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Needle Anatomy

Butt: The beveled end allows easy insertion in the needle bar.

Shank: Household needles have a flat shank, while commercial and industrial needles have round, threaded, notched or other special shanks. Shanks allow perfect positioning of the needle in the sewing machine.

Shoulder: The sloping area transitioning between the shank and blade. SCHMETZ color codes appear on the shoulder.

Blade: Needle size is determined by the blade diameter (i.e., size 75 is .75mm).

Groove: The groove cradles and guides thread to the eye. The length and size of the groove

vary according to needle type.

Scarf: The indentation above the eye that allows the bobbin hook to smoothly grab the thread under the throat plate to create a stitch. The shape and size of the scarf vary according to needle type.

Eye: The hole through which thread passes. The shape and size of the eye vary according to needle type.

Point & Tip: Length, shape and size vary according to needle types. Needle Type: Upper color band indicates needle type (i.e., Stretch).

Needle Size: Lower color band indicates size (i.e., 75/11).

Change Your Needle

Damaged or worn needles result in:

- · Broken or shredded threads
- Skipped or uneven stitches
- · Puckered or damaged fabrics
- · Popping sounds made by sewing machine

Replace Your Needle

It's the easiest way to improve your stitch quality.

Needle Selection

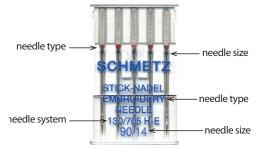
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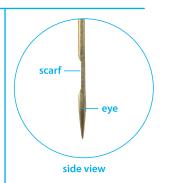
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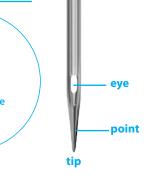
The needle system used by home sewing machines. Needles have a flat shank and a scarf.

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How to Read a Needle Package







General Purpose Needles

Universal

Size: 60/8, 65/9, 70/10, 75/11, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16, 110/18, 120/19, Assorted, Twin, Triple Color Code: None

Feature: Slightly rounded point. Fabric Use: Numerous - woven and knits.

A great general purpose needle.

Jersey (Ball Point) Size: 70/10, 80/12,

90/14, 100/120, Assorted

Color Code: Orange Feature: Medium ball point.

Fabric Use: Knits and some stretch fabrics. Made especially for sewing on knits. The medium ball point does

not damage or break knit fibers.

Stretch

Size: 65/9, 75/11, 90/14, Twin

Color Code: Yellow Feature: Medium ball point, special eye and scarf.

Fabric Use: Elastic materials and highly elastic knitwear.

The medium ball point, specially designed eye and scarf prevent skipped stitches.

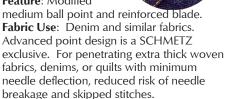


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Size: 70/10, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16, 110/16, Assorted,

Twin

Color Code: Blue Feature: Modified

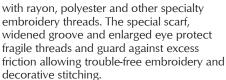


Embroidery

Size: 75/11, 90/14, Assorted, Twin Color Code: Red Feature: Light ball point, wide eye and

groove.

Fabric Use: Use



Gold Embroidery

Size: 75/11, 90/14 Color Code: None Feature: Titanium Nitride coating, slightly rounded point and enlarged eye.

Fabric Use: Coarse and densely woven

Twin

materials. Slightly rounded point and enlarged eye are perfect for embroidery on most fabrics and with the most fragile specialty threads. Titanium coating resists adhesives, improves needle wear and penetration of coarse and densely woven fabrics.

Double needles are actually two

simultaneously. Use two spools of

needles mounted on one shaft used to create two rows of stitches

thread and one bobbin thread.

Sizes: 1.6/70, 1.6/80, 2.0/80,

2.5/80, 3.0/90, 4.0/80, 4.0/90, 4.0/100, 6.0/100, 8.0/100, Assorted

Universal Twin

Specialty Needles

Microtex (Sharp)

Size: 60/8, 70/10, 80/12, 90/14, 100/19, 110/18, Assorted

Color Code: Purple **Feature**: Very slim acute point.

Fabric Use: Micro fibers, polyester, silk, foils, artificial leather, coated materials. Very thin acute point creates beautiful topstitching and perfectly straight stitches for quilt piecing when precision is paramount.

Quilting

Size: 75/11, 90/14, Assorted

Color Code: Green Feature: Special taper to the slightly rounded point.

Fabric Use: Made

especially for piecing and machine quilting. The special tapered design allows easier fabric penetration and helps eliminate skipped stitches.



Size: 70/10, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16, 110/18, Assorted Color Code: Brown

Feature: Cutting

point.

Fabric Use: Leather,

artificial leather, heavy non-woven synthetics. Do not use on knit or woven fabrics.

Quick Threading

Size: 80/12, 90/14 Color Code: None Feature: Universal needle with a slip-in threading slot in

the eye.

Fabric Use: Numerous woven and knits. A general purpose needle for effortless threading.

Metallic

Size: 80/12, 90/14,

Color Code: Pink Feature: Elongated

Fabric Use: Metallic and other specialty

threads. A "must have" for sewing with sensitive metallic threads. The elongated eye prevents shredding and breaking of metallic

threads.

Topstitch

Size: 80/12, 90/14, 100/16

Color Code: Lt. Green Feature: Extra long eye.

Fabric Use: Topstitch, heavy, multiple or poor

quality threads. Achieve perfectly straight stitch lines and even stitches when using a

straight stitch plate.

Hemstitch

Size: 100, 120, Twin Color Code: None Feature: A wing on each side of the needle.

Fabric Use: Light or medium weight

loosely woven fabrics. Popular for heirloom sewing and to create decorative cutwork.

Double Eye

Size: 80/12 Color Code: None Feature: Universal needle with two

eves. **Fabric Use:**

Numerous – woven

and knits. Use two different threads for shading and texturing effects for embroidery

and topstitching.

Metallic Twin

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Size: 4.0/100

Stretch Twin

Size: 2.5/75, 4.0/75

Universal Triple

Size: 2.5/80, 3.0/90





Double Hemstitch

A hemstitch needle and a universal needle with a 2.5 mm separation.

Embroidery Twin

Size: 2.0/75, 3.0/75



Size: 2.5/100







