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Easyknit	Abel Morrall's Crossfox trademark	metal	circular	SEW C 3041, 2141	
Easy-Knit	see also EZY-Knit brands				Canadian ?
DISAMBIGUATION	See various spellings - including Easyknit, Easy-Knit, Ezeenit, Ezyknit, EZYKNIT, "Ezy-Knit", EZY Knit, and EZY-KNIT. It is not clear how many different firms were involved and in how many countries.				
Eaton			kit		
Ecru			SP	SEW CC 2914	brand name is written as a logo
EEC, Product of		metal	SP	SEW	
Eiya		metal	SP	SEW CC 3129	Bought in plastic sleeve and in a wholesaler box in a Shanghai wool shop. Chinese characters say "advanced aluminum alloy sweater needles"
Electra	French brand		DP	SEW CC2003	"Fabrique en Allemagne"
Elle	Saprotex International	wood	SP	SEW CC 2895	gift from South African thimble club member
Elsa	British - brand name shown on paper label, shaft is inscribed PAT 32589		sp	SEW CC2296	
Emanella	owned by UTH French ?	metal	straight	SEW CC1005	Painted metal - colour varies with diameter of shaft
Embassy	Brand name used by Coles in Australia. Other Coles brands were Daintree and Keepair. Embassy KN were sourced from NZ firm Auckland Consolidated Plastics Ltd NZ.	metal, resin	DP, SP	SEW	
Emco			straight		
Emos		steel	straight	BW, SEW	
Emu	Emu Yarns was a British (not Australian) firm. see also Jouvenia Emu advertised with coloured aluminum bell gauges	metal, resin	SP 4xdp	SEW CC974 3581	The resin needles have a built-in tip guard as a stopper - bit unwieldy if using a bulky yarn. Jouvenia also has this tip guard stopper, although a slightly different shape. There was also an Emu brand name in Australia in the early 1900's to about 1980. See my notes on hardcopy file. Aussie firm was named Kinneau and they sold carpet yarns and haberdashery. Kinneau appears not to be related to the UK firm. UK firm used a figurine emu trademark, as did the Australian firm (but different from the British trademark). CC 3581 is a set of 4xdp in a paper wrapper. There is also an Emu Featherlite Knit-Count which I take to be an Emu brand CC 3234
Endura		metal	sp		
English	John English & Co, Feckenham, England. Other wrappers say "John H. Pratt Geo. P. Farmer sole agents for USA"	metal	4 x DP		
Entaco					This name was the culmination of many, many amalgamations in the UK needle industry, and in 1946, Entaco was re-named Needle Industries.
EPAC			SP		French
Erinoid		metal	4 x DP	SEW	Early name for casein and also the name of an early manufacturing firm of casein produces including knitting needles -- name appears on some Milward needles
Ernst	contemporary Oregon craftsman	glass	DP	CC 3180	
Esmeralda	Pinguin brand?	metal	SP		French - coated aluminum with uncoated tips
Essentials	Whitcroft UK brand current on sale new		circular SP		UK brand, in plastic sleeve
Estebe		plastic/resin	SP	Poynter / SEW CC2047	
Eureka	See also Ladysmith, Martha Washington and Gloria. Made in Germany		double pointed	SEW	These four brand names appear on tin tubes with yellow background. I think they were imported into the USA around 1890-1910, the high era for tin lithography - and also just around the time of the Boer War and the battle of Lady Smith. I have not been able to establish that this Eureka is the same as the Eureka/Heureka brand name - see below. 

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Eureka (and /or Heureka??)	brand name ultimately owned by RUMP . See also Heureka and the other Eureka entry above			Poynter / SEW CC105, Ineke Hulsman (photos) CC 3440 = 14" 4xdp in paper packet	 <p>I don't think these modern brands have any relationship with the earlier tin tube.</p>
Europa		metal	SP	SEW CC818	
Evangeline		metal	4 x DP	SEW	paper wrapper or packet CC601
Ewey		plastic shaft, resin stopper	straight	SEW	
Excelsior	Excelsior Needle Co, founded in 1866 and incorporated Aug. 22, 1898, in Me., to manufacture sewing machines and knitting machine needles, bicycle spokes, etc. Also owned factory in UK, whence KN in wooden tube could have been procured.	metal	straight, DP		double-ended sock needles were packaged in wooden tube, suggesting needles were made in the UK. See Wikipedia under Excelsior Manufacturing Co - also filed under "Needles " in SEW folder COLLECTING
Eyshar		steel	straight	BW SEW CC 3018	"Eyshar" impressed on one side of the flattened end of shaft; "8" on the other side. Round self stopper.
DISAMBIGUATION	See various spellings - including Easyknit, Easy-Knit, Ezeenit, Ezyknit, EZYKNIT, "Ezy-Knit", EZY Knit, and EZY-KNIT. It is not clear how many different firms were involved and in how many countries.				
EZEENIT	UK/British brand	resin	DP	SEW CC 837 961	Brand name inscribed in centre of DP needles -- UK 
Ezyknit	Patons and Baldwin sold these in Australia in 1930s			CC3622	see P&B 1930s price lists
EZYKNIT	UK brand				
"Ezy-Knit" - Note this brand name is printed within quotation marks and with initial caps and with a hyphen OR printed inside a circle	made in USA - is this an earlier brand name of EASY-KNIT?	aluminum	DP	CC 954 circular CC 2611	
EZY Knit	also spelled E-Z	wooden	straight dp circular	z	set of four in paper packet. DP gift from GL







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EZY-KNIT - Note this brand name is printed in all capitals with a hyphen.	Is this a later brand name of "Ezy-Knit" ?		SP	CC 2611	
F&B					US jeweller, making enamelled/sterling ends for knitting needles; the sterling end pieces were then marked F&B
F*L	French brand	metal	SP	SEW CC761, 2975	
Fairfax	"The Fairfax Knitting Pin and Wire Gauge" REGISTERED No 278068 which was during 1896		gauge	SEW	
Fairy	Semco brand, Australia	steel	double pointed	SEW	A sticker on the back of packet reads : " This envelope contains A DOUBLE SET (5 each long and short) BEST QUALITY STEEL TAPERED FAIRY KNITTING NEEDLES. Commence on short needles, TRANSFER TO LONG WHEN THE WORK IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO HANDLE WITHOUT DIFFICULTY. (but my packet only contains the long needles)
Falcon	New Zealand brand - see NZ section for more details	resin	SP	ET	
Fallard		plastic	straight	SEW CC1535	
Fan or Fan Brand	Japanese brand - Kashimoto & Co and Iwakuni Chikuzai Kogyo - also see entry under Iwakuni	bamboo	SP 4xdp	SEW CC 1051, 2519	CC 2519 is a gift from Joyce Poynter. Needles are in a large cardboard case that looks like a salesman's sample case and is marked "made in Occupied Japan", so late 1940s/1950s 
Fancy	post WWII Japanese brand	bamboo	SP	CC 3187	
Farmer & Co.			Mitrailleuse case	SEW CC782	Same as all the other Mitrailleuse cases, but branded for the Sydney department store. Bought in Chapel St Bazaar
Fashionmaster	Boye brand		SP		
Faudel's and Faudel Phillips	Faudel's brand names included Coronet, Peacock, Squirrel, and "Drop-Stitch Preventer Knitting Pins"		SP, circular	CC 3724, 3724	Wooden shaft with bone knobs. Faudels and Faudel Phillips were names for a very early London haberdasher and wholesaler. Also sold bell gauges under both names and with a peacock logo. Some resin/plastic SPs had notches in the tips - see Weldon's ad from 1920's (Joyce Poynter). Coronet circulars were sold in paper packets or in



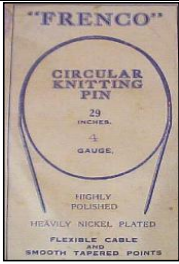
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Favorite -	"Favorite" Steel Knitting Needles Copper Coated and Nickel Plated 1 set of 5 size 14' 'made in USA'	metal, resin	DP	SEW CC1658, 2871	 
Fearnside		plastic	SP, circular	SEW CC1443	
Featherlite		grey metal		3731	"Aero Featherlite 2 Fleisher" embossed on both needles There is also an Emu Featherlite Knit-Count which I take to be an Emu brand CC 3234
Feather-lite		wood	SP	SEW CC971	large wooden needles in plastic sleeve. Cardboard top of sleeve reads "made in USA \$1.98"  
Featherlight	labelled Paull-Steiner LTD Montreal	coated metal	4 x DP	CC 3731	
Featherweight	Hines brand (but Hines name is not on this cardboard packet)	aluminum		CC 3192	
Felbr...	UK/British brand			SEW CC1943	piece of very old black/white label left on a pair of plastic KN - say 1940-30's. Belonged to Ann Druery's mother-in-law
FFL		metal		SEW CC2455	gift from Gay Lines -- 15.5" long -- look European, and also bought from Italy
Fial		aluminum	straight		Shaft flattened near stopper, inscribed Fial on one side and size on the other
Fiddlesticks		wooden	straight		
Fifth Avenue		metal	4xDP	Poynter	British
Filati di Florence		metal	SP	SEW	gift of Marilyn Tebb -- metal shaft, plasticclozenze stoppers, name is actually on the plastic packet
Filatura Di Crosa	Missoni	resin	straight		shaft is a series of pastel rings
Fingertip	A brand name was Duraluminum. Needles made by Aviation Products Co., Montreal - firm was making KN in 1948 - see hardcopy file.	metal	straight	SEW	SP have the shaft flattened just before the stopper with the size and "made in Canada" embossed on it. DP package reads: "Featherweight, Smooth Fingertip Duralumin" 
Finsbury, W.H		resin	SP	SEW	CC 513

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Fix			SP		Scandanivan
Fleisher's	Cincinnati-based repackager of haberdashery and yarns (up to WWII?). Brand names are Fleishers, Celluloid Fleisher, Sure-fit, Featherlite.	metal, resin	DP, SP	CC 3731	CC601 - black paper packet very similar to Bucilla. CC1024 - a 4xdp set inscribed Fleisher's near one end of each needle. Also steel pair Sp marked "Fleisher's Czechoslovakia size 2"
Fleur	New Zealand brand - see New Zealand section	plastic coated metal	circular DP	CC 3497 ET	Packet reads "manufactured by NZ Needles Ltd, New Lynn, Auckland". Purchased at Inverloch op shop. DP a gift from Gay Lines. Circular a gift from Erin Titmus One of six brands in similar packaging - see New Zealand section for more details.  
Flex	JMRA brand	resin	flexible	GL	Rigid tips, flexible cable "shaft"
Flex	Bryspun Brand	casein			See Boye and also New Zealand notes for more details.
Flex	Susan Bates brand		flexible		
Flexiknit, the	"best English manufacture"		circular	SEW CC 2135, 2801	Instruction leaflet inside box. Also see BKA 27/2/20 or snip from Jager brochure with Olney Amsden & Sons as wholesaler 
flexi-pin		plastic	SP	CC 3018	
Flex-y	Hero brand				

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Flora MacDonald	Abel Morrall brand -- There is an argument that the trademark was acquired by Morralls in an early merger. But MP says Abel Morrall registered the Flora MacDonald trademark in 1905 and there is no evidence of the brand being sold before that date. The brand continued in use until after WWII, probably not much beyond 1950.	metal	SP, DP	SEW CC568 Information provided by CB and MP among others	<p>"Needles are nicely engraved with the company name on the flat disc head, plus a registered number 703016 on the thick part of the needle. According to the information I have found this would date these needles prior to WW1, or about 1911. They are 12" long and are very unusual in that the first 4" of the needles are size 8, but then the needles thin right down to about a size 14". CC568 includes the original celophane wrappers in fragile condition.</p> 
Fontana	New Zealand brand - originally Alliance Textiles Ltd, New Lynn, then Needle Manufacturers Ltd. see New Zealand section for details. Some made in Germany ??		SP circulars	SEW CC988 3497	<p>Rectangular stoppers -- see also hardcopy photo, gift from Gay Lines - one of five brands sold in same paper sleeve with different colours and brand names</p> 
foreign					term used on British goods after WWI, generally meaning German
Fosler			straight		
Four Turrets		resin	SP		This is possibly the mark of a London wholesales; it occurs on cards of mending cotton.
Franklins	discount store brand ?	aluminum	SP		
Frengo		resin (celluloid?)	straight, circular	SEW CC552	<p>shaft marked "Frengo 7 England" or "Frengo made in England 9"</p> 
Fuji		bamboo	4 x DP	Rhonda Bartlett	made in Japan