



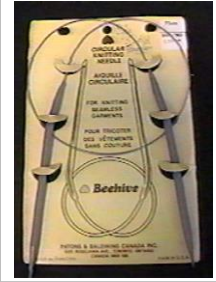






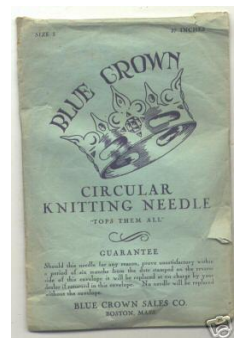

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B.B.B.	New Zealand brand - see NZ section for details	casein	SP	ET	
"Baff", The	backing card is datestamped 1935		circular		
Baglady		metal	4xdp	SEW CC 1448, 3451	in sold in a clear plastic tube from Colorado
Bahar	brand name for contemporary Turkish yarn firm Alize Bahar		SP	CC 3213	red plastic sleeve, clear front stamped BMC needles and with Bahar logo. Plus yellow resin KN stamped BMC
Balene	name used by Swallow, Boye, and others to denote (probably casein-based) resin needles claimed to have the same properties as baleen, the filtering cartilage flaps found in whales. Swallow says this brand name was bought by US firm Boye and marketed as Baleen and Bryspun			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, used originally for their vanity and manicure set lines and for an early line of wooden KN	wood	SP	SEW CC 2485	Barbara Bates was a daughter of the C.J. Bates family. Her name was used on lines of personal items like the vanity case CC 3692. Her name was also used on some large-diameter wooden knitting needles before the Susan Bates brand was launched in 1942.
Barin	Barin Avargo Ltd, Redditch	annodised aluminum	straight 4 x DP	SEW CC3271 - advert	"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	incudes 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).
Barloc	"Australian Made" printed on packet	metal	4xDP	NK	
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



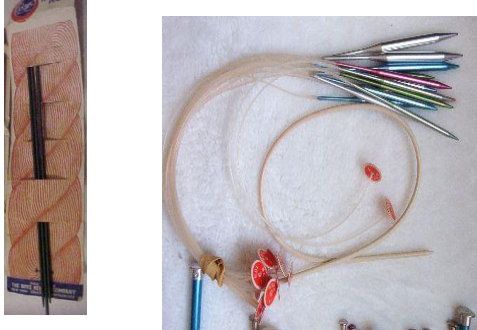

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Bates, C.J. & Son	Brand names included Hollie, Bates, Barbara Bates, Chester, Susan Bates, Marcia Lynn, Majesty, Princess, and Zephyr				See entries under these brand names.. The C.J. Bates & Sons firm changed its name to Susan Bates in the 1950s
Bato		metal	SP	CC 3698	
Bayliss & Sons, A.G.	Sphinx Brand - Also sometimes spelled Baylis	steel	4 x DP	SEW	in packet, marked "Made in England". Also marked in Spanish and French.  Also CC 1014 knitting pin case, sizes 12-20 dp with gold embossed on front "Baylis's South Kensington Knitting Pin Case
"Beau"					"Circular knitting needle nickel plated". Very cheap manila paper envelope with art deco ont - 1920-1930s? No instructions.
Beehive Brand or Beehive	brandname of Patons and, earlier, of Patons and Baldwin	resin	4 x DP circular straight	SEW	With single points, 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. See Australian P&B 1930 price lists for wholesale and retail prices 
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			CC 3792 from Marian Clark	Ad identified by Marian Clark - says made in untarnishable alloy vulcanite, Erinoid and celluloid.
Bergere de France			SP	SEW CC 2862	French
Berkalin		resin	4 x DP 14" straight	CC 3174	The length, the name Berkalin, and gauge in mm was marked on shaft of the single points near the stopper and at the midpoint of the DP. Black hemispheric stopper was engraved with the size or with K or with W or M inside a diamond - so apparently this was the firm's own unique sizing system. CC 3174 - packaging says "packaged for distribution by American Red Cross" to knitters groups during WWII. Berkalin name is etched on the centre of the double

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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, CC1372 wooden SP	 <p>CC 1005 loose dp needle above in a plain cardboard box (so, for a retailer's stock or counter top) with the brand name Ber-Mel and the US sizing poorly printed on the shaft</p>
Bernat	Emile Bernat & Sons Co, Uxbridge, MASS was an American yarn manufacturer - had marketing alliance with Aero in 1960's . Brand names were Bernat, Bernat-Aero, and Jackpin	aluminum/nylon bamboo, painted wood	circular SP	SEW CC 549, 1999, 2530, 1651, 3173, 3208	<p>The firm's needles were all imported; eventually hooked up with Hero et al. Sourced needles from UK or Germany or both?</p> <p>CC 3173 is a wholesaler box with Bernat name and address - but says, "made in England by Aero. Other plastic sleeves give US size and price "printed in England."</p> <p>Note the Aero-style plastic sleeve says "made in England by Aero"</p>
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	Originally Bing Harris Sargood, Christchurch, then NZ Needle Industries Ltd	resin	circular	SEW, EG	One of six brands in similar paper sleeves. See the New Zealand section, and see below photo for tie-in with Pony. 
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
Blue Crown	date APR 10 1941 on the back of the package				
Blue Ribbon Sock Needles			4xDP SP	SEW CC 1032	



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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	
BMC	see Bahar		SP	CC 3213	
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 Zeph
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 TCI Bulletin, Fall 2007, and also Knitting Needle Gauges - New Finds 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,)"
Boye	Major US needle maker, since late 19th century. Brandnames include Balene, Diana, Little "Boye" Blue, Needlemaster (kits), Fashionmaster, Knitmates (interchangeables 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. "	
Boye	Research by Nancy Nehring of lacebuttons.com says that Boye bought out or started brand GEM. See separate entry under GEM.	aluminum, etc	circular with straight tip with flexible shaft	CC2532 is lucite (?) circular with only a paper wrapper. CC2611 is circular in small plastic packet	

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Boye					
Boye Blue	1930s and '40s brand			circular	<p>Little Boye Blue - these circulars have Boye Blue inscribed on both ends of each circular. CC1981 shows purchase date 1938. Another packet has the date 1943.</p> 
Brac			4x dp	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		4x dp	JP	Presumably Bradbury's was a warehouse or wholesaler in, probably, the 1920-30s. See photo under "999"
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.				This firm was founded in 1918 as an amalgamation of several old needle-making firms, and was taken over in 1972 by Abel Morrell. The firm also made needles for Woolworth.
Brittany	contemporary firm	black walnut, white birch	straight 5 x DP	CC 3192 - fat needles	USA Cardboard sleeve
Broches Acier Nিকেle Superieur	French			SEW CC2204	box of needles
Brostalor			SP		French brand ?
Briggs, Wm & Co	Manchester needle manufacturer, incorporated in 1895 - "wholesale art needlework and hand knitting wool specialists". In 1939 signed first agreement with J.P. Coats.				
Brunswick	brand name is Sail Australian/NZ brand?	aluminum	straight DP circular		

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Bryspun	"Flex" - US firm Bryson Distributing bought this needle technology from NZ firm Quill and changed the name to Bryspun	plastic?	straight 4xdp	SEW CC933	"flexible" cream colour -- kits and pairs. Made in New Zealand and then in USA - see New Zealand section
B.U.C.					Made in Germany, top of stopper reads : B.U.C. 3 USA
Bucilla	Large yarn and haby firm, still in business today, but no longer making or selling branded needles. Brands included Clearlite, "Featherlite" -- (but it seem this brand name was also used by other firms, like the Aero tie-up) and Sure-fit. The firm seems to have abandoned selling KN after WWII. See my gauges article Part 1 in TCI <i>Bulletin</i> , 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 identical to Clarke's ONT. CC1837 are metal and say Bucilla and made in Canada and are similar to Canadian brands Maltese and Sultana. Also CC 3215 has black matt paper packet, gold label stamped "Size 18, made in USA" - this is British Imperial sizing.  
Buco			circular		Seller confirms one of the shorter circulars has Buco inscribed on the needles