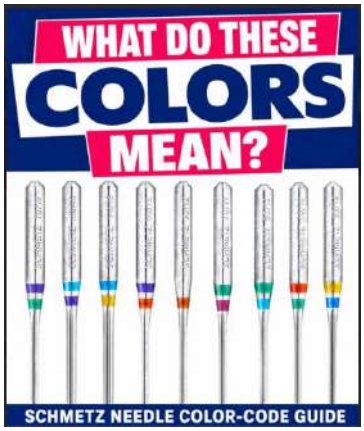
Schmetz Needles



Some of us have a machine needle or two in our pin cushion but are unsure of the type or size. Can you read that very tiny engraving on the shank? I know I can't without bright lights and a magnifying glass.

In 2014, Schmetz introduced their color coding system for identifying sewing machine needles in addition to the engraved type and size on each needle. Have needles that are not color coded? They are likely specialty needles, were a bulk purchase or purchased before 2014. They are still good needles, so use and enjoy them.

How the Two-Band System Works

Each needle has one or two color bands on the shaft. These bands provide critical information.

Top Band=Needle Type
Bottom Band=Needle Size

By combining the information from the two bands, you can easily identify the exact needle you need. For example, a needle with a Yellow top band and an Orange bottom band is a Stretch needle in Size 80 – perfect for sewing jersey or knit fabrics.

Needle Type	Color
Stretch	Yellow
Jersey (Ball Point)	Orange
Jeans/Denim	Blue
Leather	Brown
Microtex (Sharp)	Purple
Embroidery	Red
Quilting	Green
Metallic	Pink
Topstitch	Light green
Overlock ELx705	Black

Needle Size	Color
60/8	Light green
65/9	Light Grey
70/10	Green
75/11	Pink
80/12	Orange
90/14	Blue
100/16	Purple
110/18	Yellow
120/19	Brown
125/20	Black
130/21	Red

Fully Colored Schmetz Needles

Schmetz also has **fully colored needles.** These needles have a full-color finish across the entire needle.

Non-Stick Needles (Brown) - Perfect for sewing materials like vinyl, leather, and fusible fabrics. The non-stick coating reduces friction and prevents skipped stitches.

Super Universal Needles (Black) - Designed for fabrics that contain adhesives, such as fusible non-wovens or hook-and-loop tape.

Click the link to learn more!
https://www.ageberry.com/schmetz-sewing-machine-needle-color-codes-guide/

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