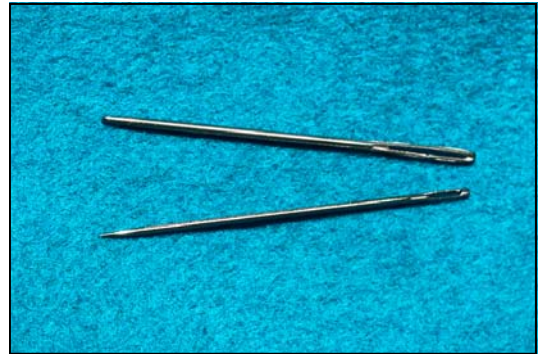


# Magical Crafting Secrets Supplies

Our favorite needles:

Beginning sewing: **Tapestry needles.** They may be in the crochet/embroidery section of the craft store. They have large eyes and blunt tips. They are not useful for high quality felt because they are not sharp enough. They are excellent for stringing beads and independent projects. There is a variety of sizes so pick the one that works for your fabric and beads.

Confident sewing: **Embroidery needles also called Crewel Needles.** These needles have large eyes and are bigger than traditional sewing needles. They do have a sharp tip, so teach caution and care with sewing. Learning to slow down and pay attention are great life skills. Embroidery needles can hurt! Best for supervised projects or older children.



## Thread

**Embroidery thread:** Play with the rainbow! Embroidery thread has dozens of colors. Children love picking their favorite colors. Each thread has six smaller threads which you can separate out for thinner effects. Embroidery thread is a little delicate, though, and can tangle, so keep the thread lengths shorter. Best for individual or small group projects because it tangles even when you want to thread the needle. However, lots of creative options! You can mix threads for a unique look. A favorite for embroidering little details.

**Crochet thread:** Our favorite thread in classrooms. This thread is often with the yarn in craft stores. It is thin and strong and harder to tangle. You can work with rainbow thread for changing colors. The thread is easy to store and unwind. This thread was a true discovery!



Craft Felt

### Felt

Craft felt is inexpensive. You can find it in any craft store. The colors are often bright. The felt itself is thinner, so it's easy to sew. The challenge is that it doesn't hold shapes as well as wool felt. It is great for everyday fun projects.

Wool felt can be 100% wool or it can be a wool blend with acrylic or rayon. Wool felt costs more but is worth the investment. It is often thicker so children need embroidery needles. The colors are gorgeous and may be plant-dyed. You often find it in the fabric section of craft stores (you may need to ask). It holds shapes really well. You can find it online at [achildsdream.com](http://achildsdream.com) and [magiccabin.com](http://magiccabin.com).



Wool Felt

### Petals and Decorations

Many of our fairy clothes start as silk flowers. We are quick to study flowers that catch our eye for wings or skirts. Many silk flowers are held together with a center piece of plastic. Pull that off and the petals are yours. You can find affordable flowers at the end of a season and at outlet stores. Watch for heavy glue or plastic elements that

support the flower petals. Many peel right off, but some do not. We often peek between the petals to see how the flower is assembled. The store clerks must think we're a little crazy ☺

**Decorations:** Wire ribbon makes excellent wings. Ribbon without wire makes excellent skirts and shirts. Little bells, beads, buttons, and sequins are fun. Natural accents can be acorn caps or seashells. Part of the creative adventure is to see the world in new ways. Decorations are a treasure hunt!

