

HAND NEEDLES

FABRIC / NEEDLES / THREAD

QUESTION: What size needle should I use?

SHORT ANSWER: The weight of the fabric will determine your needle size. The finer or heavier the fabric, the finer or heavier your needle and thread.

FABRIC

FABRIC WEIGHTS	FINEST	LIGHT	MED. LIGHT	MEDIUM	MED. HEAVY	HEAVY	HEAVIEST
General guide only.	Chiffon Organdy	Silk Taffeta Batiste	Rayon Challis Gingham	Cotton Linen Satin	Gabardine Felt Twill	Denim Drapery Tweed	Duck Cloth Leather Upholstery

HAND NEEDLE SIZING

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HAND NEEDLES	FINEST			MEDIUM					HEAVIEST			
Most Hand Needle Sizes	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Tapestry & Chenille Sizes	28	26	24	22	20	18	16	14	13			

THREAD SIZING

Presencia: 100% Cotton, 3 Ply, Extra-Long Staple

THREAD TYPES	FINEST			MEDIUM					HEAVIEST	
Quilting/Sewing Thread Sizes	60				50					40
Embroidery Floss	1 strand	2	3	4	5	6 strands				
Perl� Cotton Sizes	16	12	8	5	3					
Cotton Crochet Sizes	100	80	60	40	30	20	10			
Metallic Thread	1 Ply									2 Ply
Metallic Floss	1 strand	2	3	4	5	6 strands				