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 & project for which it will be used.

STRAIGHT PINS

APPLIQUE
Short length helps position and hold appliques during hand sewing

BALL POINT
Rounded tip is specially designed for knits and lingerie fabrics

LONG BALL POINT
Long pin for use on medium-weight knit fabrics

BEADING
Large head is ideal for lace, open-weave fabrics and beading crafts

BRIDAL AND LACE
Extra-fine pin for use on 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 & home decor sewing

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

DRESSMAKER
General purpose sewing pin suitable for medium-weight fabrics

FLAT FLOWER OR FLAT BUTTON
Extra-long, fine pin with flat head for lace, eyelet, loose weaves, lofty fabrics and home decor
GLASS HEAD
A general purpose pin with a heat-resistant glass head used for medium-weight fabrics

EXTRA-FINE GLASS HEAD
Fine .5 mm shaft with a heat-resistant head used for delicate fabrics and machine piecing

METALLIC
Silver or gold plastic headpin used for general sewing, crafts and decorative projects

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

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

QUILTING
Used for basting quilt layers and pinning multiple layers of fabric. Long length is ideal for loose weaves, synthetic furs, plush velvets, bulky fabrics and heavy trims

SATIN
Used for satin and medium-weight fabrics

EXTRA-LONG SATIN
Extra-long pin with a tapered point for light- to medium-weight fabrics

SEQUIN
Extra-short, fine pin used for pinning sequins and thin trims, hand applique and crafts

SILK
Rustproof pin used on silk and synthetic fabrics

SUPER-FINE SHARP
.5 mm fine pin especially for microfibers and delicate fabrics

SPECIALTY PINS

Corsage & Boutonniere
Black and white, pearlized head used for pinning corsage or flower onto garment for formal occasions (not pictured)

T-PIN
Strong pin used for upholstery, outdoor fabrics and crafts

TIDY
Flat, square shaped pin with double prongs used to keep arm covers, slipcovers and bed skirts in place

TWIST
Short, curled shaft twists into furniture attaching arm covers, slipcovers and mattress covers

SAFETY PINS

SAFETY
Use for sewing, quilting and crafts

CURVED SAFETY
Bent shaft allows for easy insertion and prevents shifting of quilt layers when basting

BUTTON
Hold delicate, non-washable buttons on garment for easy removal

SKIRT/KILT
Decorative pin for skirts and kilts

BLANKET
Extra-large safety pin for blankets

DIAPER
Curved pin with plastic safety cap for pinning cloth diapers

Pins shown are not actual size
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.
- .5 mm: Fine, lightweight fabrics and sheers
- .6 mm: Medium-weight fabrics
- .7 mm - 8 mm: Medium-weight to heavyweight fabrics

POINT
Pins should easily slide into the fabric without snagging 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 the length of pin that provides the best ease of handling for the specific project.
- Short: 1/2" - 7/8" Length allows for detailed handwork and close pinning
- Medium: 1 1/8" - 1 3/16" Multipurpose length suitable for various sewing projects

METAL CONTENT
Pins are produced from one of the following types of metals.
- Nickel-Plated Steel: Rust resistant and will stick to a magnetic pin cushion
- Stainless Steel: Rustproof
- Brass: Rustproof
- Nickel-Plated Brass: Rustproof and will not tarnish

DRITZ® STRAIGHT PIN BOXES
Straight pins are available in clear, reusable plastic boxes. The boxes come in three 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 caddy. Having more than one assures pins are always within reach.

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

PIN CADDY
Use a magnetic pin caddy to organize pins. The strong magnet catches the pins and aligns them in a parallel direction so they are easy to pick up and remove. Store extra pins in the drawer.

PIN WAND
Quickly retrieve spilled pins, needles and safety pins by waving the pin wand over the area.

Please read and follow all manufacturers’ instructions for all tools and materials used. Provide adult supervision if children participate in this project.
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