

# 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, short or long needles with long eyes for stringing and sewing beads on fabric.

## BETWEENS (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.

## CURVED



Versatile needles that have a semi-circular shape or a gentle arch which makes them so easily grasped within the palm and maneuvered with great accuracy. Used for upholstery or items that cannot be flattened as well as tufting quilt layers together.

## EASY-THREADING

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

## 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 for needlepoint, counted cross stitch, thread tapestry wool and crocheted projects. Blunt point enables the needle to pass through canvas without tearing.

## YARN DARNERS

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

## LEATHER

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

## MILLINER

Also known as Straw. Used for pleating, decorative stitching, appliqué and some types of beadwork. Similar to Sharps but longer.

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