



Acrylic Ruler -- Ruler used in crafts and clothing showing different measurement. May come in different shapes and sizes.



Aida Cloth — Beautiful even-weave cloth, popular for cross stitch work, crewel embroidery, and other stichery.



Batting — Cotton, wool, or synthetic fiber wadded into rolls or sheets, used for stuffing furniture and mattresses and for lining quilts.



Bias Tape — Narrow strip of cloth that is cut on the bias (diagonal to the grain of the fabric) that can be used to finish or decorate clothing.

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Bobbin — cylinder on which thread is wound for sewing. Holds the bottom thread

Bobbin Case — Holds the bobbin



Cotton — Good material for first time sewers to use. Has a good hand and little elasticity. Considered a heavy weight material. Used for everyday clothing.



Cutting Mat — Mat that is placed down to protect the table surface while cutting



Crewels — Needles with long eyes for easy threading.





Dart — A tapered tuck sewn to adjust the fit of a garment



Dress Form — Used to help form a garment to your specific measurements



Decorative Trim — Trim that is used to decorate the edges of material



Dressmaker's Ham — use on hard to reach areas.



Elastic — A flexible stretchable fabric made with interwoven strands of rubber or an imitative synthetic fiber.



Emery Bag — Used to sharpen and remove rust from needles.



Felt — A fabric of matted, compressed animal fibers, such as wool or fur, sometimes mixed with vegetable or synthetic fibers.





Fleece — Fabric with a soft deep pile.





Gather — To draw into small folds or puckers, as by pulling a thread through cloth



Hem — An edge or border on a piece of cloth, especially a finished edge, as for a garment or curtain, made by folding an edge under and stitching itdown







Loop Turner — Used for turning binding and inserting cord into tubing.





Hook and Eyes — Clothes fasteners consisting of a small hook and metal loop. Used as closures at the tops of shirts,



Ironing Board — A long, narrow padded board, often with collapsible supporting legs, used as a working surface for ironing.



Measuring Tape — Used for measuring larger pieces of fabric and body measurements..







Pattern — A plan, diagram, or model to be followed in making things: *a dress pattern*



Needle Threader — Used to thread machine or hand needles.



Pinking Shears — used for finishing seams



Pins — Used for holding material together while sewing. Come in two forms:dressmaker or silk pins are fine and sharp and are the best to use.



Pin Cushion — A small cushion used for holding pins for easy access.



Pleat — A fold in cloth made by doubling the material upon itself and then pressing or stitching it into place.



Press Cloth — Used to help keep shine in fabric. Can be dampened to provide moisture for more steam. Unbleached muslin about 14" X 30" in size.



Presser Foot— The presser foot holds the fabric in place during sewing



Ribbed Elastic— Provides maximum cross strength. Found in pants and shorts



Rotary Cutter— A Wheel with a sharp edge that is used to cut fabric, used on a cutting mat.





Pressing Machine— Used to press material



Rick Rack — Strips of material that can be different shapes and widths. Used to decorate material





Safety Pins — A loop shaped pin that fastens into itself with its points under a protective cover to prevent accidental opening or injury

Scissors — Used for cutting paper and clipping fabric. Scissors may have a straight handle



Seam Ripper — Used to take out seams as well as making buttonholes



Sewing Guage — A short ruler that has a moveable slide for marking hems, seams, and other areas.



Sew on Snaps — Used as closures at the tops of garments.



Sharps -- needles with small round eyes



Shears — used for cutting fabric, not paper. Shears are 7-8 inches long, are sharp, and have bent handles making them easier to cut with.



Silk — material with a smooth texture and high luster. A light weight material with a somewhat poor cover. Used in blouses and under garments.



Spandex — A strong fiber with medium weight and good elasticity. Used for clothing and swimsuits.



Thimble — Used to protect your fingers when hand sewing



Tailors chalk — Used for marking sewing details on fabric



Thread — Fine cord of a fibrous material, such as cotton or flax, made of two or more filaments twisted together and used in needlework and the weaving of cloth



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Thread Rack — A rack that is used for holding spools of thread



Tracing Paper — Paper used to mark sewing details on fabric and or the feed dogs.

Throat Plate — The throat plate is a metal plate with openings for the needle



Tracing Wheel — Wheel used along with tracing paper to transfer sewing details to fabric



Wool — A rough fiber with good crimp. Has a stiff drape and good cover. Use in carpets and some clothing.