



## Setting Up The Needles In Your Machine

When your embroidery machine arrives, it usually has 75/11 sharp needles. Sometimes they will have a 75/11 SES needle which is a medium ballpoint. Some people call them a universal needle; however, they really are not.

You should be using a sharp needle for your woven fabrics and caps and a ballpoint needle for your knit fabrics and satins. If you are unsure as to what a woven fabric is or a knit fabric, look at the Knit Fabric Hooping Guide and the Woven Fabric Hooping Guide. They will explain the difference. They are located inside of the **Hooping Basics & Beyond**

To set up the needles in your machine in order to be ready for any type of garment, I suggest setting up the first half of the machine with ballpoint needles if you embroider primarily on knits and the last half of the machine with sharp needles.

I have found that it is much easier and is a lot faster to change a cone of thread than it is to change a needle. Make sure to follow my instructions for changing a cone of thread so that you can learn how to tie the thread so that the knot will slide right through the hole in the needle. (It is the first video in the website.)

If you have a 15-needle machine, I would set the first needle up for Metallic thread or 60-weight thread, whichever one you use the most. This way your machine is always set with the right needle and thread. I use the 60-weight thread the most, so I have my first needle set up with a 65/9 ballpoint needle and the 60-weight thread for tiny letters. I then have the next 7 needles set up with 70/10 ballpoint needles and the last 7 needles set up with 70/10 sharp needles.

I am ready to sew out any type of fabric at any time. This is a huge time saver and I know that my garment will be sewn with the right needle.