

Tools - The Basics



The Second Golden Rule: Have the right tools for the job.

If you memorize and take to heart the second golden rule, your tools will always be in place and ready to use when you need them. Sewing uses many tools, but there are those which are basic requirements to sew.

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Basic Sewing Tools

Hand Needles

Pins & Pin Cushion

Tape Measure

Hem Gauge

Thimble

Scissors

Bodkin

Iron/Ironing Board

* Sewing Machine

Cutting Board

Marking Pencil/Pen

Seam Ripper

Beginner Basics In Sewing

- Tools
- Machine Basics
- Reading Patterns
- Fabric Selections
- Measurements & Shape
- Picking the Pattern

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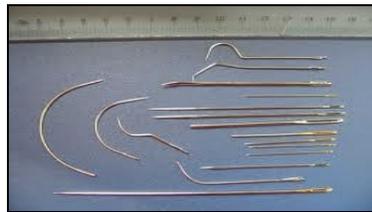
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Hand Needles— There are many types of hand sewing needles. A good rule of thumb: The fabric weight (thick, thin, etc.) determines the size and type of needle to sew with. This same rule applies to your sewing machine needles.

Marking Pen/Pencil— You never want to use ink, lead pencil on your fabrics to mark. There are special marking inks found in paper where you can use a tracing wheel, or there are marking pencils which wash out or fade after use. Both types will wash out of the fabric; ink and lead will not.

Scissors— Selecting the scissors for the project or sewing is vital. They must be sharp, comfortable in weight and handle and the blade type (straight edge or pinked) will be determined by the application. Pinking Shears are used to finish edges that fray easily when a sewn finished seam is not being applied.

Sewing Machine— This is a personal preference. Some machines are made for a single purpose, while others are dual duty (standard machines with several stitch selections). The projects you choose to sew will determine which type of machine you invest in. * Specific tools come with each machine and a guide book.



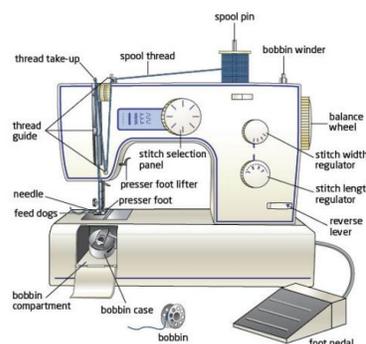
Sewing Needles Guide



Gingher is a brand I recommend. Straight, Pinking, Left Handed and more.



Marking Pen/Pencil
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Your Sewing Machine has many parts, tools & accessories. This information will be covered in another lesson. It is advisable to read and learn the manual which was provided with your machine. If it is missing, you can download manuals from the internet.