














## Knitting Needle Brands and Company Names Names Beginning with I and J

| Name  | Brand Names, Company Names, Other Relationships   | Material | Type               | Owner/Contributer | Notes  |
|---|---|----------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Needle Owners/Data Contributors -- Pat Ashford, Rhonda Barratt, Heike Belter, Christina Bertrand (inc her newsletter NeedleNotes), Judy Cameron, Naomi Cidder, Judith Durbridge, Eva Haylock, Ineke Hulsmann, Sue Lennon, Gay Lines, Pam Mycock, Nancy Nehring (inc her site lace buttons), Molly Pearce, Rike Platenkamp, Joyce Poynter, Jean Price, Marilyn Tebb, Beryl Warne, Sheila Williams, Robyn Zloch, Hazel and David Arnold |   |          |                    |                   |  |
| Ibex  |   | metal    | straight           | GL/SEW CC 2975    | Stamped on shaft "Ibex foreign" or "Ibex made in Germany"<br>  |
| Ideal   |   | metal    | SP                 | SEW CC3019        |    |
| Illusion  | Gracie & Co   | wood     | sp                 |                   |  |
| Imra  | long-established German firm. See also PRYM, JMRA, etc. Needles were made in Germany and then in Mexico |          | circular           |                   | <br>  |
| Imra-Stabil   |   | resin    | straight           | BW                | "Imra-Stabil" on shaft. Green shaft; dark green stopper  |
| Inal  |   | steel    | straight           | BW/SEW            | "Inal 3" marked on flattened shaft in very clear raised lettering. Tiny self stoppers. Susan's pair a gift from Gay Lines  |
| Inox  | Trade name of RUMP See also PRYM, IMRA, JMRA, etc.  |          | straight, flexible | BW /SEW           | Inox is an abbreviation for inoxydable, meaning stainless. Used to be used on many items like cutlery, but also, now, a brand name. SEW's pair are a gift from Gay Lines   |
| Inox-Colour   |   | metal    | SP                 | SEW CC2119        | crystal knobs  |
| Inox-Tric   |   | metal    | straight           | SEW               | "Inox-Tric" impressed on a resin stopper of green hexagonal shape. Flat plane of stopper is perpendicular to shaft. "Perl Inox Made in Germany" impressed on shaft. Also CC 756 flattened shaft says "Inox Foreign"  |
| Inoxal  |   | metal    | SP                 | SEW               | gift from Gay Lines<br>  |
| International   | Could be Heusch ?   |          | set                | SEW CC862         | triangular tubular case. Lithographic printing on case translates metric and imperial<br>  |
| Iris  |   | metal    | SP                 | SEW CC1117        |  |
| *ISIS*  |   |          |                    |                   | metal rod with cream plastic coating and ogee-shaped stopper. Shaft marked "foreign".<br>  |
| Ita   | "Swiss Made"  | metal    | SP                 | SEW CC 2914       |  |
| Ivorè   | Swallow brand   | casein   | SP                 | SEW CC 3022       |  |
| Ivoree  |   | resin    | straight           | SEW               | gift from Gay Lines. Packet says "made in Australia"   |
| Ivory   | made in Japan by Clover, imported into the US originally by Knitting Fever                              |          | SP, circular       |                   | Ivoree inscribed on shaft and also the size in Imperial and "England". Includes metal rod core.<br><br> |

## Knitting Needle Brands and Company Names Names Beginning with I and J

|   |   |                 |  |                                      |   |
|---|---|-----------------|--|--------------------------------------|---|
| Ivy                                       |   | metal           | SP   | Poynter, SEW CC1729, 998             | A common trademark also shown on cotton reels and on the case of cotton reels. No connection that I could establish with the Ivy brands of Vicars or T. Banks.  |
| IWAKA CHIKUZAI KOGYO LTD                  | translates as Iwakuni Bamboo Industry Co Ltd, manufacturer of Fan brand   |                 |  |                                      | Needles have square stoppers or knobs. Brand name is not always inscribed on the needle, so these needles may also have been sold without a brand. CC 998 has spherical stoppers  |
| Ixion Co Ltd, The                         | Brand name of Jabez Hill & Co, needlemakers of  | metal           | 4 x DP   | BW                                   | Paper packet market "Warranted by the Ixion Co., Limited. Superior Finished Knitting Pins"  |
| Jackenstricknadeln                        | VEB Automatik   |                 |  | SEW CC 2910                          | Paper wrapper over unbranded steel KN   |
| Jackpin                                   | Brand name of Jaeger  | wood            | straight   | SEW - gift from Pat Ashford          | made in England. Packet says 'Jack-Pin Jaeger No.1 Made in England'. These usually seem to come as the larger of a pair of needles, one large and one small.  |
| Jacmore                                   |   |                 |  | SEW                                  | CC 698 Paper label says Canada and has a graphic of an elephant pulling a log. Late 40's / early 50's??   |
| Jaeger                                    | Brands included Jaeger, Jackpin, "Kingpin"  |                 | 4x dp  | Poynter                              | British clothing and (previously ?) yarn manufacturer and retailer. Sold hand knitting yarn and needles until 1990's? Paper label says "Each needle finished knob screwed on which prevents their falling off. Packet is illustrated in Needlework Tools & Accessories by Molly Proctor, Batsford, 1990.  |
| Jager, W.L.                               | This firm is not Jaeger, the clothing/yarn manufacturer/retailer, but a needle-making firm. (See Williams, p 50.) Brand names include Duraloid. Also sold a bell gauge (post-1925 - Williams) and the Dainty Dinah rectangular gauge (see JP photocopy,   | aluminum        | 4x dp  | SEW CC1705, a gift from Molly Pearce |   |
| Jahncke & Co                              | Jahncke's patent for four-compartment needle cases was used by many firms for sewing and knitting needles, and was also used for unbranded sterling needle cases. Other brands using this type of Mitrailieuse case included Acron Stoves, Crescent, Farmers & Co, and Kirby Beard. Mitrailieuse refers to the inventor of a type of gattling or machine gun. |                 | set of 4 x DP in round tin with divided compartments |                                      | A JAHNCKE'S knitting pin case in mottled gold & orange saying "The Crescent Case Best Knitting Pins". It has markings for needle sizes of 13, 14, 15, 16, which are delivered from inner divisions for each size of needle through a hole in the revolving top. One end of the case is embossed Best English Knitting Pins Jahnckes Patent 4 Sets the other end with the hole for dispensing the needles has The Crescent Knitting Pin Case. Has written instr<br> |
| James Beattie                             | Wolverhampton   | resin           | SP   | MP                                   | According to MP, this was a local department store, now taken over by one of the big  |
| James Lake                                |   | straight        |  |                                      | marked "James Lake Ltd No 8"  |
| Jas Smith & Son Ltd, or James Smith & Son | Brand names included Ostrich and Double Century   | metal           | 4xDP   | SEW CC873                            | "burnished steel" -- also sold in the flat metal case.. James Smith & Sons first used The Double Century" and then were taken over by Milward. CC873 is a wholesaler's multi-size cardboard box   |
| Jason                                     |   | aluminum        | DP, SP   | SEW 1047                             | name stamped on lozenge-shaped stopper or on shaft<br>  |
| Jeanne Damon                              | Susan Bates brand   |                 |  |                                      | "Susan Bates presents Jeanne Damon" "flower power" needles have a flower on the stopper.<br>  |
| Jester                                    |   | annodised steel | straight   | BW/ SEW CC 737                       | Jester on flattened area of shaft and England on other side, self stopper.  |
| "Jewell"                                  | Jewel Rug Needle Co, 474 High Street, Prahran S1  |                 |  |                                      | Not a knitting needle but similar name to knitting needles ....   |
| Jewel                                     | US brand  | metal           | circular   |                                      |   |

## Knitting Needle Brands and Company Names Names Beginning with I and J

|                    |  |             |                                    |                     |  |
|--------------------|--|-------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Jiffies            | Hero brand   | resin       | 4xDP                               |                     | sold in a clear plastic tube with a paper wrap-around label inside<br>               |
| Jiffy Knit         | Susan Bates brand  | plastic     | straight                           | SEW                 | This pair is also marked JMRA on the shaft near the stopper<br>                      |
| JMRA               | This German firm was/is tied up with IMRA, Inox, etc., so see entries under those names. Other brand names included Breakproof and Flex.   |             | circular with bamboo or steel tips |                     |   |
| Jo-anne            |  |             |                                    |                     |  |
| John Barnes        |  | plastic     | SP                                 |                     | UK - I think this brand name would be for a yarn shop or haberdasher or department store   |
| John James & Sons  | UK needle-making firm started about 1860. Brand names included Serpent. The John James & Sons brand is now used by the descendent US firm, The Colonial Needle Company, for their English imported needles - refer Christina | metal       | 4xdp                               | SEW<br>CC 965       |   |
| John Lewis         | UK department store, sold Jonnell brand  |             |                                    |                     |  |
| John Stratton & Co | UK early 20th c firm - brands were Stratton's, Stratnoid, Lady Jane or Jayne, Twinco   |             |                                    |                     | This firm had an Australian subsidiary, Rainsford which produced all brand names in Australia except the early one, Strattons.   |
| Johnny             |  | plastic     | SP                                 |                     | English  |
| Joint Venture      |  | brich       | straight<br>circular               |                     |    |
| Jonco              |  | metal       | SP                                 | SEW CC835           | And CC 1608 is a circular on cardboard backing with a needle gauge   |
| Jonelle or Jonell  | brand name for John Lews   | metal resin | straight<br>circular 4xdp          | SEW CC944<br>CC1617 |    |
| Jouvenia           | Neate Ltd - see also Emu Wools Ltd   | plastic     | straight                           | SEW CC684           | The resin needles have a built-in tip guard as a stopper. A bit unwieldy, if using a bulky yarn. Marked Jouvenia patent 395307 by Neate Ltd Gauge 9 or Jouvenia Patent |
| Jumpre             |  | annodised   | straight 4 x DP                    | GL/ SEW             | Australian made "will not harm delicate shades of wool"  |

## Knitting Needle Brands and Company Names Names Beginning with I and J

|                    |  |   |          |   |  |
|--------------------|--|---|----------|---|--|
| Junior             |  | steel - copper coated and nickle plated | 4xdp     | SEW CC2291  |    |
| The "Justice" Make |  | wood                                    | SP       | SEW CC2147  | Gift from Gay Lines. Looks like Australian brand.  |
| JustRite           |  |   | straight | CC 2298 and 3133 are labelled wooden tubes. CC 2500 is a manila packet of 12 needles, so this manila packaging can dated to early | From lacebuttons.com, Nancy Nehring : Justrite Manufacturing Company. Chicago, Illinois, was established in 1906. The company's main business has always been industrial safety equipment but it also had a line of needlework tools including crochet hooks, knitting pins and tatting shuttles. The company probably discontinued the needlework tool line during World War II as was common for companies in order to scale up production of items necessary for the war and to make more raw materials available for the war effort. Production of the needlework line may never have resumed after the war (need more information/references here). The Justrite Manufacturing Company is still in business manufacturing safety equipment in the Chicago area. |