



Get to Know the Baby Lock Verve – Sewing With Stephanie Struckmann



Welcome! Let's get started.

1. Tour of the Baby Lock Verve

- Starting at the top of the machine, you will find the spool pin, the bobbin winder spindle and various thread guides.
- On the front of the machine is the tension dial and the start/stop button.
 - This is used for embroidery or regular sewing when the foot pedal is not connected.
- Next is the reverse but or reinforcement then the needle position which puts the needle in an up or down position.
 - You can also use the handwheel to move the needle from the up or down position.
- From there we have the scissor button which cuts the thread when needed.
- The Sewing Speed control is used to adjust the sewing speed.
 - This is great for teaching kids to sew as well as difficult to handle fabrics and when fine detail is needed.



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- The LCD screen is next. Below the LCD screen are some buttons that help with the LCD screen.
 - The back button takes you back to the previous screen.
 - The needle exchange button locks the machine so nothing can be touched by accident when changing the needle. It's a great safety feature.
 - To page through the stitch options you would use the page buttons. They allow you to move forward and back through the stitches.
 - In the second row of buttons you will find the button that takes you to the decorative stitches, the embroidery, the machine settings, and the animated help buttons.
- The bed of the machine is covered next.
 - On the bed of the machine you find the needle plate, needle plate cover and the bobbin plate.
 - There are several measurements found here to help with the seam allowances.
 - The back set of numbers are in inches. The grid on the needle plate are in centimeters based on the left needle position. The numbers on the bobbin case are in inches and show the left and center needle position.
 - The presser foot is found in this area and is simply removed by pressing the black lever at the back of the foot.
 - Directly below the presser foot is where the feed dogs are found. These are used to move the fabric through the machine. To put the feed dogs in a down position, there is a switch at the back of the machine. This is used to put the feed dogs down and back up again.
 - The accessory compartment removes to convert the machine to a free-arm machine for sewing items in the round.
 - The machine comes with an additional sewing table which when on the machine increases your sewing space.

2. Threading

- The machine comes with several Class 15 bobbins.
- To wind a bobbin, place your thread on the spool pin and use a spool cap. The machine comes with 4, choose the one that is closest in size of the spool of thread without being smaller than the spool of thread. Ideally, you want it to be slightly larger than the spool of thread. Then, you will follow the dotted line which shows the threading path for winding a bobbin. When you come to the



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bobbin, you will wrap the thread around the bobbin several times and trim and secured the thread tail using one of the slots in the gray stand the bobbin sits on. Press the button on the machine or use the foot pedal to

- Place the bobbin in the machine. With the thread coming off the top of the bottom and down toward the left, place the bobbin in the bobbin case. Follow the arrows on the bobbin case to thread the tension and trim the thread. Replace the bobbin cover.
- To thread the machine, make sure the needle is in the highest position using the needle position button and make sure the presser foot is raised to relax the tensions. The thread will seat more consistently in the tension when the presser foot is raised while threading. Put the thread on the spool pin and add the appropriate spool cap. Follow the numbered path to thread the needle of the machine.

3. Sewing

- The machine defaults to the center needle position when turned on. To change that go to the settings and page to the initial settings page. The stitch length and width are also changed in the machine settings. When using the straight stitch, the width controls the needle position. The L/R shift will move the needle in larger .25mm increments. Once you have made changes to a stitch, you can save the changes using the top button on the right in the machine settings. Take the settings back to the default settings using the second button on the right side of the machine.
- To stitch a seam, use the reverse button to reinforce the beginning and ending of the seam. In the bottom left of the settings box, this can be set to happen automatically. Trimming automatically can also be set here as well by touching the scissor button in the settings.
- There are 2 zig-zag stitches to choose from. One of them will stitch the reinforcement stitch in place, the other stitches a few stitches for the reinforcement stitch.
- When using the J-foot it has a built-in foot leveler to help when stitching over several layers of fabric

4. The N-Foot

- Remove the J-foot and replace it with the N-foot. To replace the foot, align the hook in the top of the foot with the bar on the presser foot holder. Lower the presser foot and the foot will be snapped into place.



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- The N-foot has a groove in the bottom of the foot making it the perfect foot to stitch decorative stitches.
- Using the stitch selection button, go to decorative stitches and select a satin decorative stitch. The density of this stitch can be adjusted by pressing the button in the bottom right corner of the settings.
- Decorative stitches can be combined, flipped and saved. They work best with a stabilizer or an interfacing on the back of the fabric.
- There are also some built-in alphabets which can be combined to form words and names.

5. The G-Foot

- Change to the G-foot or the overcast foot. There are several overcasting stitches built-in to the machine. Consult your manual for determine which one is best for the selected fabric.
- Working with stitch 1-16, it is stitched along the edge of the fabric to help prevent excess fraying of the fabric edge.

6. The R-Foot

- Change to the R-foot or the blind hem foot. There are 2 blind hem stitches on the Baby Lock Verve, one for woven fabrics and one for knit fabrics. The secret to the blind hem is how you fold your hem and the placement of your needle.

7. The I-Foot

- Change to the I-foot or the zipper foot. The unique thing about the zipper foot is that it can be attached to either the left or right side of the foot. You may need to adjust the needle position when using this foot
- You can also use this foot for creating corded piping and inserting this piping into a project.

8. The A-foot and M-foot

- The A-foot is also the buttonhole foot. It is used to create a variety of buttonholes at the perfect size for your button. The back of the foot slides open to hold the button which in conjunction with the buttonhole lever sets the size of the buttonhole.
 - When using this foot, don't forget to lower the buttonhole lever.
- The M-foot is the button setting foot. It has a built-in stitch just for attaching a button.

9. Accessories

- The orange handled tool in the accessory pouch is the hole punch tool. It used with the eyelet stitch.



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- To stitch the eyelet is stitched using the N-foot.
- Twin needle sewing can be done on the Baby Lock Verve.
- To remove the needle, press the needle exchange key, then loosen the needle set screw and remove the needle. Place the twin needle in place with the flat of the needle facing toward the machine.
- Using the additional spool pin, placing it in the hole at the top of the machine need the bobbin winder spindle. Thread the machine following the threading path placing the thread in the right needle.
 - Note that the needle threader cannot be used when threading a twin needle.
- The machine will let you know what stitches can and can't be used with a twin needle.

10. The Sewing Settings

- The speed control can be set to adjust the stitch width instead of the speed.
- Fine Adjustment Vertical is used to fine tune decorative stitches to ensure they match up where they meet. Get more information regarding this on page 55 of the manual.

Below is additional information for Getting to Know Your Verve

Congratulations on the purchase of your Baby Lock Verve! The instruction manual that came with your machine is the perfect complement to this class and for an electronic PDF version of your manual, simply visit the Baby Lock website at www.babylock.com and search for "Verve".

This video is just one of the many videos that are available to help you enjoy your machine. If you have the Love of Knowledge 2 or 4-year membership, you can watch all these videos at no additional charge. To find out more about the Love of Knowledge Membership, speak to your local Baby Lock Retailer.

Here are some more video suggestions you might search for to help you get the most out of your machine:

- Embroidery Recipe for Success
- First Steps in Embroidery – A Stabilizer Conversation
- Fun with Frames - Applique with Baby Lock Embroidery Machines
- Accessory Feet – Quilting Feet
- Accessory Feet – Home Décor Sewing Feet
- Accessory Feet – Specialty Sewing Feet 1
- Accessory Feet – Garment Sewing Feet
- Baby Lock Machine Maintenance – Cleaning your bobbin case area



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- Troubleshooting your Baby Lock Machine
- Look for project classes from Lindsay Wilkes and Heather Valentine!
- Achieving the Perfect ¼ Inch Seam Allowance
- Free Motion Quilting with your Baby Lock
- Perfect Mitered Corner Binding on your Baby Lock

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