

If all the technical terms seem completely baffling, the glossary below should help you to make better sense of them:

Auto 1-step buttonhole lever:

The buttonhole size is automatically determined when the buttonhole lever is pulled down and a button placed in the sliding buttonhole foot.

Thread cutter:

Convenient thread cutter which can be used with one hand.

Needle threader:

A pull down gadget to aid threading the machine needle.

Presser foot holder:

To assist in sewing different processes a variety of different feet can be attached.

Presser foot:

The presser foot holds the fabric in place against the feed dogs so that it doesn't move about whilst you are sewing. Most presser feet are quick change snap on type.

Threading guides:

Place the thread in the easy to follow channels for upper threading of the machine.

Feed dogs:

These are saw-shaped teeth that move the fabric through the machine as the needle stitches. The feed dogs can be dropped for free machining.

Top loading jam proof bobbin mechanism:

Thread is wound onto the bobbin which is dropped into the machine and enclosed by a clear hook cover plate. You can see when the thread is running out!

Needle plate:

The metal needle plate fits over the bobbin/feed dog area and has seam guides engraved on it to help measure the seam width whilst stitching.

Function buttons

Needle up/down facility:

This allows you to programme the needle to always finish in the up or down position... great for pivoting on corners!

Lock stitch button:

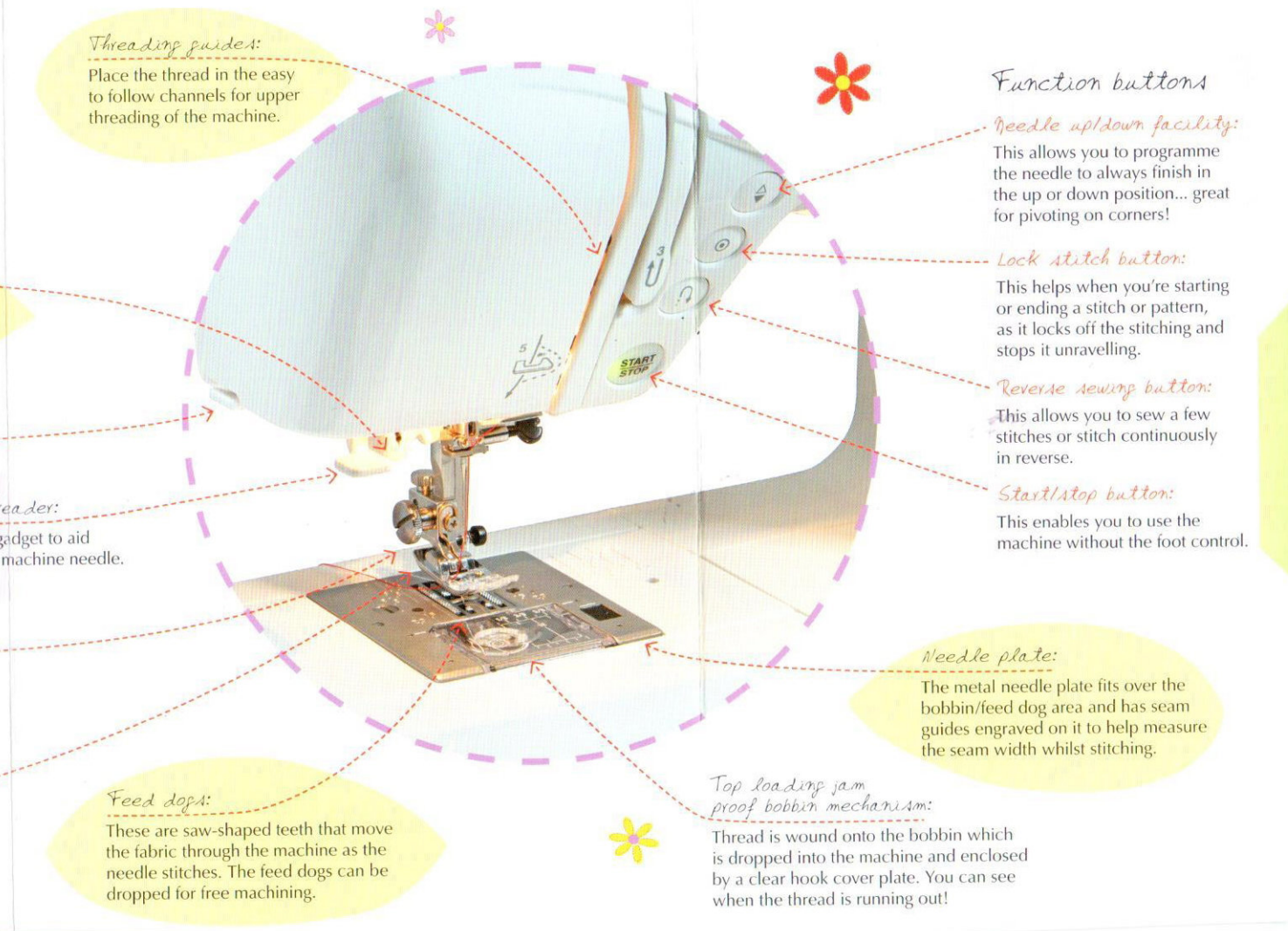
This helps when you're starting or ending a stitch or pattern, as it locks off the stitching and stops it unravelling.

Reverse sewing button:

This allows you to sew a few stitches or stitch continuously in reverse.

Start/stop button:

This enables you to use the machine without the foot control.



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Stitch adjustment:

Use to override default stitch settings for stitch width and stitch length.

Auto-thread tension:

For general sewing, set the tension dial at AUTO, which covers a wide range of sewing conditions.

Foot pressure dial:

The pressure of the foot can be adjusted, for example when stitching applique to help turn corners smoothly.

Stitch library:

To access the selection of different stitches available simply key in the stitch number required.

Bobbin winder:

Thread from the spool winds onto the bobbin keeping an even tension. When the bobbin is fully wound it will stop automatically.

Spool holder:

Use to firmly secure the thread spool in place whilst sewing.

Stitch selector:

On computerised machines it is easy to select a stitch by pressing a key or using a touch pad. On more basic machines, the stitch selector is usually a dial.

Maximum speed controller:

This function is only available on computerised machines. It sets the maximum sewing speed of the machine irrespective of how far the foot controller is depressed.

Knee lifter:

The knee lifter is extremely helpful when sewing applique, sewing around curves, patchwork and quilting since it allows you to handle the fabric whilst your knee controls the presser foot.

Free arm:

A free arm is a cylinder on the bed of the machine which allows you to sew items such as sleeves and trouser legs. Detach the accessory box to reveal free arm.

