

# 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		6		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					