



## How to Select the Proper Straight Pin

Select your pins according to the *type* of pin, *length* of pin, *type* of *pin head*, *type* of *metal* from which it is made and the *type* of *project* for which it will be used.

### Types of Straight Pins

#### **Appliqué**

Short length helps position and hold appliqués during hand sewing

#### **Ball Point**

Rounded tip is specially designed for knits and lingerie fabrics

#### **Long Ball Point**

Long pin for use on medium-weight knit fabrics

#### **Beading**

Large head is ideal for lace and open weave fabrics as well as for use in beading crafts

#### **Bridal and Lace**

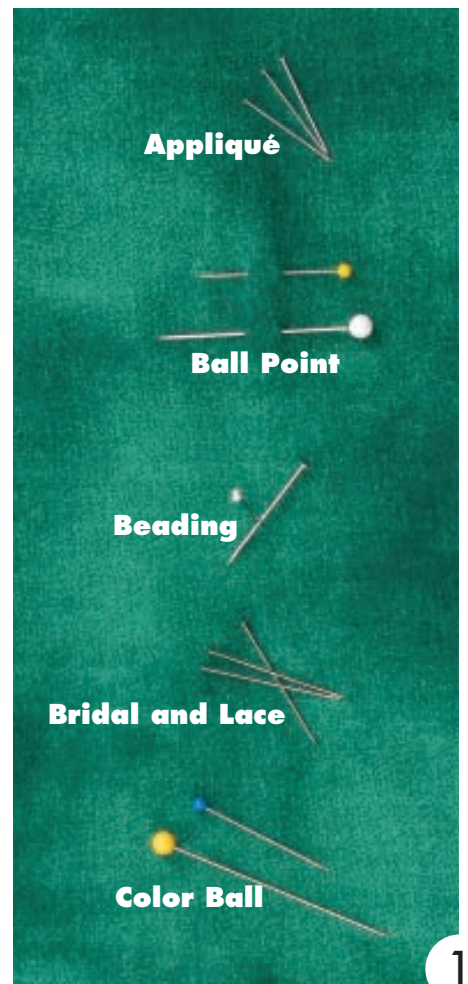
Extra-fine pin for use on delicate or lightweight fabrics and lace

#### **Color Ball**

General purpose sewing pin for medium-weight fabrics

#### **Extra-Long Color Ball**

Extra-long for lofty fabrics, quilt basting and home décor sewing





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PINS & NEEDLES

### **Craft**

Extra-long pin for heavyweight fabrics, home décor projects and crafts

### **Dressmaker**

General purpose sewing pin suitable for medium-weight fabrics

### **Flat Flower/Flat Button**

Extra-long, fine pin with flat head for lace, eyelet, loose weaves, lofty fabrics and home décor

### **Glass Head**

A general purpose pin for medium-weight fabrics with a heat-resistant glass head

#### **Extra-Fine Glass Head**

Fine .5mm shaft with a heat-resistant head used for delicate fabrics and machine piecing

### **Metallic**

Silver or gold plastic head pin for general sewing, crafts and decorative projects

### **Pearlized**

Colorful, pearlized head used for general sewing, floral, crafts and decorative projects

### **Pleating**

Fine, sharp pin for pinning pleats and for delicate, lightweight fabrics

### **Quilting**

Use for basting quilt layers and pinning multiple layers of fabric. Long length is ideal for loose weaves, synthetic furs, plush velvets, bulky fabrics and heavy trims

### **Satin**

Use for satin and medium-weight fabrics

#### **Extra-Long Satin**

Extra-long pin with a tapered point for light- to medium-weight fabrics

### **Sequin**

Extra-short, fine pin used for pinning sequins and thin trims, hand appliqué and crafts

### **Silk**

Rustproof pin for use on silk and synthetic fabrics

### **Super-Fine Sharp**

.5mm fine pin especially for microfibers and delicate fabrics



Pins shown are not actual size



## Specialty Pins

### T-Pin

Strong pin for upholstery, outdoor fabrics and crafts

### Tidy

Flat, square shaped pin with double prongs secure arm covers, slipcovers and bed skirts in place

### Twist

Short curled shaft twists into furniture attaching armcovers, slipcovers and mattress covers

## Safety Pins

### Safety

Use for sewing, quilting and crafts

### Curved Safety

Bent shaft allows for easy insertion and prevents shifting of quilt layers when basting

### Button

Hold delicate, non-washable buttons on garment for easy removal

### Skirt/Kilt

Decorative pin for skirts and kilts

### Blanket

Extra-large safety pin for blankets

### Diaper

Curved pin with plastic safety cap for pinning cloth diapers

## Dritz® Straight Pin Boxes

Straight pins are now available in clear, reusable plastic boxes. The boxes come in three sizes and are stackable within each size. One side of the box is curved for easy pin removal. Simply reach into the box and roll the pins up the side of the box.

#### #61 Extra-Fine Glass Head Pins

- Size 22 – 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" • Nickel-Plated Steel
- Use for delicate fabrics & machine piecing
- Glass heads are heat-resistant
- Extra-fine, .5mm shaft

↓ Curved Side for Easy Pin Removal ↓

### Identification Label

Have you ever wondered what type or size of pin you were using? Now you can quickly refer to the label on the bottom of each box for easy pin identification.





# Anatomy of a Pin



## Head

Straight pins have one of the following types of heads:

- Metal* Small disk or t-shaped
- Plastic/Nylon* Colored, pearlized or metal-colored balls
- No-Melt Plastic* Flat flower or button shaped
- Glass* Heat-resistant round balls

## Shaft

Select your pin shaft diameter for the weight and thickness of your fabric.

- .5mm* Fine, lightweight fabrics and sheers
- .6mm* Medium-weight fabrics
- .7mm - .8mm* Medium to heavyweight fabrics

## Point

Pins should easily slide into your fabric without snagging or creating large holes.

- Sharp* Sharp point suitable for most woven fabrics
- Ball Point* Rounded point slides between loops of knit fabric without snagging or pulling the yarns

## Length

Choose the length of pin that provides you the best ease-of-handling for your specific project.

- Short* 1/2" - 7/8" Length allows for detailed handwork and close pinning
- Medium* 1 1/16" - 1 5/16" Multi-purpose length suitable for various sewing projects
- Long* 1 1/2" - 2" Required for multiple layers of fabric

## Metal Content

Pins are produced from one of the following types of metals.

- Nickel-Plated Steel* Pins are rust resistant and will stick to a magnetic pin cushion
- Stainless Steel* Pins are rustproof
- Brass* Pins are rustproof
- Nickel-Plated Brass* Pins are rustproof and will not tarnish

## Straight Pin Companions

No sewing room is complete without a tomato pin cushion or magnetic pin holder. Having more than one assures you that your pins are always within reach.

### Tomato Pin Cushion

Pins are easy to see and grasp in the traditional shaped tomato. Clean and sharpen your pins and needles by inserting them into the strawberry filled with emery.

### PinPal

A magnetic pin holder neatly organizes your pins. The magnetic field catches pins and aligns them in a parallel direction so they are easy to pick up and remove.



### Pin Wand

Wave your magic pin wand over your pins, needles and safety pins to quickly retrieve them after a spill, or use to find that needle you dropped but cannot seem to find.

