as a toy. Close attention is necessary when this machine is used by or near children.
- Use this appliance only for its intended use as described in this manual. Use only accessories recommended by the manufacturer.
- Never operate this sewing machine if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped or damaged, or dropped into water.
- Never drop or insert any object into any opening.
- Do not use outdoors.
- Do not operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
- To disconnect, turn all controls to the off position, then remove plug from outlet.

3. Package Contents

Please verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- SewLaVie 1130 Sewing Machine
- Wide Extension Table

- Presser Foot Set
- Maintenance Tools
- Needles
- Bobbins
- Foot Controller
- Power Cord
- Character Board
- Instruction Manual

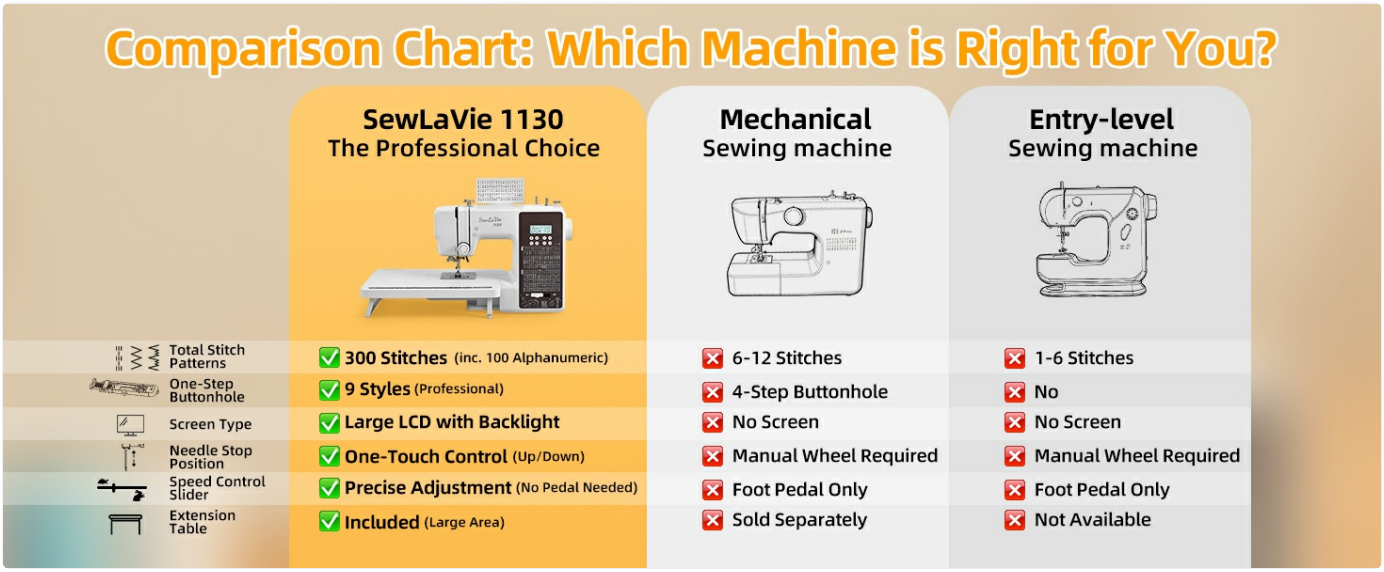


Image: The SewLaVie 1130 sewing machine displayed with its full set of included accessories, including the wide extension table, various presser feet, and maintenance tools.

4. Machine Overview

Familiarize yourself with the main components of your SewLaVie 1130 machine.



Image: A clear front view of the SewLaVie 1130 computerized sewing machine, highlighting its compact design and control panel.

Key Components:

- **LCD Screen:** Displays selected stitch, length, and width settings.
- **Control Panel:** Buttons for stitch selection, adjustment, Start/Stop, and Needle Up/Down.

- **Speed Control Slider:** Adjusts sewing speed without the foot pedal.
- **Built-in Needle Threader:** Assists in threading the needle.
- **Drop-in Bobbin System:** Easy access and monitoring of bobbin thread.
- **Free Arm:** Allows for sewing cylindrical items like cuffs and sleeves.
- **Extension Table:** Provides a larger work surface for quilting and larger projects.
- **7-Point Feed Dog:** Ensures consistent fabric feeding across various materials.

5. Setup

5.1 Power Connection

Connect the power cord to the machine and then to a suitable electrical outlet (120 volts AC). If using the foot controller, plug it into the designated port on the machine.

5.2 Attaching the Extension Table

Slide the accessory storage box off the machine to reveal the free arm. Align the extension table with the free arm and slide it into place until it clicks securely. This provides a larger, flat work surface.



Image: The SewLaVie 1130 machine with its wide extension table attached, illustrating the expanded workspace for larger sewing projects.

5.3 Winding the Bobbin

Proper bobbin winding ensures even stitch formation. Follow these steps:

1. Place a spool of thread on the spool pin.
2. Guide the thread through the upper thread guide and around the bobbin winding tension disc.
3. Insert the thread through the small hole in the bobbin from the inside out.
4. Place the bobbin onto the bobbin winder spindle and push the spindle to the right.
5. Press the Start/Stop button or the foot pedal to begin winding. The machine will automatically stop when the bobbin is full.
6. Cut the thread and push the bobbin winder spindle back to the left.

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Video: A demonstration of how to correctly wind a bobbin on the SewLaVie 1130 sewing machine, showing the thread path and automatic winding process.

5.4 Inserting the Bobbin

The SewLaVie 1130 features a convenient top drop-in bobbin system:

1. Open the bobbin cover plate.
2. Place the wound bobbin into the bobbin case with the thread unwinding counter-clockwise.
3. Guide the thread through the tension spring and into the thread guide slot.
4. Pull out approximately 6 inches of thread.
5. Replace the bobbin cover plate.

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Video: A step-by-step guide on how to correctly insert the bobbin into the SewLaVie 1130 sewing machine's top drop-in bobbin case.

5.5 Threading the Upper Thread

Correct upper threading is crucial for proper stitch formation:

1. Raise the presser foot lifter.
2. Place the spool of thread on the spool pin.
3. Follow the numbered thread path guides on the machine, ensuring the thread passes through all tension discs and the take-up lever.
4. Use the built-in needle threader to thread the needle eye.
5. Pull the bobbin thread up through the needle plate opening by turning the handwheel towards you to lower and raise the needle once.

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Video: Instructions on how to thread the upper thread on the SewLaVie 1130 professional sewing machine, including the use of the automatic needle threader.

5.6 Needle Installation

Always use the correct needle type and size for your fabric. Ensure the flat side of the needle faces the back of the machine when inserting.

6. Basic Operation

6.1 Selecting Stitches

The SewLaVie 1130 offers 300 built-in stitches, including utility, decorative, and alphanumeric fonts. Use the buttons on the control panel to navigate and select your desired stitch. The LCD screen will display the selected stitch number and recommended settings.

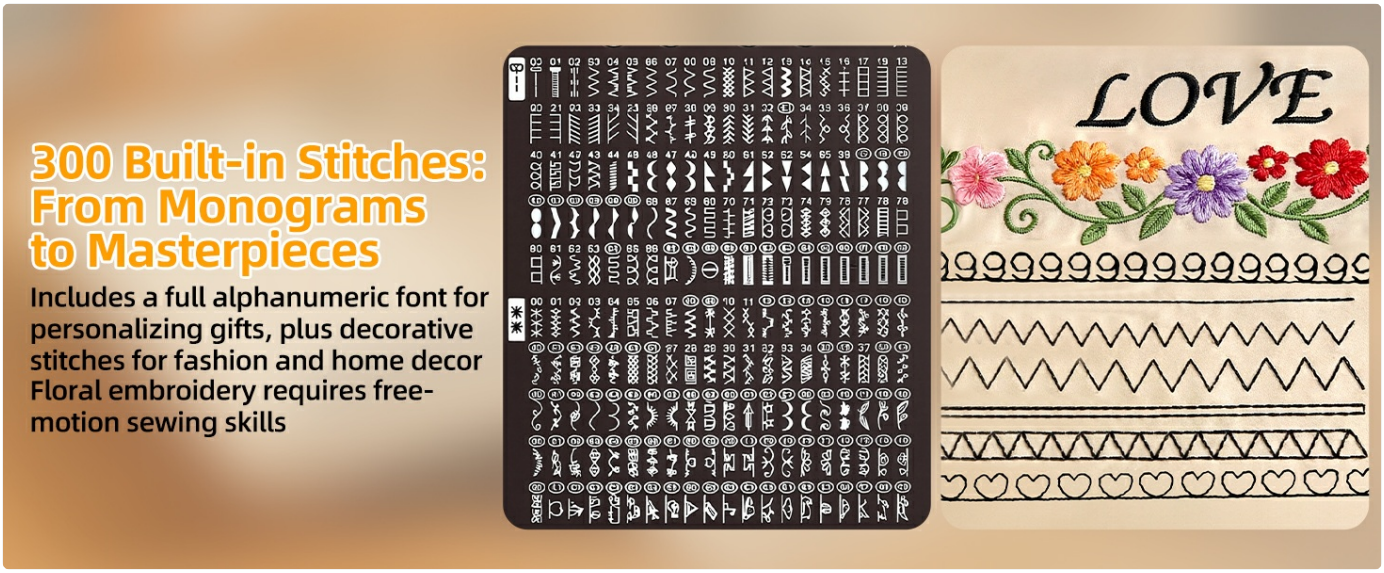


Image: A visual representation of the 300 built-in stitch patterns available on the SewLaVie 1130, including utility, decorative, and alphanumeric options, with examples sewn on fabric.



Image: A close-up of the SewLaVie 1130's LCD screen, demonstrating how stitch width, length, and other settings are digitally displayed for precise control.

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Video: A showcase of various stitch patterns produced by the SewLaVie 1130, demonstrating its versatility for different sewing projects.

6.2 Adjusting Stitch Length and Width

Use the dedicated buttons on the control panel to increase or decrease the stitch length and width. The LCD screen will update in real-time to show your adjustments.

6.3 Start/Stop Button and Speed Control

You can operate the machine with or without the foot pedal. Press the **Start/Stop** button to begin or end sewing. Adjust the sewing speed using the **Speed Control Slider** for precise control, especially useful for intricate details or for beginners.

6.4 Reverse Sewing

Press and hold the reverse button to sew in reverse. This function is used to reinforce seams at the beginning and end of your stitching.

6.5 Needle Up/Down Function

Press the **Needle Up/Down** button to position the needle either fully up or fully down. This is particularly useful for pivoting fabric at corners or when removing your project from the machine.

6.6 Buttonhole Sewing

The machine features a 1-step auto-size buttonhole function. Attach the buttonhole foot, select the buttonhole stitch, and the machine will automatically create a buttonhole to the size of the button placed in the foot.



Image: Detailed view of key features including the drop-in bobbin, built-in needle threader, free arm, and the 1-step buttonhole mechanism.

7. Advanced Features

7.1 Quilting

For quilting and free-motion sewing, engage the drop feed mechanism to lower the feed dogs. This allows you to move the fabric freely under the needle. The wide extension table provides ample space for large quilting projects.

7.2 Twin-Needle Sewing

The SewLaVie 1130 supports twin-needle setups for decorative stitching or hemming. Refer to the stitch chart for compatible twin-needle patterns.

7.3 Monogramming and Alphanumeric Fonts

Utilize the 100 alphanumeric fonts to personalize projects with names, dates, or custom labels. Select the desired font and characters using the control panel.

8. Fabric Guide

The 7-point feed dog system and robust motor allow the SewLaVie 1130 to handle a variety of fabrics:

- **Thick Fabrics (e.g., Denim, Canvas):** The machine can sew through up to 9 layers of denim. Use a heavy-duty needle and adjust stitch length as needed.
- **Delicate Fabrics (e.g., Silk, Chiffon):** Use a fine needle and a shorter stitch length. Consider using a stabilizer to prevent puckering.
- **Stretchy Knits:** Use a ballpoint or stretch needle to prevent fabric damage. Select a stretch stitch pattern for durable seams that move with the fabric.
- **Leather/Faux Leather:** Use a leather needle and a walking foot (if available) to prevent sticking and ensure even feeding.

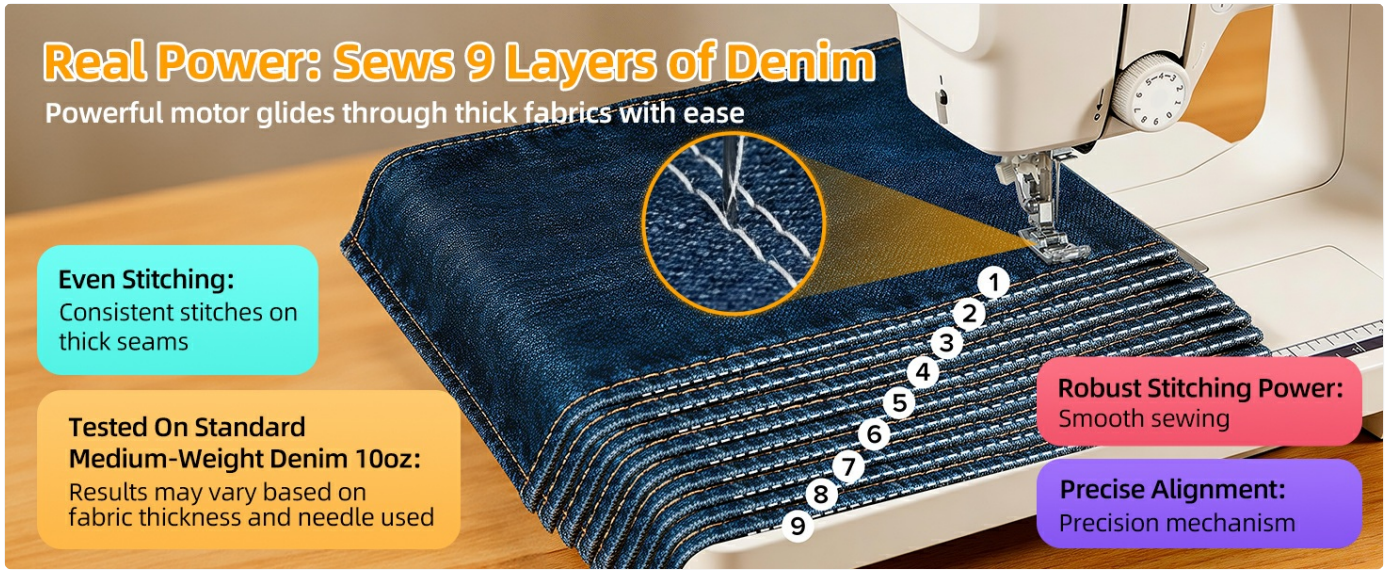


Image: The SewLaVie 1130 demonstrating its capability to sew through multiple layers of denim, highlighting its robust motor and consistent stitching.



Image: A visual guide showing the SewLaVie 1130's ability to handle diverse fabric types, from thick denim and canvas to delicate silk and stretchy knits, with appropriate stitch examples.

9. Maintenance

9.1 Cleaning

Regular cleaning helps maintain your machine's performance:

- Always unplug the machine before cleaning.
- Use a soft brush to remove lint and dust from the bobbin area and feed dogs.
- Wipe the exterior with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners.

9.2 Auto-Stop Protection

The motor features an auto-stop mechanism that activates if the machine jams. This protects the motor from damage. If this occurs, turn off the machine, clear any obstructions, and then restart.

10. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues, refer to the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Skipped Stitches	Incorrect needle, bent needle, improper threading, wrong needle size for fabric.	Replace needle, re-thread machine, use appropriate needle for fabric type.
Thread Breaking	Incorrect upper thread tension, improperly wound bobbin, poor quality thread, needle bent or dull.	Adjust tension, re-wind bobbin, use quality thread, replace needle.
Fabric Puckering	Incorrect tension, wrong stitch length, dull needle, no stabilizer for delicate fabrics.	Adjust tension, select appropriate stitch length, replace needle, use stabilizer.
Needle Threader Not Working	Needle not in highest position, threader bent or misaligned.	Ensure needle is fully raised. If bent, gently realign or contact support.
Machine Not Starting	Power cord not connected, foot pedal not connected (if used), bobbin winder spindle engaged.	Check power and foot pedal connections. Disengage bobbin winder spindle.

11. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Brand	SewLaVie
Model Number	1130
Color	White & Gray
Material	ABS Casing/Metal Frame
Product Dimensions (D x W x H)	6.6"D x 16.9"W x 11.8"H
Item Weight	12.1 pounds
Power Source	Electric
Input Voltage	120 volts AC
Number of Stitches	300 (including 143 utility, 57 twin-needle, 100 alphanumeric)
Buttonhole Type	1-step auto-size
Lighting	Built-in LED Light
Included Components	Character board, Extension table, Sewing Machine, Manual

12. Warranty and Support

12.1 Warranty Information

The SewLaVie 1130 Computerized Sewing and Quilting Machine comes with a **2-Year Manufacturer Warranty**. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

12.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting not covered in this manual, or warranty service, please contact SewLaVie customer support. Refer to the contact information provided with your purchase or visit the official SewLaVie website for support details.

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