



Kari's Needle Use & Size Guide

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Needles come in a variety of sizes and it can be very confusing which needle is best for what type of stitching and once you have figured which needle to use, you place it in your pincushion and then don't have any idea which needle is what! Then to confuse matters, some needles get larger as size numbers get larger, and some needles do the opposite. To help you sort out the needle dilemma, the following are *my* suggested uses for needles with accompanying illustrations.

Tapestry Needles Tapestry needles have a long oval eye with a wide shaft and blunt tip. Used for canvas work including needlepoint and cross stitch, ribbon embroidery, thread weaving, cast on flowers, drawn thread work, huck weaving, hem stitching and more. Used in smocking to weave ribbons or threads. Kari has sizes #20, 22 & 26 in stock.



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Chenille Needles Chenille needles have a long oval eye with a wide body and sharp tip. A favorite for silk ribbon embroidery. Can also be used for crewel and wool embroidery, embroidery with pearl cotton no. 3 & 5, smocking with ribbon and so much more. Kari has sizes # 13, 18, 20, 22 & 24 in stock.

Crewel/Embroidery Needles Crewel or Embroidery needles have a long flared eye and medium length shank ending in a sharp point. Excellent all purpose embroidery needle. Crewel #7 is a favorite 3 strand smocking needle. Kari has sizes # 7 & 9 in stock.



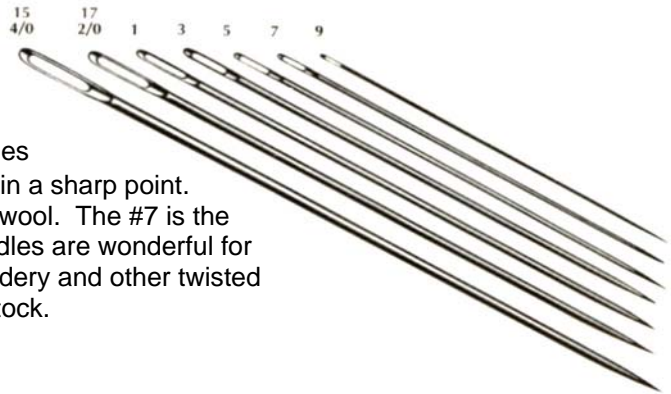
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Milliners/Straw Needles Milliners or Straw needles have a long slender eye and a longer than average shaft ending in a sharp point. Traditionally used in hat making these needles are ideal for bullions, white work and fine hand embroideries. Larger needles are wonderful for extra long or chunky bullions, Brazilian embroidery and other twisted thread embroidery. Great beading needle as they are long and slender, but not as flimsy as a beading needle. Kari has sizes #3, 5, 8, 9 & 10 in stock.



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Long Darner Needles Long Darner needles have a long flared eye and long shank ending in a sharp point. Traditionally used for mending especially with wool. The #7 is the ideal needle for picture smocking. Larger needles are wonderful for extra long or chunky bullions, Brazilian embroidery and other twisted thread stitching. Kari has sizes # 3, 5 & 7 in stock.

Sharps Sharp needles have a small eye and a slender shaft ending in a sharp point. Basic sewing needles are ideal for small fine bullions, white work, fine hand embroideries, hand quilting and appliqué. Kari has sizes #7 & 10 in stock.



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