

Beginner Sewing Supplies Checklist

Everything worth having in your kit before your first real project, grouped so you buy the essentials first and skip the gadgets nobody starting out actually needs.

Must-have basics

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| ☐ All-purpose thread (neutral + your fabric colours) | ☐ Seam ripper |
| ☐ Hand sewing needles, assorted sizes | ☐ Measuring tape |
| ☐ Machine needles, assorted (universal + denim) | ☐ Clear quilting/sewing ruler |
| ☐ Sharp fabric scissors (kept for fabric only) | ☐ Fabric marking pen or tailor's chalk |
| ☐ Paper scissors (separate pair) | ☐ Iron + ironing surface |
| ☐ Straight pins + pincushion | ☐ Bobbins (a few spares, matching your machine) |

Skip these until later

Rotary cutter + mat, walking foot, specialty presser feet, a serger. All genuinely useful once you know what you're making, not worth buying before your third or fourth project.

Fabric & notions starter list

- ☐ 2–3 yards cotton quilting fabric (practice)
- ☐ Interfacing (fusible, lightweight)
- ☐ Elastic, ¼" and ½"
- ☐ Zippers, assorted lengths
- ☐ Bias tape
- ☐ Buttons, assorted
- ☐ Pattern paper or tracing paper

My kit tracker

Item	Have it	Notes

Machine specs, prices and availability change, verify current details before buying. Full machine reviews, technique guides and troubleshooting are free to read on karamatsews.com.