

West Kingdom Needleworkers Guild badge projects

Making and wearing something with our West Kingdom Needleworkers Guild badge on it is a fun way to proclaim your membership. As a member of the Guild, you can display this badge on a pouch, belt, book cover, banner, needle case, hat, napkin, or whatever other accessory you can think of where a heraldic badge might be appropriate.

Because this is the Guild's official heraldry, there are a few heraldic rules about how to display it.

- It must be a **gold** (or yellow) needle, recognizably a sewing needle with an eye. (A thin black outline is OK to help it stand out from the background.)
- The background must be **green**. It *doesn't* have to be a particular shape – it can be round, square, or whatever, as long as it's green. If you are putting the badge on something that's already green (like a triangular banner or a green apron), just put the needle on the background -- no need to outline it.
- There should be a bit of gold **thread** through the needle, but there are no rules about whether it's fat, thin, straight, curly, short, long, or whatever -- that's up to your artistic imagination.
- The needle must be in **this diagonal position**, with the eye of the needle at upper right and the tip at lower left. (Other people, and especially other kingdoms' guilds, may have registered badges with needles in other positions.)

Of course this is not to say you can't use needles in other ways as a decorative motif, in whatever colors or arrangement your imagination suggests. You can -- but in order to be our badge and not just random decoration, it must follow the four rules above.

You can work the badge in any technique you wish. There's a chart on this page that's suitable for many counted techniques, including cross stitch and tent stitch. You can also enlarge the drawing for other techniques such as applique, split stitch, stem stitch or beadwork – or draw your own!

