

Basic Sewing Kit

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- Scissors: paper and fabric
- Thread: 100% cotton sewing thread to match fabric AND/OR silk thread for appliqué AND/OR hand quilting thread
- Straight pins: best quality you can afford
- Sewing needles specified by purpose, the higher the number, the thinner the needle.
 - Sharps: Medium length with a round eye and sharp point. Ordinary sewing needles for miscellaneous hand-sewing projects. Size range: 1 to 12
 - Appliqué or milliners: Similar to ordinary Sharp needles but longer. Particularly designed for use in millinery, they are also used for appliqué, basting, pleating and decorative stitches. Size range: 0 to 10
 - Beading: Long, thin needles. These needles are used for sewing beads and sequins to fabric. Size range: 0 to 15
 - Embroidery: Same length and point as an ordinary Sharp needle, but with an elongated eye. Used for hand embroidery using embroidery floss. The elongated eye is designed to accommodate strands of embroidery floss. Size range: 1 to 10
 - Quilting / Betweens: Shorter needle with a small, rounded eye. The shorter length of these needles enables one to stitch quickly and accurately. They are for quilting, making fine stitches in heavy fabrics and other detailed handwork. Size range: 1 - 12
- Needle threading aide, if needed
- Mechanical pencil
- Fabric eraser
- Thimble
- Pin-cushion
- Seam ripper
- 6" x 1" ruler
- Band-aide

Optional items which are nice to have in a workshop setting:

- Rotary cutter, ruler and matt: 6" x 24" ruler, 6" x 6" ruler and 18" x 24" matt
- Sewing light: in case room lighting is not bright enough
- Magnifying or reading glasses
- Chair cushion