

# 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.

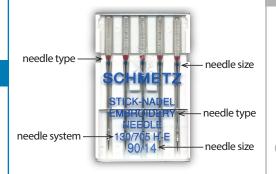
#### **Replace Your Needle**

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



## 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.

## eye point tip

### **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, 100/16, 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.



#### Jeans

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

Twin

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 guilts with minimum needle deflection, reduced risk of needle breakage and skipped stitches.

#### 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.

Leather 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.

#### Microtex (Sharp)

Size: 60/8, 70/10, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16, 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.

indicates select sizes available in SCHMETZ Chrome.

#### **Specialty Needles**

#### **Embroidery**

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

point, wide eve 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.

#### **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 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.

#### Metallic

Size: 80/12, 90/14,

Twin

Color Code: Pink Feature: Elongated eye.

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

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#### Super NonStick

Size: 70/10, 80/12, 90/14, 100/16 Feature: Anti-

adhesive coating (NIT), extra large eye, distinctive scarf, and

reinforced blade prevent skipped stitches and provides a residue-free needle. Fabric Use: Use when sewing with embroidery stabilizer, temporary spray adhesive, or self-adhesive hook & loop tape.

#### 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 eyes. Fabric Use: Numerous woven and knits. Use two

different threads for shading and texturing effects for embroidery and topstitching.

### **Multiple Needles**

#### **Twin**

Double needles are actually two needles mounted on one shaft used to create two rows of stitches simultaneously. Use two spools of thread and one bobbin thread.

#### **Universal Twin**

**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

#### **Double Hemstitch**

**Size**: 2.5/100

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

#### **Embroidery Twin**

Size: 2.0/75, 3.0/75

**Metallic Twin** 

Size: 2.5/80, 3.0/90

Jeans Twin Size: 4.0/100

**Stretch Twin** 

Size: 2.5/75, 4.0/75

**Universal Triple** Size: 2.5/80, 3.0/80

