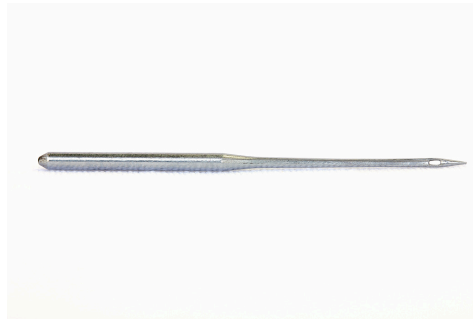


Shaft/shank of needle S

The shank of the needle is the uppermost part of the needle that is inserted into the machine. The shank in a home sewing machine is rounded at the front and flat at the back.



The shaft of the needle is between the shank and the eye of the needle where the thread passes through.

The eye of the needle is at the bottom of the needle and is threaded to make the stitch.

