

Knitting course supplies

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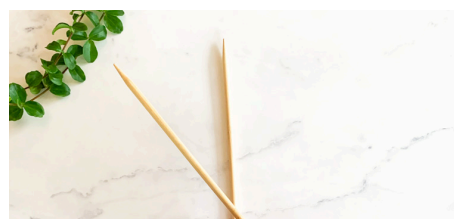
Essential tools:

- **5mm** knitting needles
 - You can either get straight knitting needles or round knitting needles. I'd recommend round (interchangeable) knitting needles with a 60cm cable.
 - If you are sure you are going to knit LOADS, you can buy a set. If you're not sure and just want to try, get one pair and one cable (at Achterpand they have good stuff)
- Scissors (an embroidery scissors works the best, normal scissors are also fine)
- Yarn for 5mm knitting needles, recommendations: **Drops Big Merino** or **Drops Lima**.
- Darning needle or wool needle (not pointy, but a blunt needle)
- Stitch markers or bobby pins (also works good for a stitch marker):
https://www.eddna.nl/sluitbare-stekenmarkeerders-30-st-910899?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=21901411657&gbraid=0AAAAAozNMg_RMVKjCh1aywzNDRShnilE1&gclid=CjwKCAjwwfnUBhAtEiwAfQpAYgqn5Kcv8dNOwWDTZ0sbBZk_8hs5Jtz99yDWEga4Jx-LK2_2LuqsGhoCrTIQAvD_BwE
- Point protectors:
[https://yarnies.com/knitpro-naaldpunt-beschermers-klein-groot-set-4-stuks/?pv2=eyJhbGciOiJFUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJjaWoiRVVSIiwiaXhwLjoxNzg4NzcwNzE2LCJtIjoiMTA3MDk2Njg4Iiwibyl6IklMDAwMS1zZXQiLCJwLjoxNjU4OTk5OTk5OTk5OTk5OTksInBwljozLjV9.PK_nY5AmKbhTrVNtiCtxzboBbIPXLA-D-7x3rv77hDa0lN7QyuDCxd3pE2lIJ8crfozAlZ5dNEVAMHvgDONvRw&cvq_source=google&cvq_aaid=&cvq_cid=18142265678&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=18137854225&gbraid=0AAAAADg3X2LsofaRUUTDuHINYGePdGvox&gclid=CjwKCAjwwfnUBhAtEiwAfQpAYs6lyEb3CrnjGKholuC1vFIMMoPo1iF78MojHUWWdb6lvtA6SHIOHxoCc8lQAvD_BwE](https://yarnies.com/knitpro-naaldpunt-beschermers-klein-groot-set-4-stuks/?pv2=eyJhbGciOiJFUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJjaWoiRVVSIiwiaXhwLjoxNzg4NzcwNzE2LCJtIjoiMTA3MDk2Njg4Iiwibyl6IklMDAwMS1zZXQiLCJwLjoxNjU4OTk5OTk5OTk5OTksInBwljozLjV9.PK_nY5AmKbhTrVNtiCtxzboBbIPXLA-D-7x3rv77hDa0lN7QyuDCxd3pE2lIJ8crfozAlZ5dNEVAMHvgDONvRw&cvq_source=google&cvq_aaid=&cvq_cid=18142265678&gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=18137854225&gbraid=0AAAAADg3X2LsofaRUUTDuHINYGePdGvox&gclid=CjwKCAjwwfnUBhAtEiwAfQpAYs6lyEb3CrnjGKholuC1vFIMMoPo1iF78MojHUWWdb6lvtA6SHIOHxoCc8lQAvD_BwE)

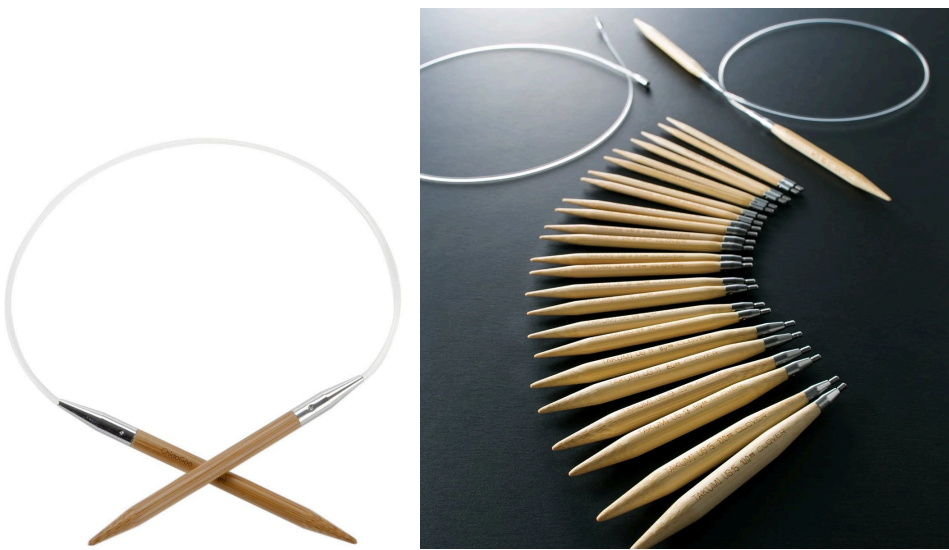
What kind of knitting needles do I need?

Be sure to get 5mm knitting needles

- Straight knitting needles
 - Your regular needles you might recognize from your grandmother



- Different materials:
 - Bamboo
 - Wood
 - Aluminium
 - Plastic
- Circular knitting needles
 - Not interchangeable, cable is stuck to the needle
 - Interchangeable, cable can come loose from the needle
 - Again in different materials



- **Recommendation: interchangeable knitting needles with a 60cm cable**
 - **Brands: Drops or Knit Pro**
- **Can't find interchangeable needles? Get circular needles or straight needles in wood or aluminium**

In Groningen:

- **Achterpand, Lage der A 1**
- Sostrene Grene: <https://sostrenegrene.com/nl/producten/creativiteit/ronde-breinaalden-5-mm-p-e8d75393>
- Zeeman: <https://www.zeeman.com/nl-nl/product/breinaalden-oranje-107904-1>
- Pipoos
- HEMA: <https://www.hema.nl/speelgoed-hobby/handwerken/breien-haken/breinaalden/breinaalden-5mm---2-stuks-60760058.html>

Online:

- Breiwebshop: <https://www.breiwebshop.nl/>
- Wolplein: <https://www.wolplein.nl/>

Where to find wool:

I recommend getting Drops Big Merino or Drops Lima in 2 different colors:

<https://www.garnstudio.com/yarn.php?show=drops-paris&cid=7>

In Groningen:

- Achterpand, Lage der A 1 (they unfortunately don't sell Drops)
- Sostrene Grene
- Pipoos
- Zeeman:
https://www.zeeman.com/nl/thuis/breien-haken.html?gclid=CjwKCAjw0ZiiBhBKEiwA4PT9z8gnLEL319RUhCuQv1vHpCJvWv3qMS9ODWLe6NLBcGzyjW-d89CzpBoC6MQQAvD_BwE
- Drops in store: in Leeuwarden, in Breiparadijs, Hobbemastraat 5 in Leeuwarden

Online:

- Breiwebshop: <https://www.breiwebshop.nl/>
- Wolplein: <https://www.wolplein.nl/>
- Hobbii: <https://hobbii.nl/>

A guide to different types and weights of yarns:

There are two different categories of yarn: natural types of yarn and synthetic types of yarn. Synthetic types of yarn are man-made. I would recommend working in natural kinds of yarn, which are lighter and more breathable. Natural yarns include wool (sheep and merino), alpaca, mohair, cotton and more. The most used synthetic type of yarn is acrylic.

The weight of the yarn decides what kind of knitting needles to use. It is important to know the weight of the yarn. The weight of the yarn can be described as how thick the yarn is. It explains the density of the strings the yarn is made up of. We will start by using medium weight yarn, which is also called worsted or aran. More information about different yarn weights: <https://sarahmaker.com/yarn-weights-guide/>

For this course, **merino worsted weight (medium/aran) yarn is recommended.**

Recommended kind of yarn: Drops Big Merino

If you cannot find merino worsted weight yarn, then acrylic will also work. The Royal yarn from Zeeman is made for 5mm knitting needles.

Places to buy worsted weight yarn:

- Achterpand
- Zeeman
- Breiwebshop

If you are going to buy yarn, you can also see at the back of the label what kind of knitting needles are fittable for this yarn.