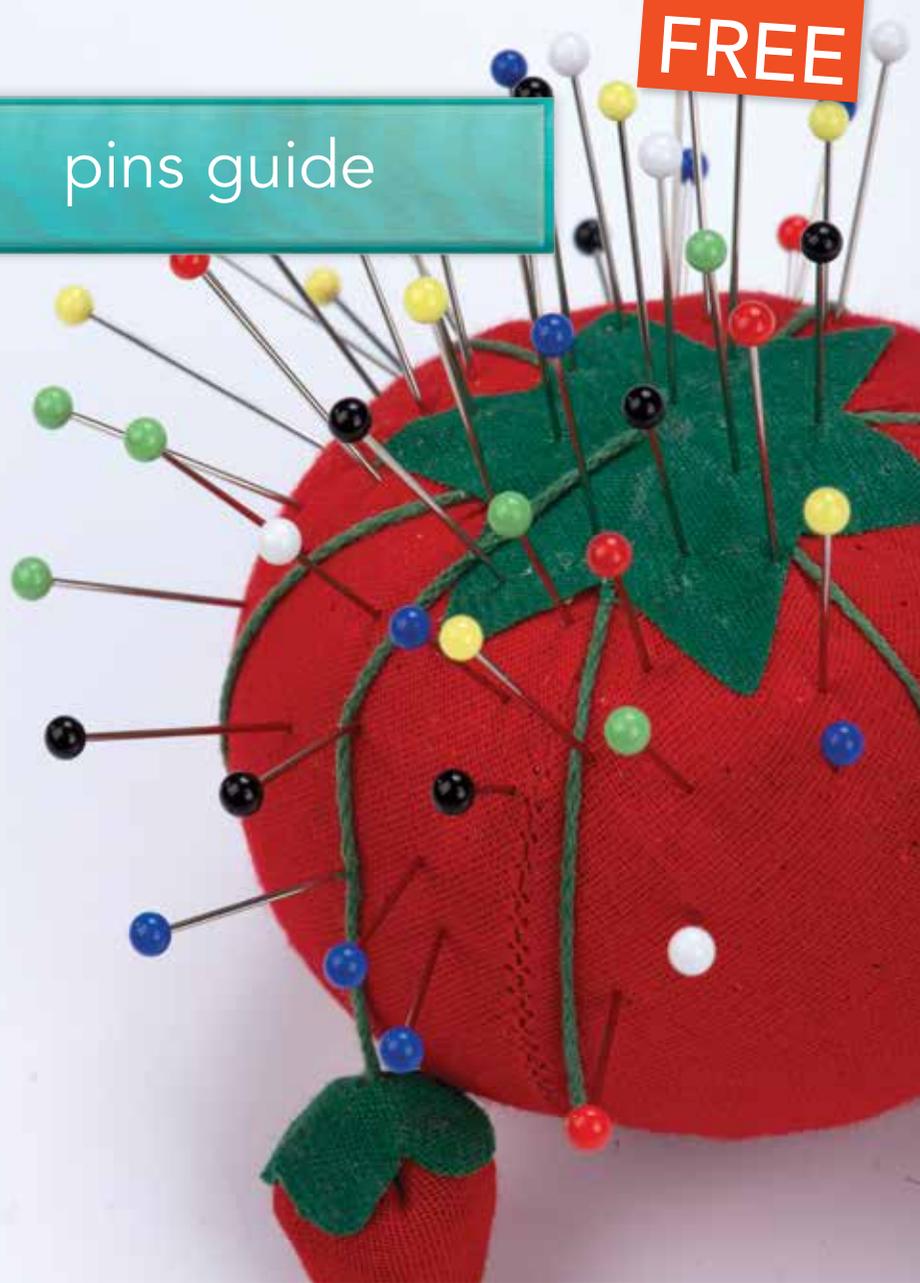


# pins guide

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## ANATOMY OF A PIN

### HEAD

Straight pins have one of the following types of heads.

- Metal: Small disk or T-shaped
- Plastic/Nylon: Colored, pearlized or metal-colored balls
- No-Melt Plastic: Flat flower or button shaped
- Glass: Heat-resistant round balls

### SHAFT

Select the pin shaft diameter for the weight and thickness of the fabric.

- .5mm: Fine, lightweight fabrics & sheers
- .6mm: Medium-weight fabrics
- .7mm-.8mm: Medium- to heavyweight fabrics

### POINT

Pins should easily slide into fabric without snags or creating large holes.

- Sharp: Sharp point suitable for most woven fabrics
- Ball Point: Rounded point slides between loops of knit fabric, without snagging or pulling the yarns

### LENGTH

Choose length of pin providing best ease of handling for the project

- Short: 1/2" to 7/8" for detailed handwork and close pinning
- Medium: 1 1/16" to 1 5/16" multi-purpose for sewing projects
- Long: 1 1/2" to 2" for multiple layers of fabric

### METAL CONTENT

Pins are produced from one of the following metals.

- Nickel-Plated Steel: Rust resistant, will stick to magnetic pin cushion
- Stainless Steel: Rustproof
- Brass: Rustproof
- Nickel-Plated Brass: Rustproof, will not tarnish

## DRITZ® STRAIGHT PIN BOXES

Straight pins are available in clear, reusable plastic boxes. Boxes come in 3 sizes and are stackable within each size. One side of the box is curved for easy pin removal. Simply reach into the box and roll the pins up the side of the box.

### IDENTIFICATION LABEL



Ever wondered what type or size of pin is being used? Refer to the label on the bottom of each box for easy pin identification.



## STRAIGHT PIN COMPANIONS

No sewing room is complete without a tomato pin cushion or magnetic pin holder. Having more than one assures pins are always within reach.

### TOMATO PIN CUSHION

Pins are easy to see and grasp in this traditional shaped cushion. Clean and sharpen pins and needles by inserting them into the emery-filled cushion.



### MAGNETIC PIN HOLDER

Use a magnetic pin holder to organize pins. Magnetic field catches pins and aligns them in a parallel direction, so they are easy to pick up and remove.



### PIN WAND

Wave this wand over pins, needles and safety pins to quickly retrieve them after a spill.

## SELECTING THE PROPER STRAIGHT PIN

Select pins according to the type of pin, length of pin, type of pin head, type of metal from which it is made and the type of project for which it will be used.

## TYPES OF STRAIGHT PINS

### APPLIQUÉ

Short length helps position and hold appliques during hand sewing

### BALL POINT

Rounded tip specially designed for knits and lingerie fabrics

### LONG BALL POINT

Long pin for medium-weight knit fabrics

### BEADING

Large head for lace-weave and open-weave fabrics and beading crafts

### BRIDAL & LACE

Extra-fine pin for delicate or lightweight fabrics and lace

### COLOR BALL

General purpose sewing pin for medium-weight fabrics

### EXTRA-LONG COLOR BALL

Extra-long for lofty fabrics, quilt basting and home décor sewing

### CRAFT

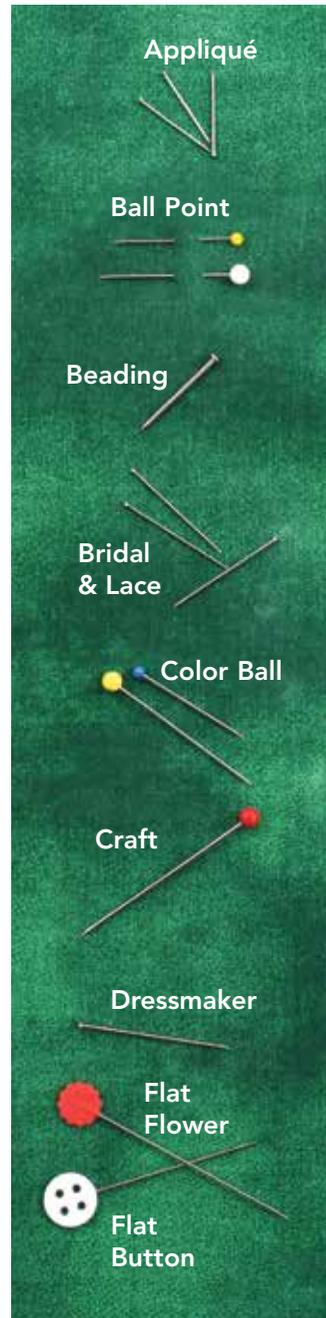
Extra-long pin for heavyweight fabrics, home décor projects and crafts

### DRESSMAKER

General purpose sewing pin suitable for medium-weight fabrics

### FLAT FLOWER/FLAT BUTTON

Extra-long, fine pin with flat head for lace, eyelet, loose weaves, lofty fabrics and home décor



### GLASS HEAD

A general purpose pin for medium-weight fabrics with a heat-resistant glass head

### EXTRA-FINE & ULTRA-FINE GLASS HEAD

Fine .4mm and .5mm shafts with heat-resistant heads for delicate fabrics and machine piecing

### PEARLIZED

Colorful, pearlized head for general sewing, floral, crafts and decorative projects

### PETITE PEARLIZED

Short, pearlized head for floral and crafts

### HEART PEARLIZED PINS

Colorful, heart-shaped, pearlized head for sewing, crafts and decorative projects

### PLEATING

Fine, sharp pin for pleats and delicate fabrics and delicate, lightweight fabrics

### QUILTING

To baste quilt layers and pin multiple layers of fabric. Long length for loose weaves, synthetic furs, plush velvets, bulky fabrics and heavy trims

### SATIN

For satin and medium-weight fabrics

### EXTRA-LONG SATIN

Extra-long with tapered point for lightweight to medium-weight fabrics

### SEQUIN

Extra-short, fine pin for sequins, thin trims, hand appliqué and crafts

### SILK

Rustproof pin for silk and synthetic fabrics

### SUPER-FINE SHARP

.5mm fine pin especially for microfiber and delicate fabrics

## SPECIALTY PINS

### T-PIN

Strong pin for upholstery, outdoor fabrics and crafts

### MAP

Short pins for marking locations on maps

### TIDY

Flat, square shaped pin with double prongs keeps arm covers, slipcovers and bed skirts in place

### TWIST

Short, curled shaft twists into furniture to attach arm covers, slipcovers and mattress covers

## SAFETY PINS

### SAFETY

For sewing, quilting and crafts

### CURVED SAFETY

Bent shaft for easy insertion; prevents shifting of quilt layers during basting

### SKIRT/KILT

Decorative pin for skirts and kilts

### BLANKET

Extra-large safety pin for blankets

### DIAPER

Curved pin with plastic safety cap for cloth diapers



Pins shown are not actual size