

What machine is right for you?

Longarm Quilting Machine Buyer's Guide



SETUP & TRAINING

Hands-on training and setup guidance should be included by trained retailers or sales representatives. A local retailer provides in-person training and quick answers to questions as they arise.



SUPPORT & EDUCATION

In addition to local authorized retailer support, ensure that the company has dedicated longarm technical and educational support for issues and questions that may arise.



STITCH QUALITY

Machine must provide high quality precision stitches in manual and stitch-regulated modes, regardless of speed. Look for at least two types of regulation: precision (machine stitches only when moved) and cruise (needle cycles when machine is turned on).



QUILTING EXPERIENCE & EASE OF USE

Look for a machine that is feature-rich, yet simple to use. Are the accessories integrated (specially designed for use with the machine)?



THROAT SPACE DOES NOT EQUAL QUILTING SPACE

Quilting space is the part of the quilt accessible by the needle. Machine and frame design affect how much of the throat space is actual quilting space. Larger quilting space means fewer passes and greater visibility.



LIGHTING

Lighting is important and can be found in a variety of places on the machine. It is helpful to have LED and UV lighting options available.



INTEGRATED FUNCTIONS & ACCESSORIES

Accessories and handlebar buttons should be fully integrated, providing a seamless quilting experience.



QUALITY & WARRANTY

Reputable companies will provide and stand behind their trusted warranty of quality craftsmanship and provide you convenient customer support services.



COMPUTERIZED QUILTING

Computerized quilting provides better control and more quilting options. Look for an integrated system, designed by the same company who builds the machines.

