

Attaching Universal Feet to your Bernina

Watch my 'Attaching a Foot to your Bernina' video at: <http://www.winnerdesigns.com/attaching-stitch-in-the-ditch-to-sewing-machines/>

If you own a Bernina, then you probably already know that Bernina feet are not Universal, meaning you can't automatically attach non Bernina feet to your machine. And because Bernina offers 2 styles of feet – old style and new style - that means that you can't attach all Bernina feet to all machines.

If you find a Universal foot (like the Stitch in the Ditch Binding Foot or the Curve Master) that you'd like to attach to your Bernina, you basically have 2 options.

To attach a Martelli or Universal Foot to your Bernina you have two options:

1. Bernina Low Shank Adapter – used with the #1 Adapter from Martelli
 - a. #75 for 'new style' 3 digit machines – (ex: 180, 440, 830)
 - b. #77 for 'old style' 3 digit machines (ex: old 830) or 4 digit machines (ex: 1530)
2. **Bernina Snap On Adapter** – no other adapter required - **recommended**
 - a. #125 for 'new style' 3 digit machines – (ex: 180, 440, 830)
 - b. #1008 for 'old style' 3 digit machines (ex: old 830) or 4 digit machines (ex: 1530)



#1



75/77 or 125/1008



Old

New

Purchase from your **Bernina dealer** or www.justcurves.biz by e-mail. Price is \$12 to \$40 but worth it! The Snap On Adapter is an 'ankle' with no foot & has a red button on the back. It's standard on the 300 line of machines. Let your dealer know if you need the 'old style' or 'new style'; based on your machine (2 a or 2b above). 'Old style' has a round or flat back with no cutout. 'New style' has a flat back with a notch cutout. Not sure? Look at your Bernina feet! For more, go to www.youtube.com/lindavideos and watch the Bernina video.

By purchasing the Snap On Adapter, this allows you many more options.

When looking to purchase feet, you can typically look for any "Universal" foot to fit. So look through catalogs & websites like Clotilde or Nancy's Notions or at your local sewing or quilting shop that sells non-Bernina feet.

Note: There are 2 other machine brands whose feet are not typically "Universal".

1. Pfaff machines are Snap-On but they are not "Universal" Snap On.
2. Viking machines are what I call 'Snap In' rather than Snap On. The Bernina Snap On typically can't sit flat on Viking feet so be sure to test out any Viking foot with your adapter before purchasing a Viking foot.

My recommendation when buying feet:

- Look to your Bernina dealer first since those feet were made specifically for your Bernina.
- When looking elsewhere, take your Bernina Snap On Adapter with you to test it out. Make sure that it sits flat and is not too loose on the bar.
- If ordering from a catalog or website, look for the terms "Universal" foot and check their return policy.

If you choose to use Option #1 (most likely you already own a low shank adapter), you need to combine it with our #1 adapter that comes with the Stitch in the Ditch Binding Foot, the Curve Master or the Kwik Bind. If you ever break or lose your adapter #1, contact us and we'll send you more!

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