# Sewing Repair Solutions

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## Quarterly Newsletter

### **General Info About Needles**

We spend Thousands of \$\$ on the Best Quality Machines, Buy the Highest Quality Thread, and use the most Beautiful Fabric for our Creations.

But all too often it's all for naught because we use the Wrong Needle for the project or worse yet we use an old, worn or damaged needle.

You don't have to hit a pin while sewing to damage the needle. They can become Dull, Bent or Damaged through normal sewing. Using an old or damaged Needle can result in Breaking Thread or a Frayed Look on your Project. The needle is the Least Expensive part of your project.

The Best Advice we can give is:

When you start a New Project – Use a New Needle

## **Basic Sewing Supplies**

Sewing Scissors: - Lots of Choices and Brands here Keeping them Sharp is the biggest challenge.
Pinking Shears, 8" Blade Sewing Scissors, Thread Snips – Never Let Anyone Cut Paper or Anything Else with Your Sewing Scissors

<u>Rotary Cutter and Cutting Mat</u> – great surface to cut your pieces quickly and evenly.

<u>Seam Ripper</u> – We all make mistakes that need to be removed and re-sewn.

<u>Tape Measure</u> – The Flexible fold up kind.

Seam Gauge – Marking Chalk – Pens & Pencils –
Straight Pins & Pin Cushion – Sewing Clips –
Thimble – Transparent Rulers are fabulous tools.

#### **Needle Points**

<u>Ball Point Needles</u> are designed to avoid making holes in Knits or Loosely woven fabric. They "Push Aside" the fabric strands to form the stitch. A Sharp style needle will cut the fabric and make a hole.

<u>Sharp Needles</u> are designed for tight weave fabrics where the individual cut fibers will not pull away & make holes. Sharp Needles are used on all woven fabric as well as dense fabrics like Leather, Vinyl & Canvas.

There are several other needle styles:

Denim – Embroidery – Leather – Metallic – Microtex – Quilting – Topstitch - Universal

I typically suggest Size 80/12 or 80/14 Universal Needles for most regular sewing projects.

## **Thread**

Everyone has Their Favorites or an Opinion here But Whatever you buy – Don't Skimp on Quality and buy Cheap Thread or use your grandma's 30-year-old thread just because you have a stash of it.

<u>Cotton</u> thread has very little "give" so its mostly used on decorative work.

Rayon Thread has a very high sheen but its not very strong – mostly used on Embroidery.

<u>Polyester</u> Thread is Very Strong and Color Fast so it breaks less and wont fade in the wash. It's widely used in Quilting and Most Home Sewing Projects.

Once Again - Don't Buy Cheap



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