

GIFT GIVING IDEAS

The Bridal Gift That Keeps On Creating

(NAPSA)—If you have a bridal shower or wedding in your future, here's a crafty idea. A gift that many people forget to give new brides—and many brides can really put to good use—is a sewing machine

With a sewing machine, a new bride can furnish and embellish her home in an economical and original way. With today's advanced, yet user-friendly sewing machine, creating one-of-a-kind home accessories is easy and fun.

Projects that the new bride can easily embark on—with plenty of online tips to help—include unstructured window treatments, decorative pillows and table runners, duvet covers, picnic place mats, window valances, tablecloths, patio seat covers, and bed canopies.

Computerized sewing machines such as Husqvarna Viking's Interludes are designed to make it simple to be creative. Built-in features offer sewing advice like the perfect stitch for fabric weight and type. It is practically fail proof. Even a relatively new sewer can stitch up a gift like a festive wine bag in a matter of minutes.

Here are six sewing tips from the experts at Husqvarna Viking, which will help a new bride make any simple sewing project even easier:

1. Be precise. Thoroughly read instructions before sewing and then follow them to a tee. If it says baste, baste.

2. Press each seam after sewing. It will help shape your garment or project.



One way to promote domestic bliss is to give the bride a sewing machine so she can create economical home furnishings.

3. Change the sewing machine needles frequently. As sharp as a needle seems to be, it grows slightly duller with every stitch it makes.

4. Use good quality fabric, thread and notions. Better fabrics are often easier to sew.

5. Sign up for a sewing class at a sewing machine dealer's store. The dealer can teach techniques for making your sewing even easier.

6. Don't be afraid to experiment. If you are unfamiliar with a sewing technique, make one or more samples until you are satisfied with the results.

You can find plenty of project ideas and helpful tips at www.husqvarnaviking.com or at the Home Sewing Association Web site at www.sewing.org.