

Marking Pencils Comparison Chart

Looking for the right marking tool to help you pattern your next sewing project? These handy charts will help you determine which pencil will best suit your needs. The charts are organized by surface or material type and compare each type of marking pencil available at Sailrite. Pencils are rated on their ability to mark on each fabric or surface and how easy those marks are to remove. Want to learn more about marking pencils? See our post “How to Pick the Best Marking Tool” #300011XHT at Sailrite.com.

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SUNBRELLA®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★✓
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	★★
Washable Marker	★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★

HOME DECOR FABRIC		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	★★★★★
Washable Marker	★★★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★	★

ODYSSEY®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	x
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★

SATTLER®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★✓
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	★★
Washable Marker	★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★

TOP NOTCH®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	x
Washable Marker	★★★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★

SOFTOUCH®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	x
Washable Marker	★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★

ULTRALEATHER®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★	x
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	x	N/A
Colored Chalk	x	N/A

TOP GUN®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★	x
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★	★★

SUR LAST®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	x
Washable Marker	★★★	★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★	★★★

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 x - Does not mark / More permanent (does not wipe off with a wet sponge)

COTTON DUCK		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★	★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	★★★
Washable Marker	★★★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★	★
Colored Chalk	★★★★	x

BOAT BLANKET (BACK SIDE)		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	★★★★★
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★

SHADE SAIL FABRIC		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★	x
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★

VINYL SEATING		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	★★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	★★
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★

MARINE TOPPING VINYL		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★	★★
Washable Marker	★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★

CLEAR VINYL		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	★★★★★
White Chalk	★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★	★★★★★

VINYL MESH		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★	★★★
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★

RIPSTOP NYLON		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★
SoapStone	★	★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★	x
Washable Marker	★★★★	★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★	★★★★

DACRON® (SAILCLOTH)		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★★★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★★	x
Washable Marker	★★★★	★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★	★★★

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WEBBING		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	x
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	★★★★	★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★

GLASS		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★★★
SoapStone	★★★★★	★★
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	★★★
White Chalk	x	N/A
Colored Chalk	x	N/A

ULTRASUEDE®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★	★★★★
Washable Marker	★★★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	N/A
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	N/A

METAL		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★	★★★★★
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★	★★★★★

WOOD		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	x	N/A
Washable Marker	★★★★	★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★	★★★★★

CORDURA®		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★	★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★	★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★	★★★
Washable Marker	★★★★★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	★★★
White Chalk	★★★★★	★★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★★★	★

FIBERGLASS		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★	★
Washable Marker	x	N/A
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	★★★★
White Chalk	★★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★★	★★★★

PLASTIC		
MARKING UTENSIL	MARKING ABILITY	CLEANING ABILITY*
Scribe-All White	★★★★★	★★★★★
Scribe-All Black	★★★★★	★★★★★
SoapStone	x	N/A
Water-Soluble Pencil	★★★★	★★★★★
Washable Marker	★	★★★★★
Grease Pencil	★★★★★	x
White Chalk	★★	★★★★
Colored Chalk	★★	★★