

SCHMETZ® NEEDLE GUIDE

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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.

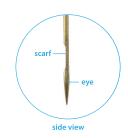
Scarf: The indentation above the eye that allows the bobbin hook to smoothly grab the thread under the throat plate to create a stitch. The shape and size of the scarf vary according to needle type.

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

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

SCHMETZ® Works with All **Sewing Machine Brands!**

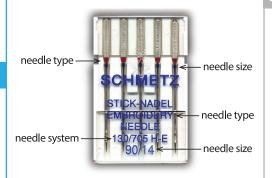
Replace Your Needle

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

Needle Selection

Choose needle size according to thread thickness and needle type according to fabric application.

How to Read a Needle Package



SCHMETZ® Chrome Professional Grade Needles

Why Chrome?

- · Less friction on thread passing through eye.
- · Penetrates fabric with less resistance.
- Smoother stitch creation.
- Resists heat improved durability & performance.
- indicates select sizes available in SCHMETZ® Chrome.

point tip

General Purpose Needles

Universal Size: 65/9, 70/10, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16,

Assorted, Twin

Color Code: None

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

A great general purpose needle.

Jersey (Ball Point)

Size: 80/12, 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: 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.





Specialty Needles

leans

Size: 100/16, 110/18 **Color Code: Blue**

Feature: Modified medium ball point and reinforced blade.

Fabric Use: Denim and similar fabrics. Advanced point design is a SCHMETZ® exclusive. For penetrating extra thick woven fabrics, denims, or quilts with minimum needle deflection, reduced risk of needle breakage and skipped stitches.

Microtex (Sharp)

Size: 60/8, 70/10, 80/12, 90/14

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

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.

Embroidery

Size: 75/11, 90/14

Color Code: Red Feature: Light ball

point, wide eye and groove. Fabric Use: Use with rayon,

polyester and other specialty embroidery threads. The special scarf, widened groove and enlarged eye protect fragile threads and guard against excess friction allowing troublefree embroidery and decorative stitching.

Topstitch

Size: 80/12, 90/14

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.

Leather

Size: 90/14, 110/18

Color Code: Brown Feature: Cutting point.

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

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Multiple Needles

Universal Twin Sizes: 2.0/80, 4.0/80

Stretch Twin

Size: 2.5/75, 4.0/75

