

Hand Sewing Needle Types

Type	Size / Shape	Common Uses
Ballpoint	5-10	Sewing stretchy fabric (knits)
Beading	10-15	Threading beads/sequins
Between	1-12	Quilting between stitches
Bodkin	N/A / thick flat needle	Threading elastic
Chenille	13-26 / thick large point	Threading thick yarn
Darning	1-9, 5/0-9, 14-18	Mending cotton, yarn, & wool
Embroidery	1-16	Embroidery, needlepoint, decorative
Leather	3/0-10	Sewing leather/faux leather
Milners	5/0-10 / sharp and long	Making hats & crafting
Sailmakers	Varies	Sewing canvas
Sharps	2-12	All fabric types (based on size)
Tapestry	13-28	Tapestry/canvas
Upholstery	3-18" / can be curved	Upholstery