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# hand needles & accessories guide



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## HAND NEEDLE SELECTION

Hand needles vary according to the shape of the eye, the length and point. The larger the needle size, the shorter and finer the needle. Select the type of needle for the type of project to be sewn, then choose the size of needle for the weight of fabric and type of thread.

## TYPES OF HAND NEEDLES

### BALL POINT

Slightly rounded tip for sewing stretch and knit fabrics.

### BEADING

Very fine, long needle with a small, round eye for beadwork, sewing sequins, pearls, etc.

### CHENILLE

Large-eye needle with sharp point for ribbon embroidery, candlewicking and crewel work.

### COTTON DARNERS

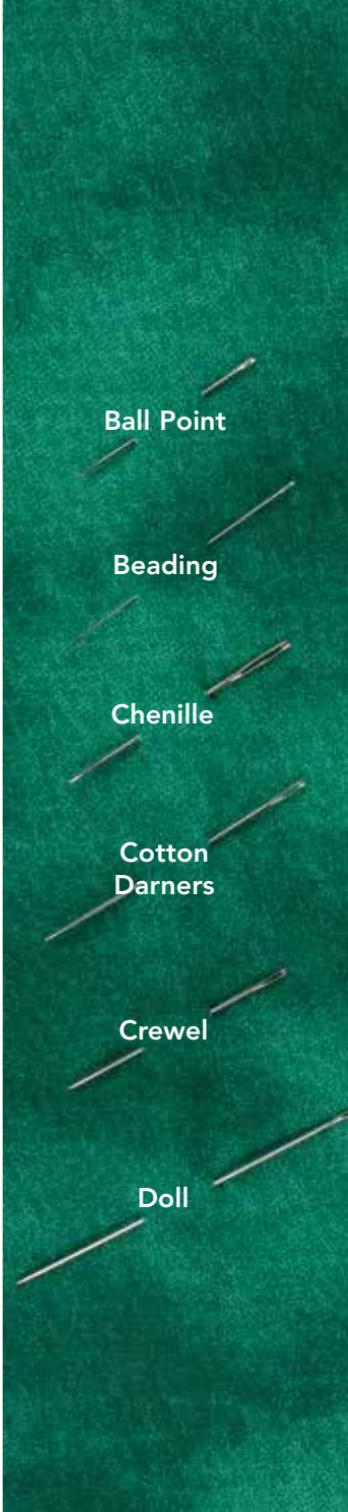
Long needle with sharp point and long eye for mending.

### CREWEL

Sharp needle with long eye for hand embroidery and crewel work.

### DOLL

Long needle with long eye for doll-making, soft sculpture, upholstery and other crafts.



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Doll

## NEEDLE THREADERS

The eyes on small hand and machine needles can be difficult to see when threading. Needle threaders allow quick and easy threading of all types of needles.

### NEEDLE THREADERS

Traditional threaders with metal or plastic holders are suitable for most hand and machine needles.



### DELUXE NEEDLE THREADER

Designed for use with hand needles with large or small eyes.



### LED NEEDLE THREADER

Bright LED activates when threader is exposed. Threader retracts for storage.



## NEEDLE PULLERS

Lightweight, flexible needle pullers are essential to hand sewing, especially when stitching through heavy or multiple fabric layers. The flower-shaped puller will grip the needle securely and help pull it easily through the layers. A needle puller is ideal for sewing through heavyweight fabrics such as denim and leather.



## THIMBLES

A thimble aids in repetitive hand sewing tasks by protecting the fingertip from abrasion and accidental piercing. A thimble also helps to push the needle through difficult or multiple layers of fabric. Choose a thimble that is comfortable to wear, fits properly and is designed for the end use.

### SLIP-STOP THIMBLE

A traditional style of metal thimble with built-in safety features. The ridges on the top and sides of the thimble prevent the needle from slipping.



### SOFT COMFORT THIMBLE

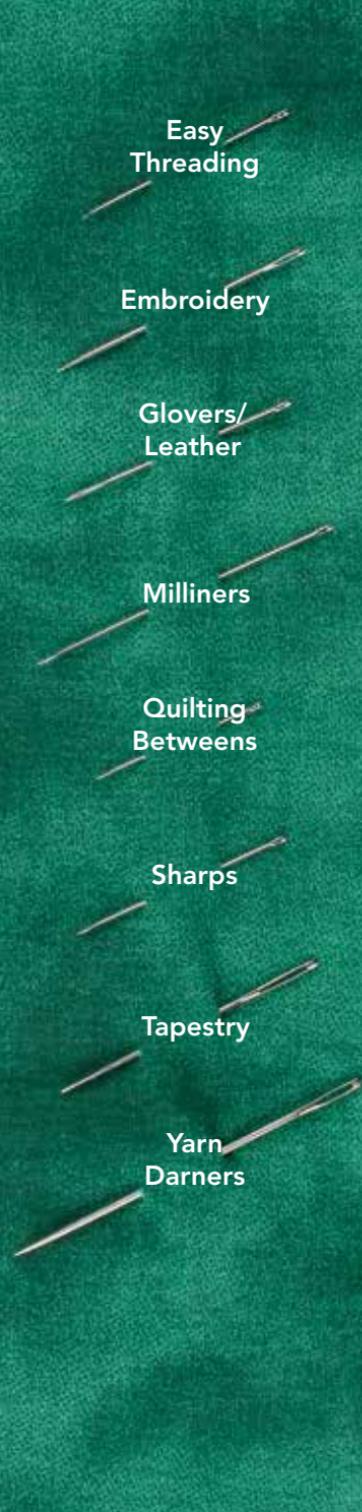


Sides of the thimble are soft and flexible with small openings for the finger to breathe. The top is hard to protect the finger and textured to stop a needle from slipping.

### LEATHER THIMBLE

Use soft, durable leather thimble for either sewing or quilting. The elastic band on the top adjusts to fit finger size. The side vents allow finger to breathe.





Easy  
Threading

Embroidery

Glovers/  
Leather

Milliners

Quilting  
Between

Sharps

Tapestry

Yarn  
Darners

## **EASY THREADING**

General purpose needle with a slot in outer edge of eye for easy threading.

## **EMBROIDERY**

Sharp needle with long eye for smocking, heirloom sewing, embroidery and crewel.

## **GLOVERS/LEATHER**

Needle with triangular point for use with leather, suede, vinyl and fur.

## **MILLINERS**

Long needle with small round eye for gathering, pleating, basting and millinery work.

## **QUILTING BETWEEN**

Short needle with round eye for quilting and detailed handwork.

## **SHARPS**

General purpose needle with sharp point for sewing and applique.

## **TAPESTRY**

Large-eyed needle with a blunt point for cross stitch, needlepoint and for stitching knitted items.

## **YARN DARNERS**

Long, heavy needle with a large eye for mending with yarn.

# NEEDLE STORAGE SOLUTIONS

## TWIST 'N SELECT®

This unique tube holds various sizes and types of needles. Twist the bottom of the tube and an internal magnet lifts needles to the top and fans them out for easy selection.



## NEEDLE STORAGE TUBES

Tubes are designed to store a package of needles after opening. A label, with needle name and size, can be placed on the tube side for the identification of needles. Needles are easily removed from the tube. Simply turn the tube over and an internal magnet lifts needles to the top.



## BEESWAX

To prevent tangles and knots in your thread when hand sewing, pull thread through beeswax to coat the thread.



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