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K	Berkalin mark	celluloid	straight		"K" marked on the stopper and "14" Berkalin #8" marked on shaft
KA	Kinki Amibari Mfg Co., established 1916 in Japan. Brand name is Classic	bamboo	SP circular	SEW CC 2830	
Karabella					made in France
Katia	Estonian brand of wool and haberdashery	metal	SP CC 2914		
Kee-don	See also LAB and London Association for the Blind		straight	SEW CC828	marked "Kee-don 8 L.A.B." around rim of stopper.
Keepair	Brand name used by Coles in Australia (along with Embassy and Daintree)	resin	straight	GL/ SEW CC826	
Kendal Milne & Co	Manchester		SP	SEW CC1553	gift from Betty Gates. Kendal Milne was a Manchester, UK, dept store, founded in 1862 and also known as "The Bazaar" from an earlier building on the site.
Kertzer	"The Collection"	bamboo	circular		made in Japan . Firm still operating in 2010.
Keynote	UK brand		straight circular	SEW CC1170	
Kiglyss			SP	SEW CC1535	
Killarney			SP		
The "King"	British firm, The King Knitting Pin Co.	plastic coated steel	straight	SEW CC413	steel tip slides off; crimped metal cap for stopper like most US needles.
"Kingpin"	Jaeger brand	wood	straight		stamped with "use Jaeger wool"
Kirby Beard & Co	at Royal Mills	metal	sets, DP	SEW CC980	named mitrailleuse needle cases in several colours; black paper packet with windows 
Kirven		resin	SP	SEW CC2296	
Kleen		metal	SP	SEW CC1117	shaft also marked foreign
Knimble-Knit		celluloid	SP	SEW CC 2276 3108	US - Very old needles -
Knit and Purl	brand owned by TRS Trading Group, Kensington, Vic	aluminum	SP	CC 3525	made in China
Knit Lite	Clover brand	plastic	SP	SEW CC 3448	bought in USA 2008. CC 3448 is pink with batteries 
KnitMates	Boye brandname		interchangeable	CC 1810	
Knit Picks			circular DP	SEW	Modern metal in cellophane - made in India. 
Knit Stix		plastic	SP with ruler on shafts		
Kniterations			SP		clear shaft with swirled ribbon inside
Knitmates	"Interchangeable"		circular		"system" of rigid points and removable cable






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Knitters of Australia	chain of retail shops?				Melbourne
Knitters Pride	brand name are Cubics, Dreamz				
Knitting Fever, Inc.	"Ivory" is the brand name.		case of straight needles		This is a set of old Ivory knitting needles in a case that is 14 inches long. 8 sets in all. # 5,6,7,11,10,10 1/2,15 and 1 extra set of 11 and 1 odd ball 5. They are all in excellent shape as is the case which is marked IVORY, Knitting Fever Inc. 70 Middleneck Rd. Great Neck, New York 11021 Made in Japan
Knitting Pin Envelope, The		metal	4x dp	Ebay listing in Melbourne	
Knitting Pins		plastic	straight pr	BW	Not sure if this is really a brand name ??
Knitwell		resin	SP 4x dp	SEW CC866, 946	UK -- bought from Canada. Paper label says British made
Knobfast Patent 485448	Milward brand	resin	straight	SEW CC 1464	Knobfast design -- Patent no 485448 'KNOBFAST' Reference quote : "My Aunt says that plastic needles, unlike metal, were known for the knobs falling off, hence the name of this variety."
Koh-i-noor	brand name of Czech firm Waldes		SP, circular	SEW CC 2204	pre-1940's - see info in Firms file. CC 2204 are French, but the firm is Czech
Kollage	Forest Palm	wood metal	square SP	SEW	bought at Knit !, London 2009
Kongque	don't actually know if this packaging relates to knitting needles - ???				
Koray			SP	SEW CC 2975	
Kosmo		metal	SP	SEW	
Kosmos-Rapid		metal	straight	SEW	flat-ended, hexagonal plastic stoppers with size embossed on end. Flattened section of shaft near stopper has Kosmos-Rapid on one side, size on other
Kuibyshevskabel	Russian cable plant	metal	SP	CC 3637 3704	paper sleeve translated by eBay seller "for Mohair"
L&C		steel	4x DP	SEW CC491	packet says L&C (or maybe C&L) in a script-like logo "taper points Extra Quality" Long & Co? Could this be CSL (Co-operative Stores Limited, new name for the Army & Navy Stores)??
L.A.B.	See London Association for the Blind, and also Kee-Don	resin	SP	SEW CC1364, 1847	Label on resin needles with self-coloured stoppers says "L.A.B. Knitting Pins. British made". CC1847 is black/white label only
La Wallonne	made in Belgium	metal	SP	SEW 3617	
LACIS	contemporary firm making lace knitting needles,	metal	SP	SEW CC 1448, 1172	From lacebuttons.com, Nancy Nehring : Yarn store Lacis in Berkeley, California, has a book section and a section on new and used (antique) tools section. They carry tools(
Lady Fair	house brand for Canadian dept store Easton's		gauge	SEW	
La Francaise			SP	CC 3255	French - of course
Lady Jane	"Made to Measure"	metal	straight	GL	made in England; shaft marked in inches
Ladye Jayne	Australian brand; firm is Rainsfords	anodised metal	straight	BW/ SEW CC721	Red on cream paper label reads "Ladye Jayne Anodised Knitting Pins Polished Points -- Unbreakable -- Lightweight -- Solid knobs cannot come off. Rainsford Product. Made in Australia". NOTE -- the same wording appears on a Stratnoid label, except for end -- Rainsford, Sydney. SEW's set bought in op shop \$1. Shafts are inch-ruled.
Lady Smith Knitting Pin Set, The	See also Eureka, Martha Washington and Gloria	steel	double pointed	SEW	German tin tube with only 3 compartments, sizes 13-16. 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. Molly Pearce says Lady Smith was a Spanish woman rescued from rape and the name was taken up for the town in South 
Ladybird	owner of this brand was Pasolds??	plastic metal	SP	BW/ SEW CC 806 3018	Ladybird and Made in England on shaft. CC 3018 has a paper wrapper on the SP
Lafayette		aluminum	straight		French, marked "aux Galeries Lafayette Paris" on the shaft
Lakewood	Lakewood Needle Co	wood	DP	SEW	Modern brand
Lana Grosse		metal	SP	SEW CC 2914	German brand

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Langbein, Ed. E	Note tiny label on cardboard cover	metal	SP	SEW CC1008	
Lantern Moon		wood, hand	straight		made in Vietnam from hardwoods -- ebony, rosewood, blond, and palm
Lavoro		wood	SP	SEW	Celophane sleeve, bought in Chili 2006
Le Record			circular	SEW CC2025	
Leader	Busybee Dawn Dawnoid	wood metal resin	4xDP	SEW CC826	4xDP in paper packet brought from South Australia. Never saw this name before, is it local to SA?
Lepar					
Lee Wards	Dexter Yarn Co. - see Fabrics.net and lacebuttons.com for history of takeovers		straight circular	SEW CC 735, 1566, 3738	plastic sleeve says "distributed by Lee Wards, Elgin, Illinois, made and printed in West Germany"  
Leisure Arts		metal, resin	straight circular	SEW	made in England 
Lenox		nickel	4xDP	SEW CC986, 2408	Black packet says "Germany" 
Lenus?		metal	crochet hook		
Lesur		plastic	SP circular	SEW CC1248	unbranded needle with brand name on plastic sleeve
Le Plume		plastic	SP	SEW CC2213	very similar to Vivacolour and the Rhodo varieties with bullet-shaped stopper
Let's Knit			circular		UK brand in plastic sleeve
Lewis & Bayliss	brand name was Clive, firm taken over by Abel Morrall in late 19th c				produced early pin gauge. Brand name came from the Clive Works in Redditch
Lewis's Wools		metal	straight	SEW	stopper appears to be a hexagonal nut screwed onto the end as part of the manufacturing process. Also sold with a more conventional round stopper.
L.F.F.C. or L.F.C.			SP	SEW CC 458, 1592	self coloured round stopper
Liberty		metal	5xDP	SEW CC2482, 2408	packet says "Liberty elastic cast steel tapered knitting pins Redditch England". Trademark is Statue of Liberty. CC 2482 is a flat manila cardboard box
Lida		metal with plastic stopper	sp	SEW CC2292	
Lighthouse	First Morris & Yeoman brand, then Abel Morrall	metal	4xDP	SEW CC520, 802	"taper pointed burnished steel". A set of 4 was sold in a flat tin case or in a paper packet OR just with a metal clasp in the shape of a lighthouse wrapped around the pins. The lighthouse clasp is probably the earliest, being used by Morris and Yeomans when it was still an independent firm before being taken over by Abel Morrall - Molly Pearce. CC520 is a clasp. CC802 is a paper packet
Lightknit		metal	SP	SEW CC1117	
Linate			circular		made in Turkey

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Linoxy	Sold in Belgium		DP	Ineke Hulsmann	Packet has French and Dutch text 
Lion Brand	Lion Brand Yarn Co, NY, NY. Needles are still sold in 2015	plastic resin	SP circular	SEW CC 1005 2950	US brand name originally owned by Crowleys. See hardcopy note and NN No 4, p19. CC 1005 includes paper label around needles. Needles themselves are unmarked but stoppers are similar to some of Clark's ONT.
Lister Bradford or Lister Lee	later name was Lister Lee. Also traded as Lister Yarn Co.	resin	SP 4x dp	SEW CC468 and 1617	Lister is the name of the manufacturer and Lavenda was the yarn.  
Liteflex	Refer New Zealand section for details.	casein	straight	SEW/ GL	made in New Zealand; "warm to touch" Stoppers are the same mitre-shape as NZ brand Quill 
Llama	Llama Productions Ltd, Dunedin New Zealand brand - see NZ section for more details	plastic	SP	SEW CC2180 ET	CC 2180 is gift from Gay Lines. Photo from ET 
London Association for the Blind	see also LAB and Kee-don		SP 4x dp	SEW CC785, 960	
London Needle Co, The	MP - American firm importing British-made KN and packaging them in the	metal		SEW CC2362	CC 2362 is a wooden tube, very faintly marked with the firm's name
Long & Co	brand was Acorn Stoves, advertised on the	steel	4 x DP	SEW	Ochre iridescent-finish metal tube with "mitrailleuse" patented internal casing to hold four sets of needles
Louvima		metal	4 x DP	SEW CC769, 1415	very dark paper packet
Loving Touch	Simplicity brand made by Andover Industries MA		circular straight	CC 3214 is circular	circular in clear-rorted plastic sleeve "made in Mexico"
Lucille		anodised	straight	BW	marked Lucille Gauge 13 Anodised
Lumpre	mis-spelling of Jumpre?				French
Lusitus		metal	SP	SEW CC1800	stopper says Lusitus, Portugal
Lustre	Coats brand	resin	SP	SEW	made in Australia
Lux		metal	SP	SEW	French ?? Cc 471
Luxite	Susan Bates "brand" or proprietary descriptor	resin	circular SP	SEW	Circular is marked "Luxite" in middle of crème coloured needle (CC 258) or at top of shaft for SP (CC 542). Luxite is a proprietary name for a resin - "a warm, lightweight and inexpensive alternative to aluminum. Luxite is a specially formulated plastic material that is very durable."