

Embroidery thread

Embroidery thread is yarn that is manufactured or hand-spun specifically for embroidery and other forms of needlework.

Threads for hand embroidery include:[1]

- Embroidery floss or stranded cotton is a loosely twisted, slightly glossy 6-strand thread, usually of cotton but also manufactured in silk and rayon. Cotton floss is the standard thread for cross-stitch. Extremely shiny rayon floss is characteristic of Brazilian embroidery.
- Perle cotton, pearl cotton, or French coton perlé is an S-twisted, 2-ply thread with high sheen, sold in three sizes or weights (No. 3, 5, and 8, with 3 being the heaviest).
- Matte embroidery cotton or French coton à broder is a matte-finish (not glossy) twisted 5-ply thread.
- Medici or broder medici is a fine, light-weight wool thread formerly manufactured by DMC Group.
- Crewel yarn is a fine 2-ply yarn of wool or, less often, a wool-like acrylic.
- Persian yarn is a loosely twisted 3-strand yarn of wool or acrylic, often used for needlepoint.
- Tapestry yarn or tapestry wool is a tightly twisted 4-ply yarn.



Embroidery thread, left to right: No. 5 perle cotton (coton perlé), matte cotton embroidery yarn, tapestry wool, cotton stranded embroidery floss.

Threads for machine embroidery are usually of polyester or rayon (less often cotton or silk).

Embroidery	
Styles:	Assisi · Bargello · Berlin work · Blackwork · Broderie Anglaise · Broderie perse · Candlewicking · Canvas work · Counted-thread · Crewel · Cross-stitch · Cutwork · Darning · Drawn thread work · Free embroidery · Goldwork · Hardanger · Machine · Needlepoint · Quillwork · Smocking · Stumpwork · Surface · Suzani · Trianglepoint · Whitework
Stitches:	Backstitch · Blanket · Brick · Buttonhole · Chain stitch · Couching and laid work · Cross stitches · Embroidery stitch · Featherstitch · Holbein · Parisian · Running · Satin stitch · Sashiko · Shisha · Straight stitch · Tent stitch
Tools and materials:	Aida cloth · Embroidery hoop · Embroidery thread · Evenweave · Perforated paper · Plainweave · Plastic canvas · Sampler · Slip · Yarn
Regional and historical:	Art needlework · Bunka shishu · Brazilian · Chikan · Chinese · Indian · Jacobean · Kantha · Korean · Mountmellick · Persian · Opus Anglicanum · Suzhou · Ukrainian · Vietnamese · Zardozi
Embroideries:	Bayeux Tapestry · Bradford carpet · Hastings Embroidery · Hestia tapestry · New World Tapestry · Overlord embroidery · Quaker Tapestry
Designers:	Leon Conrad · Ann Macbeth · Kaffe Fassett · Marilyn Leavitt-Imblum · May Morris · Charles Germain de Saint Aubin · Teresa Wentzler · Erica Wilson
Organizations:	Embroiderers' Guild (UK) · Embroidery Software Protection Coalition · Royal School of Needlework

