

Thread Spool Tip

Do you know which type of thread spool pin on your sewing machine to use with different spools of thread?



Most spools of thread are wound one of two ways, cross-wound or stacked. The thread will come off of each type of spool differently. These tips can help if your sewing machine has both vertical and horizontal spool pins.

The red and blue spools on the left in the picture above are cross-wound spools. The thread has been wound on the spool in a criss-cross way, resulting in a pattern of “X’s” on the spool. The green and gold spools on the right in the picture above are stacked. The thread has been wound on the spool to stack one row above the other, resulting in a pattern of straight lines on the spool.

Cross-wound spools work best on a horizontal spool pin to allow the thread to evenly feed off of the spool. The thread should come off the top of the spool. Use the spool along with a foam pad and spool cap to help keep the thread from wrapping around the pin. **Use the thread cap (small pointed one) with the points going into the core of Isacord or Mettler thread that have the larger opening like the blue thread in the picture.**

Stacked spools work best on a vertical spool pin to allow the thread to evenly feed off of the spool. Use the spool along with a foam pad to help keep the thread from wrapping around the pin.