

# HQ Hideaway™

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*Installation and Operation*



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## Contents of the HQ Hideaway (QT09801)

Your HQ Hideaway comes completely assembled with the following items:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
HQ Hideaway cabinet with machine lift	1
Insert with cutout for the machine	1
Insert without cutout for storage	1
Adapter for thread mast	1
3/8-inch hook and loop tape for attaching the optional Table Overlay	1

## Overview

The HQ Hideaway™ for the HQ Sweet Sixteen® is a cabinet with an electronic machine lift system that easily adjusts to one of three positions. The lowest position is for conveniently storing your quilting machine out of the way when not in use. The quilting height position, which you can customize, aligns the HQ Sweet Sixteen needle plate with the top of the table for quilting. The highest position brings the quilting machine above the table top to make it easy to change the bobbin and to clean and oil the bobbin area.

The HQ Hideaway closes to a compact 26 inches wide by 35 inches deep. Its attractive design makes the HQ Hideaway appropriate for any room where you use your HQ Sweet Sixteen. When the HQ Hideaway is open, it provides a full 60.5 inches (width) by 35 inches in quilting space, easily supporting even your largest quilts.

### ***To install and use the thread mast adapter***

The thread mast adapter enables you to easily remove (and replace) the thread mast when closing the HQ Hideaway without concerns that you might strip the threads on the connector in your HQ machine.

1. Loosen the nut that secures the thread mast to the machine. Turn the thread mast counterclockwise to remove it. Leave the nut in place but remove the washer.
2. Place the washer on the threaded end of the adapter and screw the adapter into the threaded hole in the machine. Firmly tighten.



3. Carefully screw the thread mast into the adapter and adjust so the thread guides are directly over the spool pins.
4. Tighten the nut to hold the thread mast in place.



Whenever you want to close your HQ Hideaway, simply loosen the nut holding the thread mast in place and unscrew it from the adapter.

### ***To set up the HQ Hideaway***

1. Roll the HQ Hideaway to where you intend to use it. Ensure there is sufficient space to fully extend the leaves on each side of the HQ Hideaway. Then lock the casters on each side so the table won't shift.
2. Lift the leaf on one side of the table, and while holding the leaf, open the door until it pushes up against the door stop on the bottom of the leaf. Repeat on the other side.



3. Raise the machine lift to the quilting preset height by pressing up (and holding) the lift button. It will stop when it reaches the quilting preset height. Place the quilting machine on the lift table. Then place the insert with the machine cutout into the center of the table and use it to properly position the machine. Note that the beveled-edge side of the insert is the bottom of the insert and should face down. (If you want to adjust the quilting preset height, see *To adjust the quilting height setting* on page 7.)



4. Guide the power cord through the hole in the back-left corner of the table base and pull out the length of cord you need. You can then wrap any excess length of the cord with the Velcro strap at the left side of the table. Guide the end of the Velcro strap through the buckle opening and wrap the strap around the cord to secure it.



5. Continue setting up your machine as usual.

***To raise the machine for quilting or bobbin change***

After you have set up your table, you can raise or lower the machine lift.

1. Open the HQ Hideaway, raise the leaves, and move the doors into position.
2. Plug the cord from the machine lift into a wall socket.
3. Raise the machine lift to the preset quilting position by pressing up (and holding) the lift button. It will stop when it reaches the preset height. If you have the optional table overlay, the table insert and optional table overlay will raise as well.

4. When you want to raise the machine higher for maintenance or a bobbin change, press up and hold the red button at the same time as you press up and hold lift button. Once the lift begins to rise, release the red button. It will continue rising until it reaches the highest position.
5. To once again lower the machine lift, press down on the lift button. It will lower to the preset quilting position.

***To lower the machine and close the table for storage***

1. Remove the table insert (and optional table overlay if using).
2. Lower the machine lift to its lowest position in the HQ Hideaway by pressing down on the lift button. Place the solid insert into the table top opening.



**NOTE:** With the HQ Hideaway at this stage, it is perfect to use as a sit-down cutting table. The extended table surface accommodates a cutting mat that is 36 inches by 60 inches.




3. Loosen the nut on the thread mast and unscrew the thread mast. Bring all cords, the foot pedal, and the thread mast inside the cabinet for storage.
4. Lift up gently on one of the leaves and close the door. Then carefully lower the table leaf. Repeat on the other side.

## ***To use the HQ Hideaway with TruStitch and the Table Overlay***

When the HQ Sweet Sixteen is in its proper position on the table lift, there is extra space to the right of the machine for TruStitch. Remove the table insert and place the TruStitch Receiver on the table lift; plug in the cables as usual. Replace the table insert and place the optional Table Overlay on top of the HQ Hideaway.

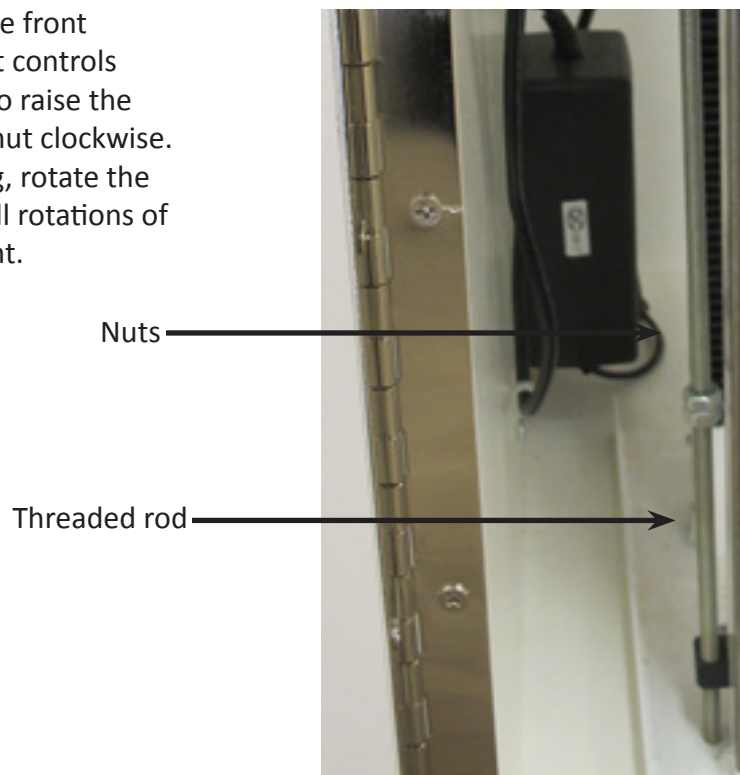


To secure the optional Table Overlay for TruStitch, use the pieces of hook and loop tape to attach the Table Overlay to the table insert.

 **IMPORTANT:** Do not attach the tape to the table top itself. You want to be able to easily remove the Table Overlay for those times when you close the HQ Hideaway.

## ***To adjust the quilting position setting***

1. Raise or lower the table to the preset quilting height setting.
2. Locate the threaded rod behind the front lift and the nut on the rod. The nut controls the quilting height stop position. To raise the quilting height setting, rotate the nut clockwise. To lower the quilting height setting, rotate the nuts counter-clockwise. Twenty full rotations of the nuts equate to an inch in height.



3. Make only minor changes to the quilting height setting at a time, which means approximately two or three full rotations. Make the adjustment and then lower the table lift a few inches by pressing down on the lift button. Then press up on the lift button until it stops to check the new quilting height setting. Continue making adjustments until you are happy with the quilting height.
4. When you are happy with the height adjustment, tighten the nuts until they lock against each other. Do this by simultaneously rotating the top nut counterclockwise while rotating the bottom nut clockwise.

Enjoy your HQ Hideaway!