



FLASHBACK  
OF  
NEEDLE HISTORY

The early needles were hand-made out of bone, over 17000 years ago by Western Europeans and Central Asians. It was used for sewing skins and furs.

28000 BC – The earliest known sewing needle is developed in Aurignacia. Hand crafted and made of bones, the needle has a split head instead of an eye.

17500 BC – The first needles with eyes emerge.

7000 BC – Copper needles are produced in Armenia.

2500 BC – Bronze needles are born.

1195 BC – Secret of hardening iron reaches Europe from India.

500 BC – The drawing plate is used for producing wire.

60 AD – Phrygier is credited with discovering embroidery.

1200 – The needle is advertised for the first time in China.

1496 - Leonardo da Vinci constructs a machine to point sewing needles.

1615 – Aachen shows the way by making needles from fine, pure steel.

1730 – Stephan Beissel founds a needle factory in Aachen, Germany.

1755 – First ever patent is awarded for a needle with an eye.

1790 – Thomas Saint applies for a patent for a machine to sew shoes.

1811 – Abel & Michael Morall are the first to construct a device for the pressing of eyes.

1845 – Elias Howe & Singer invent the sewing machine.