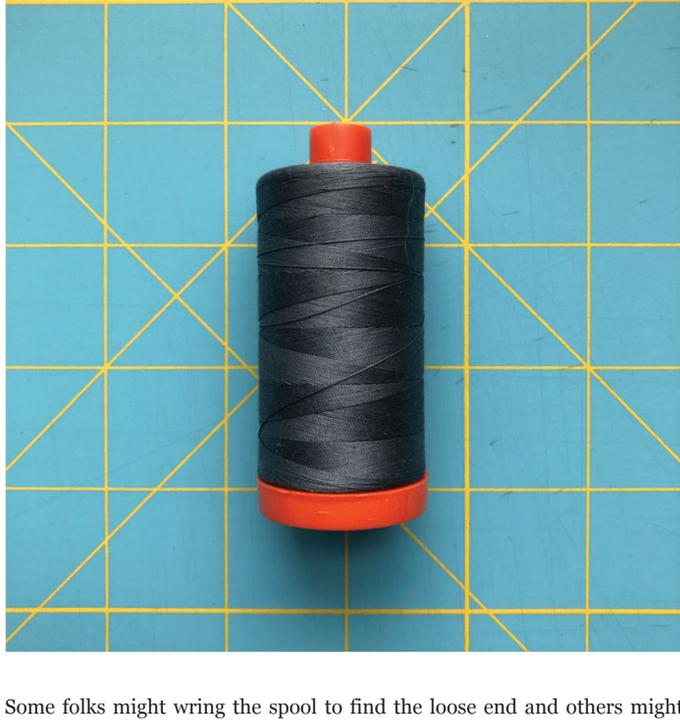


Aurifil's Top FAQ

Today, we're diving into a few of our most frequently asked questions. We certainly hope that you find these little gems to be helpful as you embark on a whole new year of sewing and quilting adventures (with Aurifil at your side, of course!)

Where do I find the Aurifil thread end??

You've just purchased a brand new LG spool of Aurifil thread. You get home and excitedly unwrap it to dive into your latest project. You turn the spool in your hand to find the beginning of the thread... and you turn and turn... and you cannot find it?



Some folks might wring the spool to find the loose end and others might reach for the embroidery scissors to cut into the thread out of sheer desperation. We get so many questions about this and are here to tell you that it's so much easier than that! Simply wiggle or twist the base of the spool a bit and it will actually come right off. The beginning of the thread is found underneath!



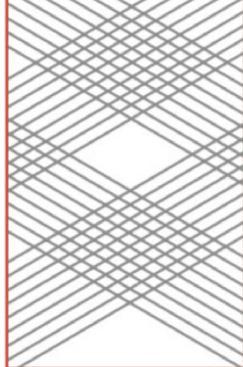
Pro Tip: Use the reverse process to secure the loose end of the thread when storing the spool. Simply wiggle the base off, wrap the loose thread end once around the spool core, and snap the base on again (but not *too* tight). This process prevents those pesky thread tangles and makes for extra tidy thread storage!

How should I place my spool on my machine?

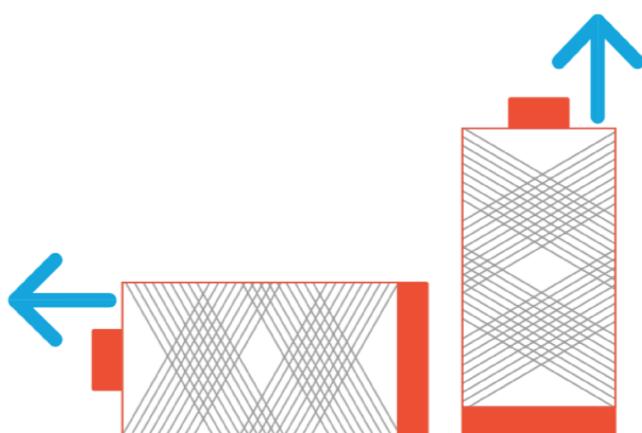
To answer this one, let's have a look at Aurifil spools.



Aurifil thread is cross wound — whether on a small spool, large spool, or a cone.



For best sewing and embroidery results, we recommend that the thread be pulled from the top of the spool.



With that in mind, the best way to use a cross wound thread is with a horizontal spool holder. To remove added complications, it's best to place the spool between a sponge base and a spool cap. Machines typically come with caps in two or three different sizes.



The spool cap should not be larger than the diameter of the spool itself, otherwise it may lead to the thread getting tangled, to upper thread tension fluctuation due to added friction, or to thread breakage. Since the small and large *Aurifil* spools have such a small diameter, we recommend the smallest spool cap size (some are a button spool cap that will fit right into the tip of the large spool itself!) It causes no interference whatsoever with the thread coming off the spool.



How can I use a cone with my machine?

Many sewing machines offer optional add-on or even built-in spool holder with a vertical telescope thread guide. This is perfect for use with Aurifil cones. If your machine doesn't have that feature or option, we've still got a great solution! Place the cone in a big glass or plastic container at the back of the machine and have the thread come up to the first guide, which ideally should be a hook as you can see in the picture.



This method works well under two conditions: the cone should be steady and not fall over and the thread must not catch on any edges of the machine, otherwise it will break.