

Which Sewing Machine Needle Should I Use?

A B A S I C G U I D E



S H A R P E S

Use with natural and finely woven fabrics such as cotton, linen and silk. Useful for working with several layers of fabric such as when quilting with cotton and wadding.

70/10 Voile, silk, microfibrés
80/12 Cotton shirting fabric, patchwork
80/14 Top stitching

B A L L P O I N T O R J E R S E Y

Use with man made materials such as polycotton, viscose or rayon, and most jersey or interlock fabrics.

70/10 Light knits, tricot
80/12 Jersey, interlock, lacoste
90/14 Medium heavy knits, double knit

S T R E T C H

Use with elasticated and stretch fabrics such as lycra, spandex, powernet or body stocking.

75/11 Light lycra
90/14 Heavier lycra

D E N I M O R J E A N

Use with heavy, densely woven fabrics such as denim and canvas.

90/14 Denim, tightly woven fabrics
100/16 Heavy denim, vinyl, upholstery fabric

O T H E R

Leather - use with leather and suede
Embroidery - use with specialist embroidery machines for intricate embroidery
Metafil - use with metallic thread
Quilting - use with cotton and wadding layers
Twin or Triple - for decorative stitches (not suitable for all sewing machines, check with manufacture's guidelines)