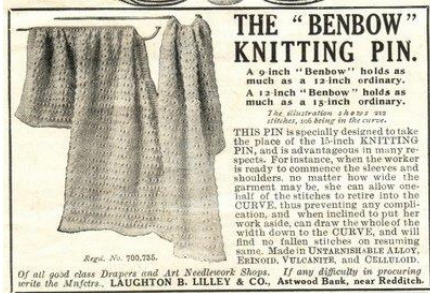





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"Baff", The	backing card is datestamped 1935		circular		
Baglady		metal	4xdp	SEW CC 1448	in sold in a clear plastic tube from Colorado
Balene	name used by Swallow, Boye, and others to denote (probably casein-based) resin needles claimed to have the same properties as baleen, the filters found in whales			BW / SEW	Packet for Swallow brand reads "made in Australia. Swallow Needle Mfg Co." "The Balene Story" printed on card insert. Photo is of a Boye product.
Balmoral		metal	straight	BW	"Balmoral" impressed into shafts. Moulded self stoppers
Banquet			straight		English
Barbara Bates	Brand name of C.J. Bates	wood	SP	SEW CC 2485	I think this was a trial brand name used by C.J. Bates and Son before the launched the Susan Bates in 1942. I have only found it on wooden needles of large diameter.
Barin	Barin Avargo Ltd, Redditch	annodised aluminum	straight 4 x DP	SEW	"probably 1940's" Paper wrapper says made in Redditch Eng and has the size written on by hand
Barins-wear		resin	SP	SEW CC 2487	includes a centimetre measure down each shaft
Barnet		metal	SP	SEW	
Bartleet, W, & Sons	Holdfast				needle manufacturers, Redditch, active by at least 1813. Bartleet's name appears on the Holdfast needle case (see CC 1101).
Baroness	brandname used by P.G. Roberts		detachable kit		See also Countess and Dutchess
Basset Powell	draper or warehouse		kit		Fold over wallet with 8 sets of 4xdp, pretty standard inscribed <i>The Sunflower Knitting Needle Case</i> and giving the details Bassett Powell, 83 Westbourne Grove, W..... Presumably London. Held in V&A, item no. T.712:1-1995, dated between 1870 and 1890.
Bates	used as a brandname by C.J.Bates & Son before launch of Susan Bates	resin	4 x DP	SEW CC1747	lightly engraved on the mid-point of the shaft CC 359 1930's/40's
Bates, C.J. & Son	manufacturer of Bates, Barbara Bates, Chester, Susan Bates, Marcia Lynn, Majesty and Zephyr brands				See entries under these brand names.. The C.J. Bates & Sons firm changed its name to Susan Bates in the 1950-1960's.
Bato		metal	SP	SEW	included with the parcel of Russian needles CC 690
A.G. Bayliss & Sons	Sphinx Brand	steel	4 x DP	SEW	in packet, marked "Made in England". Also marked in Spanish and French.
A.G. Bayliss & Sons				SEW CC 1014	Also a knitting pin case with sizes 12-20 by 4 needles CC1014 gold embossed on front "Baylis's South Kensington Knitting Pin Cse.
Beehive Brand or Beehive	brandname of Patons and, earlier, of Patons and Baldwin	resin	4 x DP circular straight	SEW	for the straights, name and size sometimes engraved on shaft; sometime stopper has a "beehive" shape, sometime stopper is flat-topped. Some 4xDP have name inscribed NEAR TIP (most unusual placement). I think this brand name is the UK/Canada brand; see Patons for Australian brand name

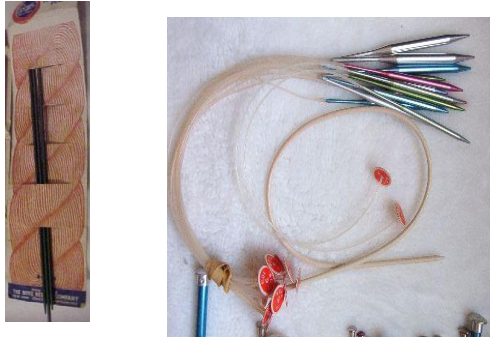


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Beeswax					
Belding Coticelli			straight		Canadian firm 125 years old, mostly selling elastics, thread, and trim
Bell Yarn Co			4 x DP		Needle packet says "Fine Knitting Yarn since 1923"
Benbow	Laughton B. Lilley & Co, Astwood Bank, near Redditch			ad identified by Marian Clark	 <p>THE "BENBOW" KNITTING PIN. A 9 inch "Benbow" holds as much as a 12 inch ordinary. A 12 inch "Benbow" holds as much as a 15 inch ordinary. <i>The illustration shows two stitches, holding in the curves.</i> THIS PIN is specially designed to take the place of the 1-inch KNITTING PIN, and is advantageous in many respects. For instance, when the worker is ready to commence the sleeves and shoulders, no matter how wide the garment may be, she can allow one-half of the stitches to rest into the CURVE, thus preventing any complication, and when inclined to put her work aside, can draw the whole of the width down to the CURVE, and will find no fallen stitches on resuming same. Made in UNTRANSFORMABLE ALLOY, BERNOL, VEGANITE, and CHLORIDON. <i>Regd. No. 790,735.</i> <i>Of all good class Drapers and Art Needlework Shops. If any difficulty in procuring write the Mfrs. LAUGHTON B. LILLEY & CO., Astwood Bank, near Redditch.</i></p>
Bergere de France			SP	SEW CC 2862	Franch
Berkalin		resin	4 x DP 14" straight	SEW	length, name Berkalin, and size in mm marked on shaft of the straights near the stopper and at the midpoint of the DP. Black hemispheric stopper engraved with the size or with K or with W or M inside a diamond.
Ber-Mel	early US firm, also wooden needle gauge (CC1649) says Ber-Mel Yarns, Philadelphia, Pa	resin, wood	straight circular 4 x DP	SEW CC 579, CC 1005 loose dp needles in a retail box. CC1372 wooden SP	
Bernat also Bernat Aero	American yarn manufacturer - had marketing alliance with Aero in 1960's . Jackpin	aluminum/ nylon bamboo, painted wood	circular	SEW CC 549, 1999, 2530, 1651	The firm's needles were all imported; eventually hooked up with Hero et al. Sourced needles from UK or Germany or both?
Bever		metal	SP	SEW CC 2826, 2857	Dutch 
Bex		early plastic	straight	SEW, BW	Wrapper or label marked "British Xylonite production". See also Halex which is similarly marked. Tapering hexagonal stoppers
BHS	NZ Needle Industries Ltd	resin	circular	SEW	packet says manufactured by N Z Needle Industries Ltd, New Lynn, Auckland. CC 1546-gift from Gay Lines
Bienna		metal	SP	SEW CC1636	CC558 impressed Bienna on shaft in deco lettering. England on other side.
Birch	Birch Knitting Pins, Pony Pearl	metal, resin	straight	GL, BW, SEW	Children's needles, 18 cm in length. Pale blue, white stopper with red eyes, nose, mouth, face printed on stopper. "Made in India for and distributed by Birch" printed on card packaging. Metal shaft coated with resin. Green shafts with white stoppers in plastic packet. Needles sold in Australian packages say "packed by Milwards"
Birchwood	related to Birch ??	wood	straight		
Birdseye		resin	straight	SEW	Coloured shaft shows in the centre of the black stopper. Birdseye sometimes inscribed on the shaft.
Black Magic			straight 4xDP	SEW	made in UK, sold in pairs or in sets of 4 CC 552, 424, 1560




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Blue Crown	date APR 10 1941 on the back of the package				
Blue Ribbon Sock Needles			4xdp SP	SEW CC 1032	
Blue Sky	Blue Sky Alpacas The printed tin says "made in India by people who are treated well and fairly". The Blue Alpaca website says the needles are made in Vietnam	Dalbergia rosewood	4xdp in a litho-printed tin	SEW CC2249	
Bofix		metal	SP	SEW CC765	French
Bohin		metal resin	straight	SEW CC1978	French brand, with teardrop stoppers and no name written on the stopper. The firm is still in business in the 2000's, making haberdashery and industrial items. Don't think it now makes KN. www.bohin-industrie.fr
Bolide TM&CIF			SP		French
Bon Marche			SP	SEW 1072	Needle shaft also says Gloucester. Bon Marche was a British retailer now owned by Peacock Group (originally a French retailer, and also in USA)
Bonette		resin	straight	SEW	sold in Australia and UK, Bonette inscribed on shaft CC410, 458, 468
Boni			straight	GL/SEW	novelty heads or stoppers on these; PinoCChio, Snow White, etc. Also CC 1254.
Boni Jean		plastic	circular	SEW	the cardboard packaging to which the circular needle is affixed is the same as that for Zephr
Book Mark	marked "Fight Tuberculosis"		straight		
"Bo Peep"	French	resin	SP	SEW CC1005	Shaft marked "Bo Peep" 10" 4 France
Boulton	W Boulton & Sons, Redditch		SP, gauges		See <i>TCI Bulletin</i> , Fall 2007, and also <i>Knitting Needle Gauges - New Finds</i> for discussion on this very early and prominent firm.
Bouquet	Brand name of Canadian yarn manufacturer Dominion Woollens		needle gauge	SEW	Canada/US sizes on gauge
Bouquet	Needles have URICO trademark		SP	sew	Needle (or wrapper) reads : BONQUET (URICO Trade mark,) STAINLESS ALUMINIUM. On the underside of the stopper is printed " (MADE IN ENGLAND, URICO,)"

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Boye	Major US needle maker, since late 19th century. Brandnames include Balene, Diana, Little "Boye" Blue, Needlemaster (kits), Fashionmaster, Knitmates (screw-ons but not in a kit). Firm bought out by William Wright & Sons, then by Newell - see fabrics.net			metal cable, not plastic "The Boye concave point helps to eliminate dropped stitches. See photo below	
Boye		aluminum, etc	straight tip with flexible shaft, circular		
Boye				CC2532 is lucite (?) circular with only a paper wrapper. CC2611 is circular in small plastic packet	
Boye Blue	Boye 1940's brand			circular	Little Boye Blue - these circulars have Boye Blue inscribed on both ends of each circular. CC1981 shows purchase date 1938. Others have date 1943.
Brac			4xdp	SEW CC 1210	Plastic coated (with metal core) - box says unzerbrechlich "unbreakable"
Brabant	brand names Partridge, Peerless	metal	4xDP	SEW CC767 Also CC1532	paper packet says "made by the Brabant Needle Co. Ltd. Redditch, England". The logo is a partridge. See NN No. 33 (p254) for company history. Became the Colonial Needle Company.
Bradbury's	"HAB" Series, also says "insist on 999 brand". Also Sticksteel		4xdp	JP	Cardboard packet on softcopy; presumably Bradbury's was a warehouse or wholesaler in, probably, the 1920-30s.
Brevete's GDG	translates as Patented (Sans Garantie du Gouvernement	aluminum	SP	SEW CC 462	Pixie cap stopper with size embossed in circle on stopper. See also Jouvenia
Britex		metal	SP	SEW CC2524	square stopper -
British made					printed on paper wrappers -- no other identifying info. Sometimes a small UK flag
British Needle Co	brand names inc Argosy, Embassy, Golden Fleece.				firm also made needles for Woolworth
Brittany	modern firm	black walnut, white birch	straight 5 x DP	SEW	USA Cardboard sleeve
Broches Acier Nিকেle Superieur				SEW CC2204	box of needles
Brostalor			SP		French brand ?

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Brunswick	brand name is Sail Australian/NZ brand?	aluminum	straight DP circular		
Bryspun	"Flex"	plastic?	straight 4x dp	SEW CC933	"flexible" cream colour -- kits and pairs. Made in New Zealand
B.U.C.					Made in Germany, top of stopper reads : B.U.C. 3 USA
Bucilla	Large yarn and haby firm, still in business, but no longer making/selling branded needles. Brands included Clearlite, "Featherlite" -- (but is this an Aero brand??) and Sure-fit. The firm seems to have abandoned selling KN around the time of WWII. See my gauges article Part 1 in TCI Bulletin, 2013, for more information on this firm.	steel? Celluloid	straight	SEW CC 455, 542, 579, 600, 601, 867, 995, 1748, 1837, 1919 CC 872 is a black set in a paper wrapper. CC2523 is circular on card in cellophane marked "Made in British Zone of Germany"	Many sources for KN - made in USA; others marked "made in Czechoslovakia" "made in Germany" (cc 2755) or "made in England". Also, some resin needles have stoppers apparently identical to Clarke's ONT. CC1837 are metal and say Bucilla and made in Canada and are similar to Canadian brands Maltese and Sultana. Black set CC 872  
Buco			circular		Seller confirms one of the shorter circulars has Buco inscribed on the needles