

HOBBYPRINCESS KNITTING NEEDLE USER TEST

	1. Double-pointed bamboo needles, ADDI, Germany, 3 mm	2. Straight plastic needles from the 1960s, 3,5 mm	3. Double-pointed rosewood needles, Susanne's, Germany, 4 mm	4. Straight steel needles, INOX, England, 4,5 mm	5. Circular aluminum needles, AERO, England, 4 mm	6. Circular ebony needles, Susanne's, 4mm	7. Chopsticks, Wrong Noodle Bar, Helsinki, 5-6 mm
Stiffness	A bit flexible, but this does not disturb knitting	Too flexible! Maybe because of their age, the composite plastic material is too fragile. Both needles snapped during testing	Good. Do not bend	Very stiff. Don't have to be afraid of snapping them	Stiff. Impossible to destroy	Short and stiff.	In this size, good
Smoothness	Smooth, almost plastic-like surface	A bit sticky, but they still give a smooth knitting experience	Very good. A small friction guarantees that loops don't slip away too easily	A bit too slippery!	The laminated surface may feel sticky; not well suited to people with sweaty hands	Feels the same as the rosewood needles	Cheap chopsticks have quite a rough surface, so the loops don't slide quite as easily on the stick—a useful feature for beginners. The points are not sharpened, so it's a bit more difficult to pick up the loops. This makes them well suited to working thick

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Weight	Light	Very light	Light	Heavy. If you want to combine a lower-arm workout with your knitting, the aluminum needles are an excellent choice	Not much difference to the wooden ones. A bit on the heavy side	Light	Light
Sound	Modest, mysterious tapping	Almost inaudible dull clacking	Determined, clear clicking	"Cling, cling," like eating with metal cutlery. Can get annoying!	Traditional hollow "tack, tack." Makes you think granny is around	Determined, clear clicking. If rosewood is the soprano, then this is alto	A wooden 'clop, clop,' like hitting drumsticks together
Feel	Comfortable. Feels like a mixture of wood and plastic	The flexibility gives the impression that the needles are about to snap at any moment (and they probably will)	Natural	Cold, metallic	Laminated. Sticky if you have sweaty hands	Smooth, natural	Rough, familiar
Looks	Pale	Cheerful	Classy	Cold, like Hospital instruments	People who think concrete buildings are beautiful will also like these	Mysterious. With a different kind of logo these would border on the royal	Primitive
Portability	Good. Will pass the airport security check	Good. Unlike like nail scissors, plastic needles are not yet classified as dangerous	Good. Will pass the security check	Bad. You would loose these in the first security control.	To be doubted. You may not be allowed to take these on the plane with your hand luggage	Good. You don't loose these so easily as they are one long piece	Very good. Some airlines may even provide you with their own sticks. These

	weapons			hand luggage		multipurpose sticks are ideal for travelers that wish to keep their luggage small	
Price	About 10 EUR	80 cents, Second hand	About 20 EUR	1,5 EUR second hand	80 cents, second hand	About 20 EUR	Free with meal
Availability	Good. Currently you can find bamboo needles almost everywhere	Bad. I think these particular ones are rare pieces	Susanne's needles are not sold everywhere, and they may be a bit difficult to find. I found them in a Danish shop Stikkeboden	So far I have found only one company, ADDI, which sells these kinds of needles. However, they are quite easy to find second hand	Good. Before the bamboo took over, the grey metal needles have been the mainstream model in the knitting needle market	Limited. See rosewood needles	Available in all low-end Asian restaurants
Other			Susanne's needles are made of wood that is left over in the production of musical instruments			Ebony not environmentally sustainable in mass production?	Typically comes only in size 5 or 6 (mm). Japanese sticks have sharper points