

Knitting Needle Brands and Company Names Names Beginning with P and Q

Name	Brand Names, Company Names, Other Relationships	Material	Type	Owner/Contributer	Notes
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P&B	Brand name of Patons & Baldwin				
Palace		resin			
Par-USA		metal	SP 4xDP	SEW CC933, 1005, 1765	inscribed on shaft "PAR USA". Shaft also has cuts; the number of cuts or indentations equals the size of the needle, eg., 3 cuts - size 3. ??
Paragon		aluminum		GL/SEW	teal blue, made in England; two different kinds of stopper
Parfrey		resin	SP, DP	SEW	One set is owned by Bruce's mother. I think this is an Australian brand; I've never found them in the UK. One of the Aussie Patons & Baldwin's books recommends them, and JP in UK has never seen them there. Beryl Warne' has found references to a 1940-50s plastics firm Palfrey Australia, that also made dolls. Doll patent appln no. 2435/48.
Parker	Current brand. Brand name of BDR Products (India)	aluminum	SP	SEW CC2440	bought in a market in Hyderabad, 2012
Parloch	Canadian firm	aluminum	SP	SEW CC1087	
Partridge	brand name and trademark of Brabant & Co	metal	4xDP	SEW	paper packet includes a partridge logo
Patons	See Patons & Baldwin	resin	DP, SP	SEW	
Patons & Baldwin	brand names included Beehive, Beehive Brand, Queen Bee, Marbletone, Nimble, and P&B. The firm had subsidiaries in many Commonwealth countries and made knitting needles and plastic gauges in Australia.		SP, DP, circular	GL/SEW CC1532 CC1677 is a metal circular labelled Beehive, sold in Canada". The cardboard backing says made in USA	Marbletone was a casein-based needle produced by Australian Swallow firm. See also Queen Bee and Swallow.  
Patrib		metal	SP	SEW CC2206	French
PAX		metal	SP	SEW CC2975	
Peacock	In the UK, this brand name was used by early haberdasher Faudels. The firm's logo was a peacock with a displayed tail which also appeared on some of their bell gauges.	wood, resin, metal	SP, also a bell gauge	BW / SEW CC802	
Peacock	These needles, sold in the US, were made in Japan.		kit of circulars, DP	SEW CC2031, 1530	
Pearl		metal	SP	SEW	metal shaft, plastic stopper like Rhodo Cristol; no name on needle, only on plastic sleeve
Pearlac		coated aluminum	set of 5 DP	GL	French
Pearsall, J., & Co	The firm's logo was a duck.	steel	4 x DP	SEW	"Best Tapered Steel Knitting Pins" marked on packet. J. Pearsall & Co of Taunton has been making sewing silks since 1795. Still active -- MP. They also advertised their KN on their sewing needle packets. The back of the black knitting needle packet says "hand-made knitting pins and crochet hooks"
Pecam			SP	SEW	French ? CC 718
Peer	US firm		SP		old, and very rare needles










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Peerless	Brand name of A.F. Brabant of Yonkers, NY. Brabant Needle Co Inc.	chrome or stainless	SP, circular	SEW CC2402, 2031, 1690	Sewing needles made at Lion Works, Redditch 
Peerless Novelty Co.	Owner of Diamond Brand and of Diamond Delux and Delux.	metal	4xDP	SEW CC851	Paper packet says Grand Rapids, Michigan. From lacebuttons.com, Nancy Nehring : Peerless Novelty Company, Address 2012: 2101 168th Avenue, Grand Haven, Michigan 49417 USA Peerless Novelty Company was founded in 1917 and based in Grand Haven, Michigan. It changed its name to Stanco Metal Products, Inc. in 1997 with locations in Grand Haven, South Carolina, and New Mexico. The company specializes in metal fabrication. Design Patent: 1919 US D52973. Patent 1919 US 1269014
Pelican		resin	SP	SEW	UK CC 683 - also CC 755 children's sets in wholesalers box with paper labels
Penelope	Brand name of Manchester draper W. Briggs (WB Wools) for whom the needles were made by a number of manufacturers inc Alfred Shrimpton (see NN No. 7, p 44). Firm was eventually taken over by Coats in 1963.	resin	SP DP	Poynter SEW CC1201	Inscribed around stopper is "Penelope England". Name is also sometimes on the shaft of larger needles. CC 1201 is a set of 4xDP in a metal tube. <i>Penelope</i> is also the name of a French knitting magazine of the 1930's, but I don't think there is a tie up with the needles.
Penn Products	This brand retailed during the 1970's.	aluminum	SP	SEW CC933, 1180	Card holding needles says "made in Japan for PENN Products
Pennys	US department store house brand	aluminum	circular SP 4xDP	SEW	4 aluminum DP in cardboard holder
Perfection				Poynter	Perfection Manufacturing Co, Crescent Needle Mills, Redditch.
Perfection			SP	SEW CC1535	French
Perfection Points	Boye brand		straight		
Perfecto - also see D.C.N.	Sold through Woolworths stores in Canada. Packages state Perfecto Aluminum Knitting Pins New Improved Hard Finish Non-Staining Made in Canada Anodized Aluminum Knitting Pins Dominion Comb & Novelty Co. Warwick P.Q. (P.Q means Province of Quebec), also referred to as DCN.	aluminum, resin	set of 4 DP, also straight	SEW CC 2051 CC 412 Also CC1392, which is 4xDP with a different label with (Hall's ?) elephant. Also CC 1941.	Made in Canada, with black button stoppers (around 1940's ?). Paper wrapper says "reliable knitting needles." Note similar wrapper on Canadian brand Three Bees although the metal Three Bees says England on the shaft. CC 2744 - aluminum with self-coloured plastic stopper. 
Perks, Thomas & Sons	Redditch needlemakers		DP	SEW CC793	Large, cheap wooden tube case, label says Thomas Perks & Sons Best Spring Steel Knitting Pins, and there is also a cross logo.
Perl Inox	Inox brand Also Perlinoxtric as one word	steel with resin stopper	straight	SEW CC776, 2283.	Shaft embossed "Perl Inox 13" and also "made in Germany" INOX-TRIC marked on flat green hexagonal resin stopper, set perpendicular to shaft. Shaft is wider at the tip than near the stopper (to save weight, I think). Others marked TRIC only on 1 side (green waisted lozenge). Pearl-Inox on others. (Gift from Naomi Cidder). Various hexagonal, lozenge or shield shaped stoppers, embossed or printed Perl Inox. CC 2283 is a wholesaler's box with needles in plastic holders and dating to the 1980's.
Perl Inox Tric	brand name of Perl Inox	steel	SP	BW	coloured stoppers with sizes marked. Packet marked "These needles are faster because the shaft is smaller than the standard size and takes a quarter more stitches than a standard needle of the same length"
Perlac	Quick Knit - I have never seen any Perlac QuickKnits. But I do have Quicknit brand, made in Australia.	resin	SP	SEW CC1636, 2347 (SP w hard plastic push-through holder)	French. Seller says : They are called Quick Knit because the shafts taper so that the stitches do not bind and that makes knitting a lot faster! If you've tried the turbos and find that you are always dropping stitches its because the turbos are very slippery. The Perlac Quick Knits are coated so that your stitches stay on the needle until you are ready to knit them. The tips are also blunt so you won't split the yarn as you are knitting. 







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Perle		resin	circular and flex (rigid tip, flexible shaft, stopper on end)		
Perma	brand name of Adrien May (French importers) .	steel aluminum	SP circulars		Printed phone number is Murray Hill 3-7858. Date shown is 1947.
"Perserverance" Penny Packet, The	Wholesaler brand name, which also appears on sewing needle packets, reels of silk, etc.	metal	4xdp	SEW CC1415	sold in US, but Molly Pearce says made in England 
Peter Hudson			needle gauge		sold in South Australia 11/06
Petite Moulin P.J.	see also Au Petit Moulin	metal	SP	SEW CC471	French
Phantom	Milward brand	aluminum grey powder coated and anodised	straight 4xDP	GL/ BW SEW CC 883	Name embossed on flattened shaft near small button stopper. Gail's pair have label with price 1/9 -- one shilling, nine pence. These come in two styles of stopper, the larger stopper coming in grey metal or with a coloured disk inset on top. "Milward's 'Phantom' Products are made of the finest quality aluminum alloy, anodized." (ie, no plastic)  
"Pharoflex", The		metal with plastic tips	circular	SEW	gift from Molly Pearce
Phentex			circular SP		 
Phildar		aluminum	SP circular	SEW CC1248 et al	
Phoenix		steel	4 x DP	JD	packet shows trademark of circled phoenix
Pijlen	Size is written in English.	bamboo	SP	SEW CC 1166	Gift from Gay Lines. Japanese -- paper labels have Kanji characters and the word/logo Pijan written vertically. 
PIK	DMC - so Canadian?		SP	SEW CC1841	1970's brand - cardboard holder card
Pingolite		metal	SP	SEW CC2206	French

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Pingouin	French yarn sellers from at least the 1950s on. Another brand name is Esmeralda	plastic	SP, flexible	SEW CC 2975 is anodised aluminum with a plastic spherical stopper with Pingouin around the middle. Also hollow single points with flat stopper.	  
Pinguin	Is this a variant spelling of Pingouin?	stainless steel	straight but flexible		 
Pioneer	W. Guise & Sons	metal	4xdp		
Pixilite		annodised	straight	BW/SEW	"Pixilite" on shaft. Size on end of stopper.
Plasteel		steel rod	straight	SEW CC2301	US brand
Plasticon	Bernat				Either a brand name or else refers to material needles are made of
Plastifi			straight		Amber coated (and metal cored?) needles --couldn't get the photo to come across, but needles are translucent. The word "plastifi" is on the shaft near the stopper, but whether it is a brandname or alludes to the material, I'm not sure. Others in the group were marked Germany, so perhaps this amber pair are German too.
Platignite		metal	straight	SEW	gift from Pat Ashford. Shaft and stopper seem to be 1 extrusion; name and size engraved on the shaft
Plex		plated steel	4xdp		
Plymouth	Owens Surina brand, made in Japan	bamboo	straight, also circular		
Polar Yarns			circular	SEW CC1018	In paper packet hand-dated 1946. Packet is from same source as Roxana Yarn Co. CC 554, stamped 1936.
Polo Cristal	see Rhodo brands		SP	SEW CC1330	
Polysew	Related brand names are Polysew, Pony or Pony Tootal, Pearl, Muench, Tootal, and Tootal-flex		straight	SEW (CC 434)	
Pony	which was the first name of the company - Pony or Polysew	cellulose acetate, wood, coated aluminum	straight		Logo is a little "alpaca-like" creature -- supposed to be a pony I guess. Gay Lines says Pony was a Milwards brand set up in India for cheaper manufacturing. When India declared independence, Pony firm was nationalised. Today the firm is called Needle Industries (India) Private Limited
Poppy	also called Poppy Pin Series	aluminum	straight	GL, BW, SEW CC 410, 588, 1560	"Poppy" inscribed on one side of shaft, size on other side. Self-coloured stoppers. Some have English pound symbols on flattened portion of shaft.
Portland, The		metal	4xdp	SEW CC1532	
Premier	Target brand	bamboo	SP	SEW/GL	op shop find - plastic sleeve
Primax		metal	straight	SEW	Extruded stopper, painted shaft with a silver tip. CC 698 -- approx 1940-50's?

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Prims	possibly a variation of Prym ??		straight	SEW	CC 550
Primula	French		4xdp	Ineke Hulsman	
Princess	"Casein"	casein, aluminum	SP, DP, circular	SEW CC489, 754	CC 489 is a circular metal needle on card; also SP on card CC754. The cardboard cards for Princess brands and for Majesty brand have the same SKU number "Item No. 284". Also the stoppers are the same and the packaging has similar style.
Pro			SP	SEW	Metal shaft enclosed in translucent plastic, with a slide-on metal tip. Stopper widens with PRO and Pat written around the flat heat.
Profi		bamboo	circular		
Progress	Brand sold in the US, but probably made in UK	cast steel	4xDP	SEW CC1415, 1938	
Protector, The, Knitting Pin Envelope		metal	4xDP	SEW CC997	
Prym	sometimes spelled Prims?? Prym is a brand name of the manufacturer Rump & Prym. See also Inox and associated brand names. William Prym Inc of Dayville CT was a company set up in 1925 as a subsidiary of the German parent. Prym acquired Dritz in 1988 (date ?).	metal	SP circulars	SEW CC 2523	package marked "made in EEC". 
Prym-Fix			SP	SEW CC 2975	
Quaker Girl	Wimberdar brand	aluminum	straight	SEW	
Quaker Maid			DP in wooden tube	SEW CC2072	
Queen Bee	Patons & Baldwyns brand - "The Queen of Knitting Needles" Queen Bee are always metal needles. Patons and Patons & Baldwin are always plastic after about 1940.	metal	SP, DP	SEW	SPs are metal shaft with yellow plastic stopper. Brown paper wrapper, now adhering to needles - or 1.5 in plastic sleeve which says "Queen Bee" 
Queen's Own		metal	SP	SEW CC1183	This brand name reflects early Victorian (1841) warrant given to Henry Walker (NN Issue 16, p. 121). When Walker died, the firm was bought by Bartleet of Redditch which still used the Queens Own brand.
Quicknit	Perlac brand (French)	resin	straight	GL/SEW	faux tortoiseshell and others, with paper wrapper around set.
Quicknit	Australian firm - brand	resin	straight	SEW CC2033	"Quicknit 12" on shaft. Later needles have only size on stopper and name on paper
Quicksilver	Susan Bates brand	aluminum	SP		
Quill	New Zealand brand	resin	straight	GL/SEW CC847	Cased set of US sizes 3-10 with cable needles and point protectors Stopper is the same mitre-shape as the NZ brand Liteflex. CC2757 = SP in plastic sleeve 