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Waxed Thread Information

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Waxed Thread - Waxed thread (or cord) regular nylon, polyester, polypropylene, or cotton thread with a light coat of wax. This makes the thread stiffer, stronger, more water and mildew resistant, and less stretchy. Downsides are the waxy residue it leaves on sewing machines and wax melting if the thread is exposed to heat.

Size Guide

Size	Strength			Thickness	
	Lbs	Kilos	Inches	MM	Roughly...
207	31	14	20/1000	0.5	Half the thickness of a U.S. Dime
277	45	20	25/1000	0.6	2/3 the thickness of a U.S. Dime
415	72	33	30/1000	0.8	The thickness of a U.S. Dime
554	83	38	50/1000	1.3	The thickness of a U.S. Nickel

Packaging Guide

Tubes



Most popular. Available in 25 colors

Hand and machine sewing

Tubes have 70 yards

Rolls



Most economical. Available in black and white.

Hand and machine sewing

Rolls have 200 to 800 yards

Coils



Quarter-size bobbins in 20 colors

Hand sewing

Size 277 has 24 yards; Size 415 has 12 yards.

Color - Waxing makes a thread look darker. Over time the wax wears off and the stitching will look lighter. Consider using a shade that is darker than the final shade.



Artificial Sinew - Artificial sinew is sometimes called imitation sinew, simulated sinew, or fake sinew. It comes from manmade fibers such as polypropylene and nylon. Unlike natural sinew it has a uniform waxy texture, comes in many colors, and can be cut to any length

Artificial sinew is great for crafts projects that require a strong, flat thread or cord. These include Native American crafts, basket weaving, dream catchers, leatherwork, beading, gourd crafting, wrapping pine needle rims, and moccasins.

Our artificial sinew is flat and ribbon-like—not round. It is about 1/16th inch wide and has a 50 pound tensile strength. You can easily split artificial sinew into thinner strips.

We have artificial sinew in about 25 colors. It is available on 17 yard tubes and more economical 265 yard rolls.

If you must have natural sinew try Goggling "natural sinew -artificial" for sellers. Slaughterhouses, traditional butchers, tanners, and hunters are also great sources if you have the time and connections.



Embalmer's Thread - This thread is more tightly twisted than regular waxed thread. This makes it ideal for straight, fine, hand-sewn stitches. It is used for taxidermy, leatherwork, shoe repair, and yes, preparing the deceased.

Embalmer's thread has a sticky, waxy coating that makes it stiffer and more water repellant than other waxed thread. This works well for hand sewing. But, it leaves a waxy residue when used for machine sewing.

Embalmer's thread comes in two sizes:

2-Ply

3-Ply

Uses for Waxed Thread

Here is a list of uses for waxed thread courtesy of Maine Thread.

Basket Weaving	Measuring
Binding Outdoor Trellises	Motorcycle Saddles
Bookbinding	Ojo de Dios
Braided Rugs	Outdoor Survival Kits
Braiding Horses' Manes and Tails	Pine Needle Baskets
Braiding Kumhimo	Pine Needle Bracelets
Braiding Lashes on Bullwhips	Pocketbook Straps
Convertible Tops	Replica Sailing Ships
Couching in Hand Embroidery	Rosaries
Custom Boots	Saddlery
Decorating Scabbards	Sails
Decorative Guards	Sew a Lei of Flowers
Designer Earrings	Steering Wheel Covers
Dollhouse Furniture	Stick Art
Dream Catchers	Stringing Beads
Fabric Straps on Kayaks	Sweet Grass Baskets
Friendship Bracelets	Taxidermy
Furniture	Tents
Hand Sewing Belts	Tying Knots
Hand Sewing Knife Sheets	Tying Slingshots
Hand Sewing Moccasins	Umbrellas
Handmade Greeting Cards	Watch Straps
Hanging Christmas Ornaments	Weaving Necklaces and Pouches
Hanging Suspended Ceilings	Weaving Wheat
Horse Hair Jewelry	Whipping Rope Ends
Household Decoration	Whipping Vintage Golf Clubs
Lacing Pipe Organ Cables	Wicker Dollhouse Furniture
Lashing Rims on Baskets and Gourds	Wrapping Bag Pipe Reeds
Leather Key Chains	Wrapping Party Favors
Leatherwork on Paddles	Wrapping Wooden Flute Tenc
Macrame	Wreaths

Diameter	20/1000"	25/1000"
U.S. Thread Size	207	346
Tex Thread Size	210	350
Estimated Tensile Strength	30 Lbs	50 Lbs
Yards		
2 Ounce Tube	225	112
1 Pound Tube	1,800	900

Waxed Polyester-Linen Blend - This thread is our Henry Campbell Irish polyester-linen thread with a wax coating applied here in the U.S. This makes it stronger and stiffer than the unwaxed thread while retaining most of the thread's smoothness and vibrant color.



Use waxed polyester-linen thread to sew anything that can be sewn with waxed nylon or polyester. Awnings, sails, shoes, saddles, bags, brief cases, gun cases, and luggage are some of the possibilities.

This thread is 24/1000 thick or roughly 2/3 the thickness of a U.S. dime. We have it in 1, 2, and 4 ounce spools.



Ludlow Hand Sewing Thread or Cord - This polyester thread comes in bundles of 24 cords in lengths ranging from three feet to six feet. Use it hand sewing footwear, crafts projects, binding, and wrapping.

This is a hand sewing thread that is ideal for tasks that call for a small amount of inexpensive, strong, waxed thread.

Beeswax - Make any thread a waxed thread by gently running it over a beeswax cube or bar. This leaves a waxed coating just like commercial thread. If you are having trouble threading a needle, wax the thread to make it stiffer.



All Waxed Thread

70 Yard Tubes



Our most popular type of waxed thread. Available in 25 colors and three thicknesses

[Size 207](#)

[Size 415](#)

[Size 554](#)

12 and 25 Yard Coils



Quarter sized coils that are great for hand sewing. Size 277 has 25 yards; Size 415 has 12 yards

[Size 277](#)

[Size 415](#)

Large Rolls



Economical rolls with 200 to 800 yards. Available in 1 and white.

[Size 415](#)

[Size 554](#)

Specialty Waxed Threads

Artificial Sinew



Flat waxed thread that can be split into narrower strips. Available in 17 yard tubes and 265 yard rolls.

[Select](#)

Embalmer's Thread



A tightly twisted waxed that gives straight, fine, hand-sewn stitches. Use it for taxidermy, leatherwork, shoe repair, and yes, preparing the deceased.

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Waxed Polyester-Linen



Henry Campbell & Co. of Belfast Ireland's polyester-linen blend made stronger and stiffer by a light coat of wax.

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Hand Sewing Cord



Waxed polyester thread comes in bundles of 24 cords in lengths ranging from three feet to six feet. Use it hand sewing footwear, crafts projects, binding, and wrapping.

[Select](#)

Beeswax



Use beeswax to make any thread into a waxed thread. It just takes little time and patience to get perfect coating.

[Select](#)

Crafts Products

Hand Stitching Thread



Our top quality nylon and polyester thread on 100 yard tubes. Just \$4.50 each.

[Round Leather Lace / Cord](#)



Polyester-Linen Thread



Beautiful Irish Polyester-Linen blend from Henry Campbell, Ltd on 2, 4, and 16 ounce spools.

[Flat Leather Lace](#)



Bank Line



Super strong cordage used for netting, lashing, bushcraft, beading, brooms, and survival.

[Magician's Thread](#)



Binder Twine



Sisal binder (or bailer) twine on tubes ranging from 500 to 50,000 yards. We dealing on 10 or more large tubes.

1 and 2 mm Tejas round leather lacing or cord. Use for beading, jewelry, necklaces, braided key rings.

Flat deerskin lace for Native American crafts, buckskin garments, moccasins, and bracelets.

Use hair-thin black Kevlar thread to "invisibly" lift anything

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