

# The Right Sewing Machine Needle

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Not all sewing machine needles are alike and as any experienced sewer knows, using the right one can make a huge difference in the quality of your stitching. The same, of course, can be said of fabric and for this reason it is important the right size and style of sewing machine needle be used. While the universal size 80 is good for a lot, its not good for everything. It is not uncommon for any experienced sewer to have multiple projects in the works, in different fabrics requiring different needles. To keep track of what needle is in my machine I tape a small piece of paper to the front of my machine that indicates the needle size and the number of projects it was used for. This way I know if it will work for the project I will be working on. It also is a good indicator of when its ready for the trash bin.

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## Step 1 — Storing needles



Likewise, when I remove a needle from the machine I store it in a small box near my machine attached to a piece of paper indicating the same information - size and times used. This is so much easier than having to pull out the magnifying glass to read the needle - been there, done that. My eyes just aren't as good as they used to be. Plus, if you just re-store them in those cute sleeves you never know how many times you have

used it. Sample your stitches before starting a new project and always make sure the needle in your machine will do the job right. If the stitches start to pull, snag or skip, a new or finer needle is probably in order. If you sew a lot keeping a stash of fresh needles in a wide variety of sizes and styles is just good sewing.

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