

The Tabitha sewing machine 1886-1890



The Tabitha Sewing Machine circa 1888

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Oh how I would love another one of these little beauties for my Sewalot Collection. Over the years I have often seen them come up for sale but I keep getting outbid so I keep my eyes peeled and hope. I recently bid \$900 and missed a beauty. In good condition they are as rare as hen's teeth.

Thomas H Martin's design of 1884 envisaged a single sheet of brass, tin or other cheap material shaped into the desired form by a single stamp of a pressing machine. In one manufacturing process the base, sides, cloth plate and presser arm of the machine could be made. Then a few extra spindles, bits & bobs and hey presto a sewing machine that works.



No Tabitha sewing machine looks better than the plated and skirted model. Stunning.

This made the machine incredible cheap and simple to manufacture. All you had to do was put the pieces together and you had a sewing machine for the masses cheap and cheerful, certainly as cheap as any toy machine...but sold as the real thing!

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