



## Sergers are for everyone

Often I hear that sergers are just for garment sewists and that quilters have no use for them, but I think they are great for everyone. Yielding a superiorly strong seam that stands up to washing, play, and more a serged seam is great for so much more than just your garments. My favorite way to use a serger as a quilter is for binding. Not only does it secure the binding with a vice like grip, but it compacts the layers of your quilt so your binding lays extra flat and leaves you with a particularly polished look. Additionally if you know your quilt is square you can simply take it right from the quilting to binding process as the serger will trim your excess batting and backing for you. Lately, I've been playing with the Janome HD4BE, a compact 4 thread serger ideal for beginner to advanced sewists. Featuring easy threading, quiet stitching, and boasting up to 1300 stitches per minute this speedy workhorse will become your new favorite tool in your sewing room. This machine is currently in our outlet section at the crazy low price of \$399.



## The Perfect Treat

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Sometimes I'm browsing online and find a recipe that is not only delicious, but clever too. Today's find, that I have to share, is small batch chocolate chip cookies. If you're like me a hot cookie is too hard to resist and before you know it you've eaten half a plate and have a monster stomach ache. Friends, I have found the solution, and it's so tasty- just make a small batch. This recipe makes 2-3 depending on the size you like and how willing you are to share and yields a more chewy/goosey cookie versus fluffy. It comes out perfect every time. I mix it by hand- I just find it quicker and I don't even bother turning on the big oven as we call it in our house. I just bake these in our toaster oven or maybe they're called mini ovens or something like that now since they can do everything include air fry-the best for crisping up leftover anything, seriously we barely use even our microwave anymore it's just so convenient and everything tastes better reheated in an oven. Anyway, back to the cookies, they're perfect for late night cravings, packed in kids(or adults) lunches, or for a quick dessert to take to a friends house. I'm linking the recipe below. Enjoy!

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