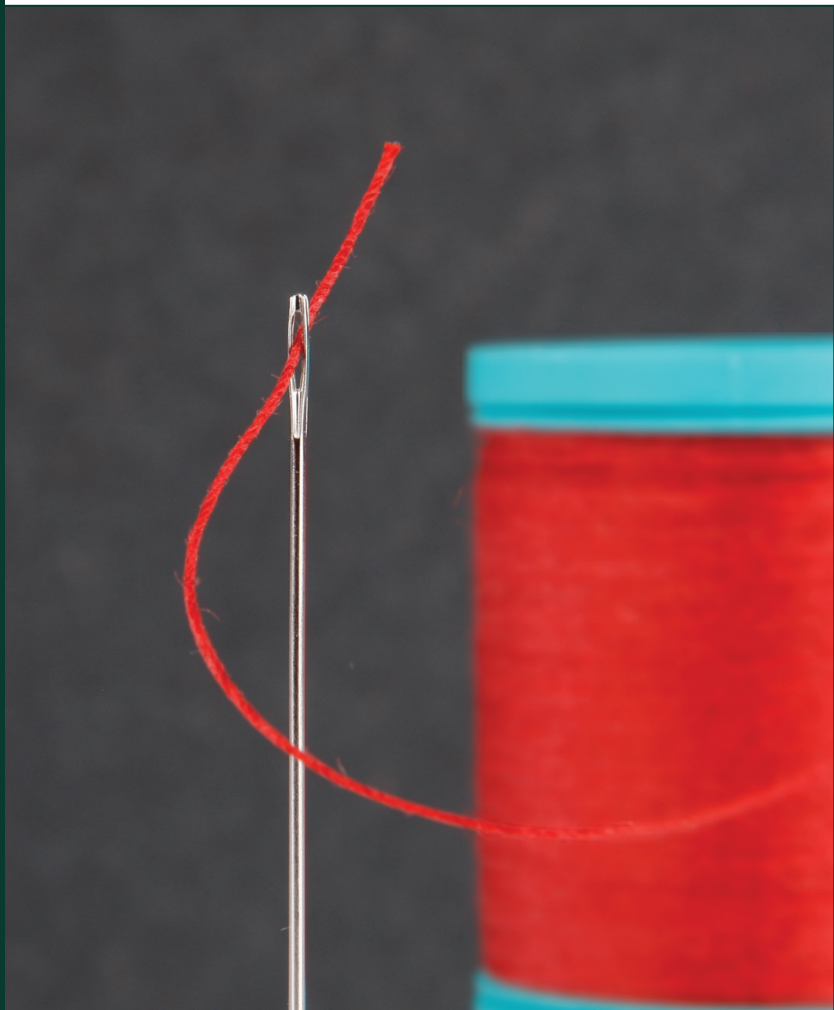


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hand needles guide



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SELECTING THE PROPER HAND NEEDLE

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 and then choose the size of needle for the weight of fabric and type of thread.

HAND NEEDLES

BALL POINT

Slightly rounded tip used for sewing stretch and knit fabrics

BEADING

Very fine, long needle with a small round eye used for beadwork or for sewing sequins and pearls

CHEVILLE

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

COTTON DARNERS

Long needle with sharp point and long eye used for mending

CREWEL

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

DOLL

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



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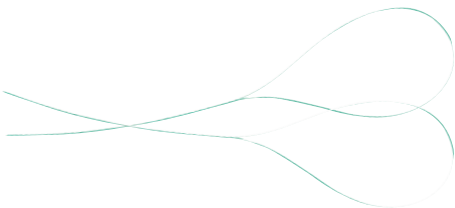
NEEDLE THREADERS

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

TRADITIONAL THREADERS with metal or plastic holders are suitable for most hand and machine needles. Threaders with plastic holders have a recessed cutter in the end for quick cutting of thread.



FLEXI-NEEDLE THREADERS can be used with hand or machine needles. The thin threaders are flexible allowing them to easily glide through needles with small and large eyes.



TAPESTRY NEEDLE THREADERS are flat, metal threaders designed especially for threading needles with thicker yarns like needlepoint and tapestry wool.



DELUXE NEEDLE THREADER quickly threads the needle. Simply insert eye of needle into tool and push the button. The tool is designed for both large and small eyed needles.



THIMBLES

A thimble aids in repetitive hand sewing tasks by protecting the tip of the finger from abrasion and accidental piercing. A thimble also helps to push the needle through difficult or multiple layers of fabric. There are various types of thimbles available. Choose the one that is comfortable to wear, fits properly and is designed for the end use.

SLIP-STOP THIMBLES are the traditional style of metal thimble with built-in safety features. The ridge on the top and sides of the thimble prevent the needle from slipping.



SOFT THIMBLES are flexible which provides added comfort and a better fit. They are made from a puncture-resistant material.



LEATHER THIMBLE is soft and durable and can be used for either sewing or quilting. The elastic band on the top adjusts to fit finger size and the side vents allow finger to breathe.





Easy Threading

EASY THREADING

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

Embroidery

EMBROIDERY

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

**Glovers/
Leather**

GLOVERS/LEATHER

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

Milliners

MILLINERS

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

**Quilting
Betweens**

QUILTING BETWEENES

Short needle with round eye for quilting and detailed handwork

Sharps

SHARPS

General purpose needle with sharp point for sewing and applique

Tapestry

TAPESTRY

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

**Yarn
Darners**

YARN DARNERS

Long heavy needle with a large eye for mending with yarn

BEESWAX

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

Beeswax has other household uses too. Rub over zipper teeth of a stubborn zipper to make it slide like new or use on a drawer that sticks when opened and closed.



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.



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