

Selecting Needle and Thread

Light Weight

FABRICS: Crepe de Chine, Voile, Lawn, Organdy, Georgette, Tricot

THREADS: 80 to 100 Fine Silk, 80 to 100 Fine Cotton, 80 to 100 Fine Polyester.....NEEDLE SIZE 9 or 11

Medium Weight

FABRICS: Linens, Cotton, Pique, Serge, Double Knits, Percale

THREADS: 50 Silk, 60 to 80 Cotton, 50 to 80 Synthetic, Cotton-covered Polyester.....NEEDLE SIZE 11 or 14

THREAD: 50 Cotton.....NEEDLE SIZE 14

Heavy Weight

FABRICS: Denim, Tweed, Gabardine, Coating, Drapery and Upholstery Fabric, Canvas

THREADS: 50 Silk, 40 to 50 Cotton, 40 to 50 Synthetic, Cotton-covered Polyester.....NEEDLE SIZE 14 or 16

THREADS: 30 Silk, 30 Cotton.....NEEDLE SIZE 16

NOTE:

- In general, fine threads and needles are used for sewing thin fabrics, and thicker threads and needles are used for sewing heavy fabrics.
- Always test thread and needle size on a small piece of fabric which will be used for actual sewing.
- Use the same thread for needle and bobbin.
- When sewing stretch, very fine fabrics and synthetics, use a ball point needle. The ball point needle effectively prevents skipped stitches.