



Quick Reference Guide: Needles & Thread for Perfect Stitches

A handy chart for your sewing space. Never guess again!

Part 1: Needle & Thread Pairings by Fabric

Fabric Type	Needle Type	Needle Size	Thread Recommendation
Denim / Canvas	Jeans / Denim	90/14 - 110/18	All-Purpose or Topstitching Polyester
Knit / Jersey / Spandex	Ballpoint / Stretch	75/11 - 90/14	All-Purpose Polyester
Silk / Chiffon / Organza	Microtex (Sharps)	60/8 - 70/10	Fine Cotton or Silk Thread (80-100wt)
Quilting Cotton / Linen	Universal / Quilting	80/12 - 90/14	All-Purpose Cotton or Polyester
Leather / Vinyl	Leather	90/14 - 110/18	Heavy-Duty Polyester or Nylon



Part 2: Troubleshooting Quick Fixes

If You See This Problem...	First, Check This!
Skipped Stitches	Wrong needle type (e.g., Universal on knit). Change the needle.
Shredded / Snapping Thread	Needle eye is too small, or the needle is dull/damaged. Change the needle.
Puckered Seams	Needle is too large for the fabric. Switch to a smaller size needle.
Fabric Pulls / Snags	Needle is dull or has a burr. Change the needle immediately.