

size butt

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shank

shoulder

blade

groove

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 needle bar.

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 and Tip: Length, shape and size vary according to needle types.

Change Your Needle

Damaged or worn needles result in:

- Broken or shredded threads
- Skipped stitches
- · Puckered fabrics
- · Damaged fabrics
- Uneven threads

Replace Your Needle

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

Needle Selection

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

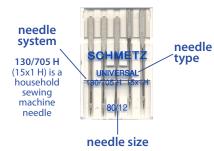
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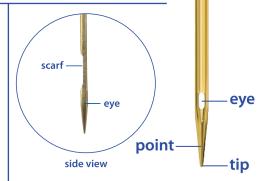
Household sewing machines require a needle with a flattened shank. All needles in this system have a flattened shank for perfect needle positioning in the needle bar in relation to the hook.

Schmetz Works with All Sewing Machines!

Schmetz needles work with all new, current and older household sewing machines!

How to Read a Needle Package





General Purpose Needles

Universal

Size: 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120, Assorted, Twin, Triple. **Color Code**: None

Color Code: None **Feature**: Slightly rounded point.

Fabric Use: Numerous - woven and knits. A great general purpose needle.

Jersey

Size: 70, 80, 90, 100,

Assorted

Color Code: None **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, 75, 90, 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.



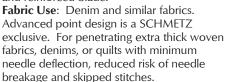
Jeans

Size: 70, 80, 90, 100, 110, Assorted,

Twin

Color Code: Blue Feature: Modified medium ball point

medium ball point and reinforced blade.



Embroidery Size: 75, 90, Assorted, Twin 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 trouble-free embroidery and decorative stitching.

Gold Embroidery

woven fabrics.

Size: 75, 90
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

Specialty Needles

Microtex (Sharp) Size: 60, 70, 80, 90,

100, 110

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, 90, 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, 80, 90, 100, 110, 120

Color Code: None **Feature**: Cutting

point.

Fabric Use: Leather, artificial leather,

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

Quick Threading

Size: 80, 90 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, 90, Twin **Color Code**: None **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, 90, 100 Color Code: None 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.

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

Jeans Twin Size: 4.0/100

Stretch Twin Size: 2.5/75, 4.0/75

Universal Triple Size: 2.5/80, 3.0/80

