

Knitting and crochet basics

Discover our knitting and crochet needle variety.























Which needle suits me?

Prym has the right needle for everyone.

Are you looking for the perfect knitting needle and crochet hook that meets your individual needs and preferences? Choosing the right needle is a matter of the heart, and we want to help you with it.

Knitting needles and crochet hooks are essential tools for handicraft enthusiasts and vary depending on the material, shape and intended use. Choosing the right needle can have a big impact on the needlework experience and the end result.

There are many different types of needles, each with specific benefits to help you succeed in your next project. Each type of needle offers certain features that can affect the knitting technique, the comfort, and the end result

There are also a variety of different materials that also have very unique properties. Whether it's the warmth and feel of wood and bamboo, the smoothness and speed of metal, or the lightness and pliability of plastic.

Depending on which project you are tackling next, choosing the right needle is a decisive criterion for success and fun in needlework.

When choosing your knitting needles and crochet hooks, it's crucial to pay attention to your own preferences and consider the specifics of your DIY project. Which

material and shape suits you depends on your own personal taste and unique style. It's a good idea to try out different types of crochet hooks to find the one that suits you best and works best for your intended use.

To help you choose your perfect needle, we have divided our Prym knitting needle and crochet hook range into three strong brands - Prym Originals, Prym Ergonomics and Prym 1530. Each brand offers a wide range of different knitting needles and crochet hooks with very special features that will make your needlework experience

This is how we want to help you find your way in the big colourful world of needlework. Because every needle is as unique as your individual needs.



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Discover the variety of our knitting needles and crochet hooks

No matter what kind of needlework fills you with joy - in our Prym assortment range you will find the right knitting needles and crochet hooks to make your heart beat faster!

Our community is just as diverse as our high-quality, innovative & sustainable needle range.

Whether you're a beginner or an expert, we have the right knitting needles and crochet hooks for you and your favourite projects.



Prym needle assortment



The perfect needles for all needlework enthusiasts.

No matter who you're making your next needlework project for, we have the perfect quality needle for you in our Prym Originals range.



The perfect needles for innovative handicraft.

No matter how you dive into your creative needlework flow, we have the perfect ergonomic needle in our Prym Ergonomics range.



The perfect needles for all do-gooders.

No matter which sustainable needlework project you are currently working on - we have the perfect sustainable needle and hook in our Prym 1530 range.

What are the different types of knitting needles?

Knitting needles

Single-pointed knitting needles

are two straight needles with a stopper at the end. They are mainly used for flat knitting projects, as for example sweaters, scarves or cardigans.

Circular knitting needles

are almost all-rounders. You can use them for flat knits, like scarves, and of course for circular knits. Since your entire knitting project lies on the cord of the needle, the finished stitches are less likely to slip off the needle. The length of the circular knitting needle cords determines the circumference of your circular knitted project. This is why there are so many different cord lengths.

Double pointed knitting needles (needle sets)

consist of five needles. Four needles hold the project and one is used for knitting. You use the working needle to pick stitches off a needle. Once all stitches are knitted off, the next needle becomes the working needle. They are especially good for smaller diameters, such as socks or baby clothes.

Knitting mills

are semi-automatic machines that use cranking to create seamless knit tubes, which are often used for stockings, socks, hats or as decoration.



Crochet hooks

Wool crochet hook

A wool crochet hook is a regular crochet hook designed specifically for working with wool or thicker yarn. It is usually slightly larger and sturdier than traditional crochet hooks in order to better handle the thicker fibres

Yarn crochet hook

A yarn crochet hook is a general term for crochet hooks that are used to work with different types of yarns. They can come in different sizes and thicknesses, depending on what yarn you're using.

Tunisian crochet hook

The Tunisian crochet hook is a special type of hook that is different from traditional ones. It is more like a knitting needle with a hook on one end and can be used to create more complex patterns and textiles, similar to knitting. This technique creates a denser fabric than traditional crochet.



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Discover the variety of Prym Originals.

The high-quality needles from Prym Originals are our classics, which we have given a new lease of life thanks to the improved and plastic-free packaging concept.

The range variety leaves nothing to be desired - the needles are available in almost all lengths and thicknesses. The variety of materials includes aluminum, plastic and brass.

The aluminum and brass knitting needles are smooth, hard-wearing and particularly light. They are well suited for fast knitting and crocheting with smooth yarns. The

optimally shaped tips are shaped in such a way that thread splicing is just about impossible, but easy insertion is ensured.

Plastic needles are lightweight and have a particularly smooth surface. They are therefore particularly suitable for beginners, as they are easy to hold and the yarn glides well.

Crochet hooks with a soft-touch surface provide a non-slip grip, making crocheting easier. These crochet hooks are especially good for tighter crochet techniques such as amigurumi.



Variety & Quality A wide variety of choices in various - the right needle for

thicknesses and lengths everyone.



Easy gliding

Smooth, free of pores and non-abrasive - for an optimum gliding action.



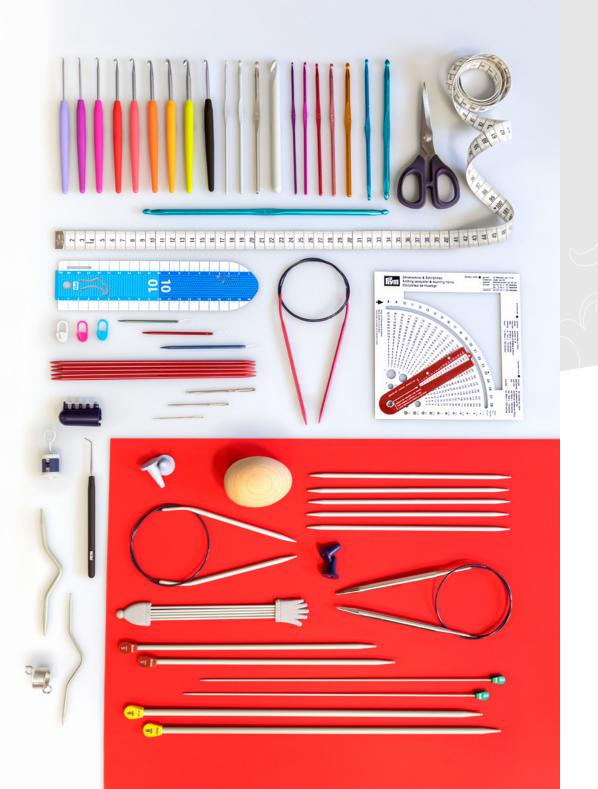
Seamlessly connected

Flexible rope - barely noticeable transition from shaft to cord for trouble-free gliding of the stitches



Needle point

Ideally shaped for professional knitting.





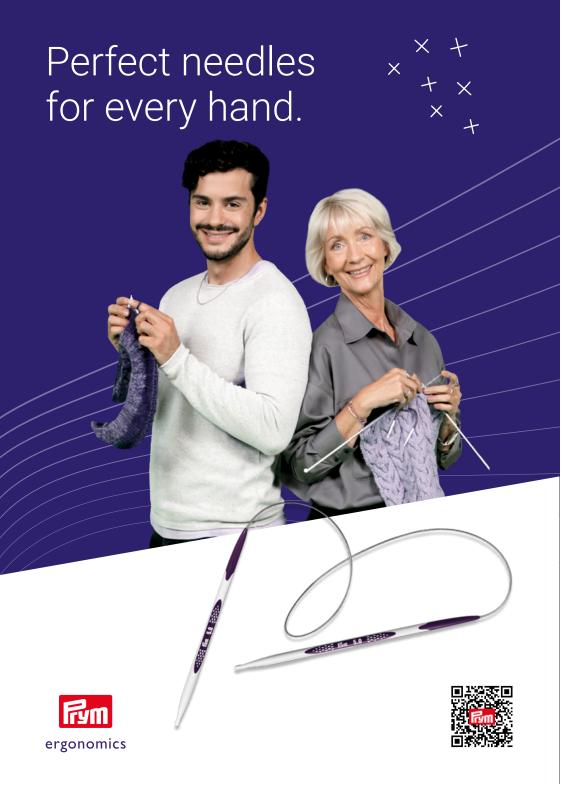


Our Prym Originals range includes the following product groups:

- Single-pointed knitting needles
- Double-pointed knitting needles
- Circular knitting needles
- Wool crochet hooks
- Yarn crochet hooks
- Tunisian wool crochet hooks, double-sided
- Cable-stitch needles







Discover the diversity of Prym Ergonomics.

The light and flexible needles from Prym Ergonomics are setting innovative standards and ensure that needlework is easy on the wrists and fatigue-free. They stand for a new generation of easier knitting and crocheting.

The innovative drop tips make knitting an enjoyable experience for beginners and advanced knitters. The unique dropshaped design makes it easier to pick up and guide the yarn. It is a relief for knitting beginners as the yarn won't slip off the tip as easily and at the same time enables experienced knitters to work quickly and silently.

The shank has a triangle shape and ensures that the stitches, once formed, can slide on the round needle crosssection with minimal frictional resistance

Innovative Click Heads are not only used to connect two single-pointed knitting needles as a pair, but also act as stitch stoppers to hold the stitches of the knitted fabric securely.



Hook tips Small drop-shaped ends of the needles help to pick up & guide the yarn safely and smoothly.



Clickheads Ingeniously designed needle ends work as stitch stoppers and keep pairs of singlepointed knitting needles together.



cable Soft and flexible, the tangle-free steel cord of the circular knitting needle makes the spiral effect a thing of the past.

Tangle-free steel



Carbon technology Innovative materials ensure lightness and stability, even in thinner needle gauges.





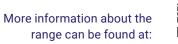
Our Prym Ergonomics range includes the following product groups:



- Single-pointed knitting needles
- Double-pointed knitting needles
- Circular knitting needles
- Wool crochet hooks

- Carbon double-pointed knitting needles
- Carbon circular knitting needles
- YOGA cable-stitch needles







Perfect needles for every hand.



Discover the diversity of Prym 1530.



With the Prym 1530 brand, we offer a constantly growing range of sustainable needles that meet our standards for design, functionality and quality. "Prym sustainable quality" stands not only for the usual high Prym quality, but in particular for environmentally friendly materials and sustainable packaging entirely without plastic.

The Prym 1530 bamboo needles offer a number of benefits that make them an attractive choice for knitters of all levels of experience. Their lightness is a notable plus, as they cause less fatigue in the hands, especially during long projects. Thanks to the natural material, the Prym 1530 needles lie pleasantly warm in the

hand and have a wonderful feel. The natural material also prevents electrostatic charging.

The Prym 1530 wooden needles have a particularly fine surface, allowing the wool to slip easily. They provide a slight warmth to the hands and absorb moisture. This is why many knitting enthusiasts find them particularly comfortable. Their individual colouring makes every single Prym 1530 needle unique.



Sustainability Careful handling of raw materials for sustainable pleasure in handicrafts.



Pleasant feel Particularly warm and pleasant to the touch.



Lightweights For hours of fatiguefree needlework.



Grip Polished, smooth surface ensures smooth sliding of the stitches.







Our Prym 1530 range includes the following product groups, which are available in bamboo and/or wood:

- Single-pointed knitting needles
- Double-pointed knitting needles
- Circular knitting needles
- Wool crochet hooks

- Tunisian crochet hook points with matching cords
- Needle points and matching cords







Needlework accessories

We have a wide range of accessories in our Prym needlework range to make your needlework experience even more enjoyable! Whether you're looking for a handy needle gauge, stitch marker, stitch stopper or storage for your needles, you'll find it here. We provide you with the right knitting accessories to help you realise your creativity and projects and take your hobby to the next level.



More information about needlework accessories can be found at:





Stitch stoppers

Practical stitch stoppers prevent stitches from slipping off the needle.



Stitch markers

The small clips make it easier to count stitches and rows.



Needle play holder

The needle play holder can be used to store all five needles of a needle play together, with or without knitting.



Knitting calculator

Helpful all-rounder determines needle sizes, counts stitches and rows and converts stitch gauge.



Yarnit

The practical wool dispenser prevents the yarn from tangling. Also suitable for traveling, thanks to the practical shoulder strap.



Row counter

Two-digit indicator for counting rows when knitting. Either to slide onto the needle or to hang on.



Storage

The practical needle bags are a huge help when you are looking for tools to organise your knitting needles. It makes sure that every needle has a place and can be easily found when needed – also suitable for crochet hooks



Yoga cable knitting needles

Helpful when knitting cable knit patterns. Available in fixed and flexible varieties.



Knitting mills

They are so easy to use that even children enjoy knitting tubes in a wide variety of colours.

Learn to knit

Learning to knit step by step for beginners.

With our YouTube videos "learning how to knit", you will learn the most important knitting basics for starting one of the world's most relaxing hobbies.



Casting on



 Double the yarn and wind the loop around the thumb and index finger of your left hand.



2. The length of the double yarn for casting on is calculated as follows:

Needle size of up to 4.5:

2.0 cm + 20 cm for each stitch required. Needle size of up to 5.0:

3.0 cm + 20 cm for each stitch required.



3. Hold one of the knitting needles in your right hand and take the needle point underneath the yarn between your thumb and index finger. Pull the yarn slightly towards you.



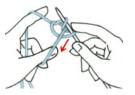
4. Insert the needle point from underneath into the thumb loop.



5. With the needle point, pick up the yarn coming from your index finger.



6. Draw the yarn through the thumb loop.



7. Let the loop slip from your thumb and pull the end of the yarn until both stitches fit snugly on the needle.



Wind the yarn end around your thumb again. Insert the needle from underneath into the thumb loop.



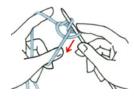
With the needle point,



10. pick up the yarn coming from your index finger



11. and draw it through the thumb loop.



12. Let the loop slip off your thumb and ---- pull the yarn end to tighten the new stitch.

13. Repeat steps 8 to 12 until the required number of stitches has been cast on.

Knit stitches

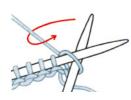




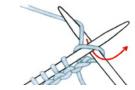
1. Take the needle with the cast-on stitches into your right hand and place the ball end of the yarn outside to inside between the little finger and the ring finger of your left hand. Wind the yarn twice around your index finger.



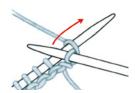
2. Now take the needle into your left hand. The tightened yarn is held behind the needle.



3. Take the other knitting needle into your right hand and, from left to right, take the needle point through the first stitch.



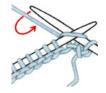
4. Place the needle point behind the tightened yarn.



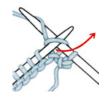
Hold the yarn with your right index finger and, using the needle point, draw it through the old stitch.



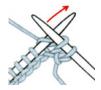
6. Slip the rest of the old stitch of the left needle.



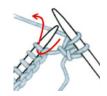
7. Insert the needle point from left to right into the next stitch.



8. Wind the yarn over the needle point.



9. Hold the yarn and draw it back through the old stitch. Slip off the old stitch

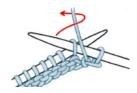


10. and begin with the next stitch.

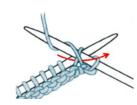




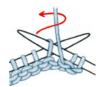
Purl stitches



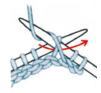
1. The first stitch should be a knit stitch. Now place the yarn in front of the left needle and insert the right needle point behind the tightened yarn from right to left into the next stitch.



2. Wind the right needle point from the front around the tightened yarn. Using your right thumb, hold the yarn on the needle



5. Again, hold the yarn in front of the left needle. Behind the tightened yarn, insert the right needle point from right to left into the next stitch.



6. Wind the right needle point from the front around the tightened yarn.



3. and draw it through the old stitch.



4. Slide the old stitch off the left needle.



7. Draw the yarn through the stitch.



8. Slide the old stitch off the left needle.



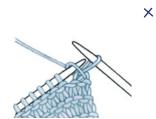




Binding off



1. The first and second stitches should be knit stitches. Then insert the left needle point from left to right into the first stitch.



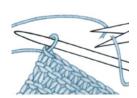
2. Now lift the first stitch over the second one.



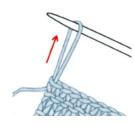
3. Slide the rest of the first stitch off the left needle point and gently pull the stitch on the right needle to lengthen it.



4. The next stitch is a knit stitch, and the first stitch is lifted over the second one again, etc.

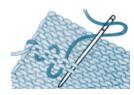


Finally, one stitch remains on the right-hand needle. Cut the yarn, leaving approx. 20 cm at the end.



6. Hold the knitting and pull the last stitch up until the cut end has slipped through this stitch.

Darning yarn ends



1. Once the knitting is finished, all loose ends must be darned at the back of the knitted piece. For this, it is best to use a wool needle with a particularly long and wide eye.

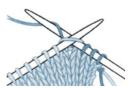
Changing yarn



1. It is best to start with a new ball of yarn at the start of a new row. Tie the new yarn around the yarn running out.



2. Push the knot right up against the first stitch and tighten it.

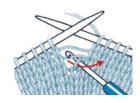


3. Now continue knitting using the new yarn.

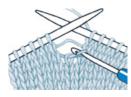
Repair - stocking stitch pattern



 What to do if you have dropped a stitch? Don't panic! When knitting a stocking stitch pattern (first row knit stitches, second row purl stitches), insert a crochet hook into the dropped stitch on the smooth side.



2. Using the crochet hook, catch the straight thread above the dropped stitch.



3. Draw the straight thread through the dropped stitch.



4. Using the crochet hook again, catch the next straight thread and draw it through that stitch.



5. Repeat this step for each of the rows that the stitch was dropped, then lift the last stitch onto the left knitting needle.



Learn to crochet



Let yourself be inspired

Looking for new inspiration for your next project? Whether it's the latest trends, creative tutorials, exciting articles or in-depth tutorials - find great ideas for your next project here.



Casting on



1. Start your crochet work with a loop. Place the thread over the index finger of your left hand



2. and wind it from below upwards around your thumb.



3. Hold the two loose threads with the remaining fingers of your left hand.



Take the crochet hook into your right hand and insert it from below upwards into the thumb loop.

Steps 5 to 8 can be found on the next page...

Casting on





5. Wind the hook from right to left around the thread coming from your index finger.



6. Draw the thread with the hook through the thumb loop.



7. Slid the loop off your thumb and tighten the thread slightly

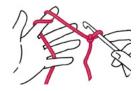


8. until the stitch sits loosely on the crochet hook.

Chain stitches



1. Hold the crochet hook in your right hand. Place the thread coming from the ball of yarn from the outside to the inside between the little finger and the ring finger of your left hand.



2. Then wrap the thread twice around your index finger.



3. Hold the knot of the stitch between the middle finger and thumb of your left hand.



4. Take up the stretched thread with the hook.



5. Draw the thread through the stitch on the hook.

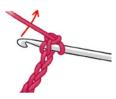


6. Cast on as many stitches as required for your pattern. The stitch on the crochet hook is not counted!

Double crochets



 Cast on one chain stitch more than required for your pattern. This is called the turning chain that is made in order to add the necessary height to begin the next row. Insert the hook from front to back into the second chain stitch.



2. Pass the hook from left to right under the thread coming from your index finger.



7. Turn your crochet work around and hold it in your left hand.



8. Insert the crochet hook under the two upper threads of the first double crochet.



3. Draw the thread through the chain stitch. Now you have two loops on your crochet hook.



4. Now insert the hook from left to right under the stretched thread again and draw it through both loops.



9. Take up the thread coming from your index finger



10. and draw it through the double crochet.



5. Continue working in this manner until you have the required number of loops.



6. At the end of the row, work a turning chain stitch.



11. Take up the thread again and draw it through both loops.



12. End your crochet work by cutting the thread and pulling the loose end through the last loop.



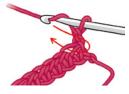
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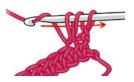
 Work two chain stitches more (turning chain stitches) than the number of stitches required for your pattern. Take up the thread coming from your index finger. Insert the hook from front to back into the third chain stitch,



2. with one thread under the hook and two above. Take up the thread again.



7. Turn your work and start again by winding the thread round the hook, insert the hook into the first treble of the previous row.



8. Take up the thread and draw it through the stitch. Now there are three loops on your hook. Take up the thread and draw it through the three loops.



3. Draw the stretched thread through the chain stitch. Now there are three loops on your crochet hook.



4. Take up the thread coming from your index finger and draw it through the three loops on the hook.



9. At the end of your work, cut the thread and pull it through the last stitch.



5. Take up the thread again. Insert the hook into the next chain stitch.



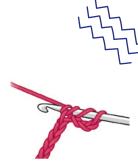
6. Continue working in this manner to the end of the row. Work two turning chain stitches.



Treble stitches



Work three chain stitches more (turning chain stitches) than the number of stitches required for your pattern. Take up the thread coming from your index finger.



2. Insert the hook from front to back into the fourth chain. One thread is under the hook, two are above.



7. Insert the hook into the second treble of the previous row. Take up the thread and draw it through the first two loops.



8 Take up the thread again and draw it through the two remaining loops.



Draw the stretched thread through the chain stitch. Now there are three loops on your crochet hook.



Take up the thread and draw it through the first two loops on your hook.



9 At the end of the row, work the last treble into the last turning chain stitch of the previous row.





Take up the thread again and draw it through the remaining loops.



6. At the end of the row, work three turning stitches, turn your work and start again by winding the thread round your hook.



Sewing up



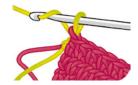
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Once your work is finished, sew up the loose threads at the sides.
 To do so, use a wool needle which has a particularly long and wide eye.

Yarn change



1. Start a new ball of yarn at the end of a row, before working the turning chain stitch. Tie the new yarn in a knot around the old thread.



2. Slide the knot toward the last stitch and tighten it. Now continue your crochet work using the new yarn.

Joining parts



1. Alternate by taking two threads on the right side and two on the left.

Turning chain stitches



- 1. Turning chain stitches (chains) are made in order to add the necessary height to begin the next row, i.e. as follows:
 - Double crochets:
 1 chain, insert into 1st stitch of previous row.
 - Half trebles:
 2 chains, insert into 1st treble of the previous row.
 - Treble stitches:
 3 chains, insert into 2nd treble of the previous row.



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Knitting needle and crochet hook sets







Prym Ergonomics knitting sets



Prym 1530 Sets



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Perfect needles for every hand.

Have we sparked your interest in our Prym knitting needles and crochet hooks? Visit your favourite specialist needlework retailer and dive into our Prym range. We are sure that we have the right knitting needle or crochet hook for you.



Looking for tips & tricks and step-bystep instructions for your next needlework project?

Take a look at prym.com and visit us on social media for inspiration for your next favourite project.



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