

Selecting Needle and Thread

FABRICS		THREADS	NEEDLE SIZE
LIGHT WEIGHT	Crepe de Chine, Voile, Lawn, Organdy, Georgette, Tricot	80 to 100 Fine Silk 80 to 100 Fine Cotton 80 to 100 Fine Polyester	9 or 11
MEDIUM WEIGHT	Linens, Cotton, Pique, Serge, Double Knits, Percale	50 Silk 60 to 80 Cotton 50 to 80 Synthetic Cotton-covered Polyester	11 or 14
		50 Cotton	14
HEAVY WEIGHT	Denim, Tweed, Gabardine, Coating, Drapery and Upholstery Fabric, Canvas	50 Silk 40 to 50 Cotton 40 to 50 Synthetic Cotton-covered Polyester	14 or 16
		30 Silk 30 Cotton	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 blue tipped needle.
The blue tipped needle effectively prevents skipped stitches.