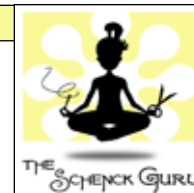




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tips for selecting and using needles



The project you are working on will determine the needle you need. There is a needle specially designed for every type of sewing, quilting and needlework project. Using the proper needle will help you achieve better, more professional looking results. The needle size you need is dictated by the thickness of the thread, embroidery floss or yarn and the thickness of the fabric. The higher the needle size, the finer the needle will be.

Appliqué



Short, very fine sharp needles for hand appliqué and detailed sewing on delicate fabrics.

Beading




Very fine, long needles with long eyes for stringing beads and sewing beads on fabric.

Bead Embroidery Sharp Point



Very fine, short needles for doing beaded embroidery.

Between (Quilting)



Very short, very fine needles with round eyes. The short length allows quilters to stitch faster using a "rocking" motion. Size 8 is recommended for beginners; size 12 for seasoned quilters.

Chenille



Large eye needles with sharp points for crewel embroidery and tying quilts.

Cotton Darners



Long needles with sharp points and long eyes for basting and mending with cotton and wool.

Easy-Threading



Ideal for those who have difficulty threading a needle, these needles (Calyx-eyed) have a slotted eye at the tip.

Embroidery



Sharps needles with long eyes for embroidery, ribbon embroidery, crewel work and general sewing.

Sharps



General purpose sewing needles. Use finer needles, such as a size 9, for sheer and lightweight fabrics. Use a size 7 for medium weight fabrics.

Tapestry



Large eye needles with blunt points for needlepoint, counted cross stitch, ribbon embroidery and for stitching knitted or crocheted projects.

Tapestry Petites



Short, large eye needles with blunt points, which are easy to manipulate.

Yarn Darners



Long needles with large eyes and sharp points for soft sculpture, mending, darning and stitching with yarn.

Leather



Also known as Glovers. These needles have a triangular shaped point for piercing the leather without tearing it. Used on leather, suede, vinyl and plastic.