HAND NEEDLE SELECTION
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, then choose the size of needle for the weight of fabric and type of thread.

TYPES OF HAND NEEDLES

BALL POINT
Slightly rounded tip for sewing stretch and knit fabrics

BEADING
Very fine, long needle with a small, round eye for beadwork, sewing sequins, pearls, etc.

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

COTTON DARNERS
Long needle with sharp point and long eye for mending

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

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

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

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

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

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

QUILTING BETWEENS
Short needle with round eye for quilting and detailed handwork

SHARPS
General purpose needle with sharp point for sewing and applique

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

YARN DARNERS
Long heavy needle with a large eye for mending with yarn
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.

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

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

FINGERTIP THIMBLE
Long fingernails are not a problem when handsewing with this thimble. It protects the bottom and tip of the finger, while the top is open to accommodate the nail.

LEATHER THIMBLE
Use soft, durable leather thimble for either sewing or quilting. The elastic band on the top adjusts to fit finger size. The side vents allow finger to breathe.

DELUXE NEEDLE THREADER
Designed to be used with hand needles with large or small eyes.

LED NEEDLE THREADER
Bright LED activates when threader is exposed. Threader retracts for storage.

DOUBLE NEEDLE THREADER
A double-sided threader for use with small and large eye needles. The pointed loop threader is used for fine threads and small eye needles. The squared loop threader is used for embroidery floss or pearl cottons and large-eye needles.

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. Use on a drawer that sticks when being opened and closed.

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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.

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

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