

The background is a dark blue gradient with a subtle pattern of white dots. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular and semi-circular patterns, some with dashed lines and arrows, resembling sewing patterns or technical drawings. A large, semi-circular scale with numerical markings from 140 to 260 is also visible on the left.

SEWING 100

THE “JARGON YOU SHOULD PROBABLY KNOW SO WE’RE ALL ON THE SAME PAGE”
TALKING POINTS SLIDESHOW

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NOTE TO READERS

PowerPoint presentations are essentially reminders for talking points, and, in this case, text to remind in case of forgetfulness. Unfortunately, a presentation of this nature cannot contain many actual images, and so relies on demonstrations. If, however, you do find yourself in need of images, these keywords throughout the presentation will allow you to run a quick web search to identify parts on the fly with the help of the handy glosses herein.

I do hope you enjoy the definitions enclosed, and that they help you better understand your own sewing needs.

Interested in a course? Feel free to email me at quillandthread@gmail.com for more information on cost, schedules, and signups.

WHY ARE YOU EVEN HERE?



Sewing is probably the most useful skill ever, even if all you can do is attach a button.



Saving money is a plus – you don't have to take your clothes to an alteration shop!



You can repair your friends' stuff and make a bit of cash on the side.



You'll be Second Most Desired Friend of The Year come Apocalypse Time, after the Veterinarian.



Cosplaying, yo. :D

GLOSSARY – PARTS OF THE SEWING MACHINE

- Bobbin – That thing in the bottom of your machine that holds the bottom thread
- Bobbin Winder – That pole on the top of your machine that moves side to side and looks funky, but really works to wind the bobbin fast so you don't have to do it by hand
 - There are also separate bobbin winders available at your local craft stores if yours stops working or you need to wind and sew simultaneously
- Feed Dogs – The metal teeth underneath the presser foot which help move fabric in the desired direction
- Needle – The long metal bit coming out of your machine between the presser foot that inserts thread into fabric

GLOSSARY – PARTS OF THE SEWING MACHINE, CONT'D

- Plate – The metal (or not) section on the working space of your machine with lines (which represent measurements) on it, and also covers the bobbin. Please occasionally remove and clean under this.
- Presser Foot – The lifty thing above the bobbin that holds the fabric to the plate so your machine sews right
- Sewing Machine – That thing that makes noises when you press the pedal and uses thread to put fabric together
- Working Space – The open area of your machine in which you sew things together

GLOSSARY – TOOLS

- Pattern – Pieces of thin paper that fit together in specific ways and magically become Things upon being sewn
- Thread – The twisty length of fibers that hold fabric together and are actually pretty strong. Try breaking it!
 - Note: When in doubt, match fabric content (cotton, polyester, etc) with thread content!
 - All-Purpose – Good for any project
 - Embroidery – Purely decorative, usually used in embroidery patterns, easily breakable
 - Quilting – Strong, useful in quilting and clothing
 - Upholstery – Extra sturdy, best for hand-sewing or in industrial machines

GLOSSARY — TOOLS, CONT'D

- Scissors – Two pairs are necessary, one for cutting fabric (to keep it sharp!) and one for patterns/paper
 - Pinking Shears – When you don't have a serger, these patterned cutting tools keep fabric from fraying
- Needle Types – Generally the package will tell you what kind(s) is enclosed
 - Denim, Embroidery, All-Purpose, Knit/Ballpoint, Extra Fine
- Pins – Use these. Always. They hold things together, like fabric to patterns, and piece to piece, so there's no slippage

GLOSSARY - FABRIC

- Cotton – Good for just about anything. Breathable, plenty of colors and patterns.
- Linen – Clothing fabric. A bit coarse, but breathable, sturdy, and holds color well.
- Jersey/Knit – Clothing fabric. Stretchy. Think a Maxi dress or a “muscle” tank top.
- Silk – Clothing fabric. Soft, silky (duh), strong, very durable.
- Satin – Clothing fabric. Slightly textured with a soft shine to it. Think expensive wedding dress fabric.
- ***Muslin – Tester fabric. Cotton-y feel. Undyed and super cheap, and comes in a variety of sizes. Used to make mock-ups without testing on more expensive fabrics.***

GLOSSARY — FABRIC, CONT'D

- Canvas – Utility fabric. Sturdy, coarse, good for anything from tents to clothes as it's stress-resistant.
- Lycra – Clothing fabric. Crazy stretchy. Think ladies' swimwear and ballet unitards.
- Lace – Decorative fabric. Thin, non-durable, moves very well. Used for decoration, or lingerie.
- Velvet – Clothing fabric. Decorative, soft and plush feeling. Think young children's Christmas clothes, or medieval gowns.
- Blended – Usually the label will tell you, these can be blends of wool/cotton/rayon or pretty much anything.

NECESSARY SUPPLIES

- Scissors
- Thread to match the outside fabric
- Pins
- Fabric for the outside of the project
- Fabric for the inside of the project
- Fabric for testing (muslin)
- Pattern (or not)
- Measuring equipment
- Iron and board
- Bobbin thread matching the underside or outside fabric
- Hand needle
- Buttons, lace, zippers, clasps, or other notions you'll need for the finished project

PURCHASING A SEWING MACHINE

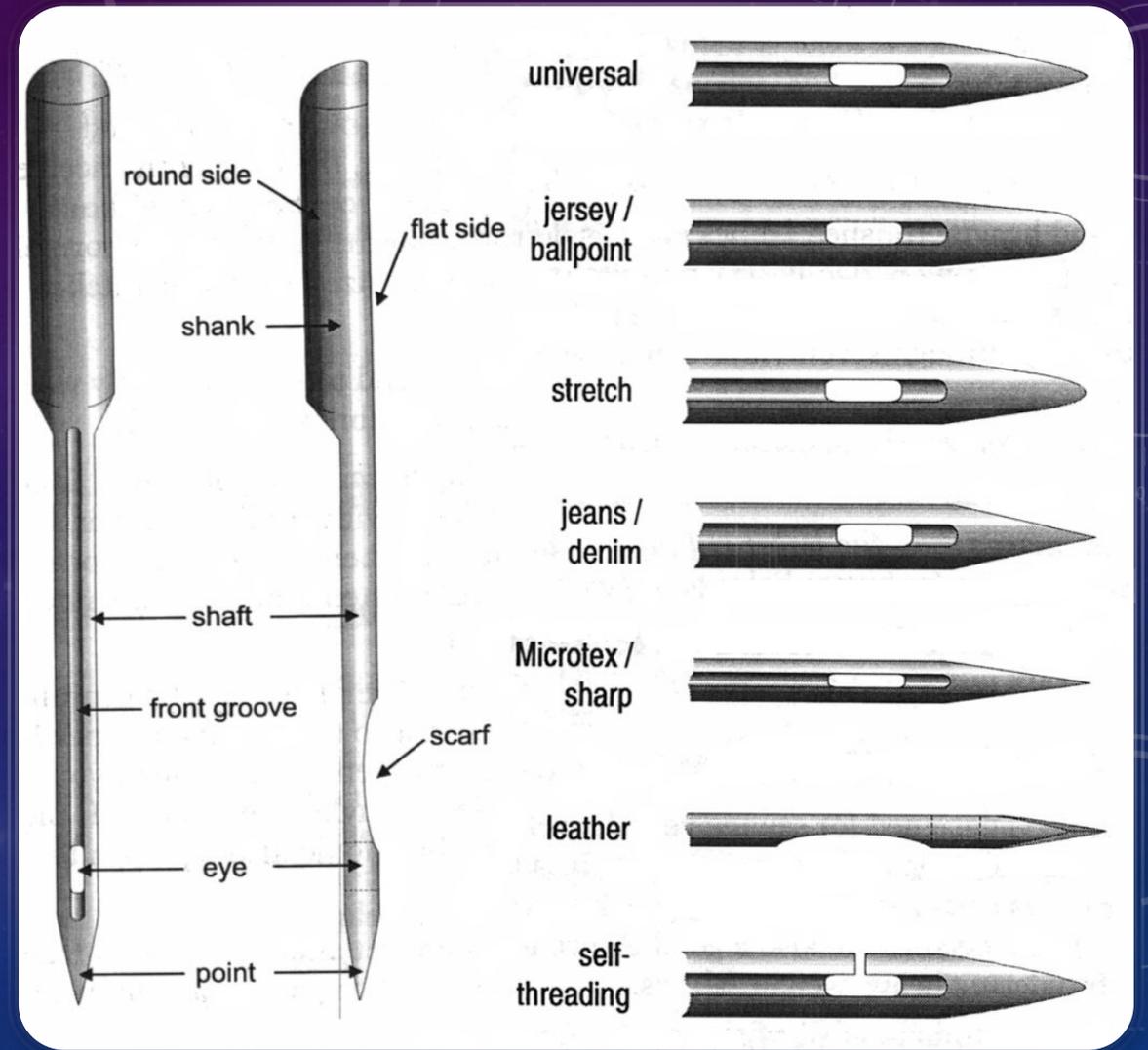
Besides giving you a discount in class, having your own machine is pretty cool. Consider the following –

- What are you going to use it for?
 - Occasional sewing? Embroidery? Quilting? Costume making? Daily use?
- What's your budget?
 - Under \$100? Under \$500?
- How easy do you want the interface?
 - Computerized or not?
- Are you going to transport it?
 - Inside a table or not?

American Size	European Size	Fabric Weight	Fabric Type
8	60	Very fine	Fine silk, chiffon, organza, viole, fine lace
9	65		
10	70		
11	75	Light-weight	cotton voile, silk, synthetics, spandex, lycra
12	80		
14	90	Medium-weight	Quilting fabrics, cotton, velvet, fine corduroy, linen, muslin, jersey, tricot, knits, light wool, sweatshirt knit, fleece
16	100	Heavy-weight	Denim, corduroy, canvas, duck, suiting, leather
18	110	Very heavy	Heavy denim, heavy canvas, upholstery fabric, faux fur
20	120	Very, very heavy	Extra heavy or extra layered fabrics

NEEDLE SIZE CHART

HOME MACHINE NEEDLE TYPES



Close up image of various types of needle points