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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

Applique



Ball Point

Beading

Bridal and Lace

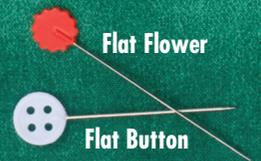
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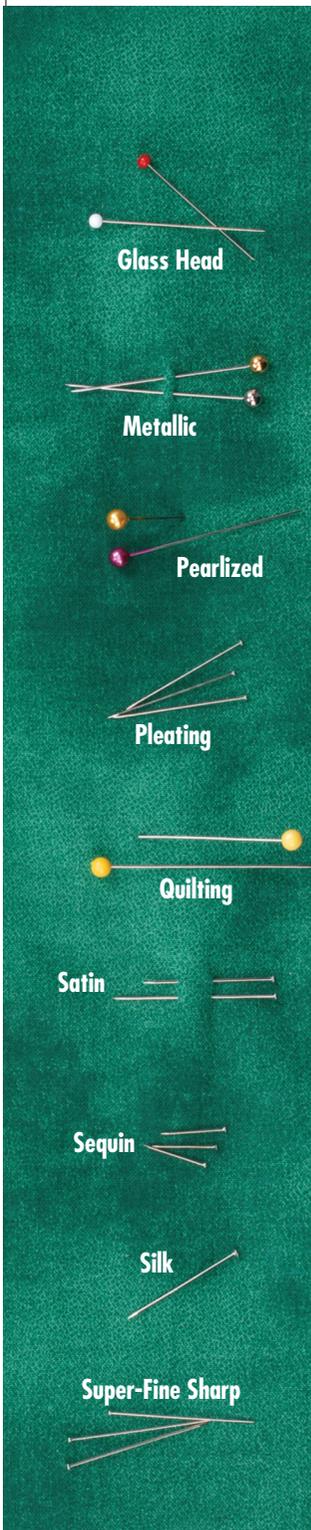
Craft

Dressmaker

Flat Flower

Flat Button



**Glass Head****GLASS HEAD**

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

Metallic**EXTRA-FINE GLASS HEAD**

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

Pearlized**METALLIC**

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

Pleating**PEARLIZED**

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

Quilting**PLEATING**

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

Satin**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

Sequin**SATIN**

Used for satin and medium-weight fabrics

Silk**EXTRA-LONG SATIN**

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

Super-Fine Sharp**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

**T-Pin****Tidy****Twist****Safety****Curved Safety****Button****Skirt/Kilt****Blanket****Diaper**

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 3/8" Multipurpose length suitable for various sewing projects
Long	1 1/2" - 2" Required for multiple layers of fabric

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.

#61 Extra-Fine Glass Head Pins

Size 22 - 1 3/8" • Nickel-Plated Steel
 • Use for delicate fabrics & machine piecing
 • Glass heads are heat-resistant
 • Extra-fine, .5mm shaft
 ↓ Curved Side for Easy Pin Removal ↓

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.

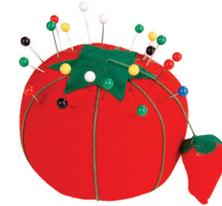


STRAIGHT PIN COMPANIONS

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.



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