

# Great Scott!

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Over the next several issues, Great Scott! will extoll the virtues, features, and benefits of all major brands of embroidery sewing machines.

## How Do I Love Thee...

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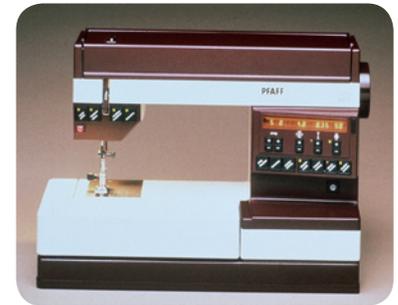
*Pfaffiosity: Defined by Great Scott as German-designed, high-quality, extra-wide sewing machines with exceptional features like 9mm wide stitching, IDT™ feed system, ribbon and stacking stitches.*

**Pfaff** is known for making precise, German-engineered sewing machines. Georg Michael Pfaff founded the company in 1862, intending to produce high-quality sewing machines designed for leatherwork. **Pfaff** made their mark in the US during the late 1940s with the model 130, a heavy cast-iron zig-zag sewing machine that featured a precise, industrial high-speed rotary shuttle hook. Many of these were placed into industrial tables, powered by high-speed motors. These models were so prevalent that Schmetz standardized their needle as a hybrid between the 705 European standard and the 130r **Pfaff** needle. Check out your needle stash and look for the 130/705 designation. Or better yet, check your local garage sale/flea market for examples of this ubiquitous model.



Precise, lighter weight die-cast aluminum models with free-arm design inspired fashionistas in the 1960s. **Pfaff's** model 1222 arrived in 1968 featuring integrated dual feed; a built-in walking foot that drops down, behind and into the presser foot, on demand, improving fabric handling on difficult textiles. This feature assists in matching stripes and plaids, minimizing slippage when sewing fabric sandwiches like quilts, by feeding from within the presser foot, in synchronization with the feed dogs. Today, Integrated Dual Feed is now called IDT™, an attractive feature when comparing brands and models.

The 1980s saw the release of programmable electronic models with big, 9mm wide stitches and the creative™ designer feature allowing the end-user to create and copy stitches. Innovation continued in the 1990s when machine embroidery became possible. Many of our readers started their embroidery journey on the **Pfaff 7570**, their first model with hoop-style embroidery.



By far, the Pfaffiest **Pfaff** available is the creative sensation™ pro, a world-class contender, featuring large format embroidery (360 x 350mm or 14" more or less), and an abundantly-sized high-resolution display.



Featuring ActivStitch™ technology, sensors measure fabric thickness to deliver or meter the precise amount of thread needed for a perfect stitch, without distorting thread fibers. This is a big plus when sewing with Sulky Sliver™ and other mylar-based threads. Of course, the original IDT™ feed system is featured in this model, too.

Make a big statement with oversized stitch elements. creative series machines are part of an elite group of premium models that feature 9mm wide decorative and utility stitches while most other machines are limited to 7mm. Ribbon Stitches are exclusive to this **Pfaff**, adding a unique fashionable look to your projects. I am particularly fond of Stacking Stitches that are designed to be sewn one on top of another, adding elegance, dimension and texture to garments and home dec. Cutwork needles are included to further inspire your



creativity. **Pfaff** creative models are available in four flavors (creative™ 3.0, creative™ 4.5 and creative sensation™ pro) that are designed on the same, nearly 10" frame, with features that address mid-range to top-of-the-line desires and budgets.

Quilters and pfashionistas will find much to love with the performance™ series. **Pfaff** performance™ models sport many top-of-the-line sewing features and superlative handling characteristics, without machine embroidery.

Need to stay Pfaffy at your quilt group get-together? Currently, the passport™ 2.0 is a smaller format, portable electronic model that features built-in IDT—perfect for quilt classes.



Pfaffasize your Windows™ 7 or 8 computer by installing **Pfaff 6D™ Premier** embroidery software. 6D™ Premier sports 11 modules that work in one robust suite, enabling you to output professional quality embroidery files. Modules are numerous, but stand-outs include: 6D™ Card Shop with 600 templates to embroider unique greeting cards. 6D™ Family Tree organizes your pedigree into a legacy quilt, and 6D™ Cross Stitcher adds in-the-hoop automation with new approaches to a retro handicraft. Puffy-foam frames and fonts add dimensionality and a professional look to your embroideries.

*Let me know about all the fun you can have creating with your Pfaff: [GreatScott@kneedle.com](mailto:GreatScott@kneedle.com) or [pfriend](mailto:pfriend) me on Pfacebook: [www.facebook.com/GreatScottSews](http://www.facebook.com/GreatScottSews)*