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
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 appliquéd 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 arm covers, 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

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**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.

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**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.
Length
Choose the length of pin that provides you the best ease-of-handling for your specific project.
- Short 1/8” – 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.