



# Punchneedle and Thread Selection Chart

## Kreinik Thread Descriptions:

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### Metallics:

- Blending Filament is a single ply metallic thread.
- Ombre is an 8-ply softly twisted variegated metallic thread.
- Cord is a single ply gimp metallic thread .
- Japan thread is a single-ply gimp metallic, available in Super Fine #1 size, the thicker #5 size, and thickest #7 size.
- Kreinik Braids come in several sizes. The smaller the number, the thinner the thread. So #4 Braid is half as thick as #8 Braid for example. Do not separate Kreinik Braid into strands or plies.
- Kreinik Ribbons are flat metallic threads.

### Varieties of Metallic Sheen

Kreinik colors may have a letter after the color number (ie, 002V):

- Basic colors have no letter after the color name, and have a basic metallic sheen.
- High Lustre (HL) colors have a super bright sheen.
- Vintage (V) colors have a muted, antique metallic sheen.
- Fluorescent (F) colors glow in the dark.
- Holographic (L) colors have flecks of color that make them look 3-dimensional.

### Silks:

- Silk Mori is a 6-strand spun silk (the 6 strands are each made up of plies). Spun silk offers a creamy lustre.
- Silk Serica is a 3-ply twisted filament silk that can be separated. Filament silk offers a bright sheen.
- Silk Bella is a single ply, finely twisted filament silk.

There are three basic needles used for the punchneedle embroidery technique: 1-strand, 3-strand, and 6-strand needles. This chart matches Kreinik threads for punchneedle with the proper punchneedle size:

TYPE OF THREAD	PUNCHNEEDLE SIZE		
	1-strand	3-strand	6-strand
<b>Metallics</b>			
Blending Filament (basic, HL,V, F, L)	X		
Ombre	X		
Cord	X		
Japan #1	X		
Japan #5	X		
Japan #7			X
Very Fine #4 Braid (basic, HL,V, F)	X	X	
Very Fine #4 Braid CORD	X	X	
Very Fine #4 Braid JAPAN	X	X	
Fine #8 Braid (basic, HL,V, F, L)		X	
Fine #8 Braid CORD		X	
Fine #8 Braid JAPAN		X	
Tapestry #12 Braid (basic, HL,V, F, L)		X	
Tapestry #12 Braid CORD			X
Tapestry #12 Braid JAPAN			X
Medium #16 Braid (basic, HL,V, F, L)			X
Medium #16 Braid CORD			X
Medium #16 Braid JAPAN			X
1/16" ribbon (basic, HL,V, F, L)			X
1/16" ribbon JAPAN			X
1/16" ribbon CORD			X
<b>Silks</b>			
MORI 1 STRAND	X		
MORI 2 STRANDS		X	
MORI 3 STRANDS		X	
MORI 4 STRANDS		X	
MORI 5 STRANDS			X
MORI 6 STRANDS			X
SERICA 1 PLY	X		
SERICA 2 PLY		X	
SERICA 3 PLY			X
BELLA	X		

KEY: HL = HI LUSTRE • V = VINTAGE • F = FLUORESCENT • L = HOLOGRAPHIC



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