

Netting Needles and Shuttles

A netting needle or a netting shuttle is used to hold thread and move it through the holes (commonly called meshes) that make up the netting. A netting needle is used to hold thin thread like crochet thread and a netting shuttle is used to hold thick threads like rope or cord. There are many different sizes and styles to choose from and they can be made from wood, metal, or plastic.

You will want to choose the longest one available that will fit through the meshes. You will want to fill it as full as possible, but not so full that it won't go through the meshes. Doing this, you will reduce the number of times you have to join thread ends from your newly filled needles to those of your current project.

Metal Netting Needle

Use with crochet thread size 5 or smaller, sewing thread and tatting thread.



Twisted Wire Netting Needle

Use with yarn, crochet thread larger than size 5, and some cords.



Wooden Netting Needles

Use with crochet thread larger than size 5, some cords, and yarn (including ribbon).



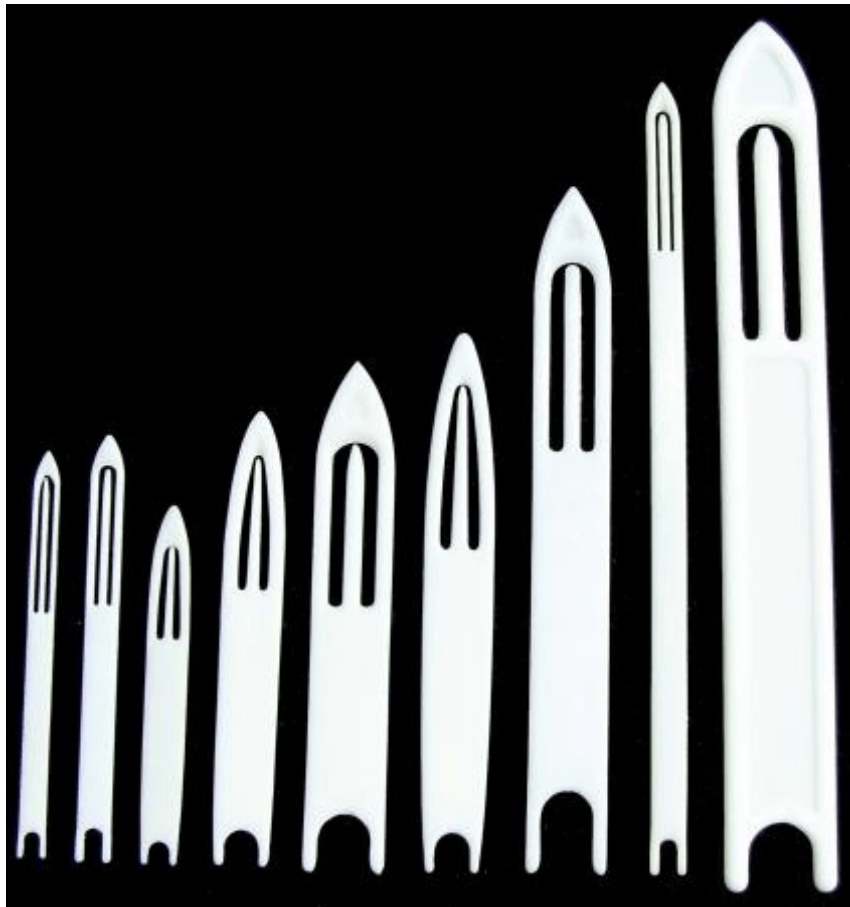
Plastic Norwegian Netting Needle

Use with crochet thread larger than size 5, some cord, and yarn.



Plastic Netting Shuttles

Use with a variety of cords and threads depending on the size of the shuttle.



Sources for Netting Needles and Shuttles

Unless you live near a store that sells netting equipment, you can't just walk into a local store and purchase netting needles. If you have a local marine supply or fishing supply store you may be able to walk in and purchase a netting shuttle.

Here are some online sites that sell netting needles and shuttles.

Company Name Link to Web-site	Supplies They Sell
Finniwig Studio http://www.finniwig.com/finniwigstudios.htm	wooden netting shuttles (will custom make)
Jann's Netcraft http://www.jannsnecraft.com/net-making/	plastic shuttles - 8 sizes
Lacis http://lacis.com/	metal netting needles, bamboo netting shuttles, plastic netting shuttles, Norwegian netting shuttles
Mielke's Fiber Arts, LLC http://www.mielkesfarm.com/netting.htm	metal netting needle 7 ½" long, Norwegian netting shuttles, flat netting shuttles (4 sizes), bamboo netting needles (5 sizes)
Snowgoose http://www.snowgoose.cc/	metal netting needles (5.5" and 7.5")
The Lacemaker http://www.lacemakerusa.com/	metal netting needles (5 sizes including a 5.5" fine one), plastic netting shuttles (2 sizes)