









Standard Yarn Weight System

| Categories of yarn, gauge ranges, and recommended needle and hook sizes | | | | | | | | |
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| Yarn Weight Symbol & Category Names |  LACE |  SUPER FINE |  FINE |  LIGHT |  MEDIUM |  BULKY |  SUPER BULKY |  JUMBO |
| Type of Yarns in Category | Fingering, 10 count crochet thread | Sock, Fingering, Baby | Sport, Baby | DK, Light Worsted | Worsted, Afghan, Aran | Chunky, Craft, Rug | Bulky, Roving | Jumbo, Roving |
| Knit Gauge Range* in Stockinette Stitch to 4 inches | 33–40** sts | 27–32 sts | 23–26 sts | 21–24 sts | 16–20 sts | 12–15 sts | 7–11 sts | 6 sts and fewer |
| Recommended Needle in Metric Size Range | 1.5–2.25 mm | 2.25–3.25 mm | 3.25–3.75 mm | 3.75–4.5 mm | 4.5–5.5 mm | 5.5–8 mm | 8–12.75 mm | 12.75 mm and larger |
| Recommended Needle U.S. Size Range | 000 to 1 | 1 to 3 | 3 to 5 | 5 to 7 | 7 to 9 | 9 to 11 | 11 to 17 | 17 and larger |
| Crochet Gauge*Ranges in Single Crochet to 4 inch | 32–42 double crochets** | 21–32 sts | 16–20 sts | 12–17 sts | 11–14 sts | 8–11 sts | 7–9 sts | 6 sts and fewer |
| Recommended Hook in Metric Size Range | Steel*** 1.6–1.4 mm Regular hook 2.25 mm | 2.25–3.25 mm | 3.5–4.5 mm | 4.5–5.5 mm | 5.5–6.5 mm | 6.5–9 mm | 9–15 mm | 15 mm and larger |
| Recommended Hook U.S. Size Range | Steel*** 6, 7, 8 Regular hook B–1 | B–1 to E–4 | E–4 to 7 | 7 to I–9 | I–9 to K–10 ½ | K–10 ½ to M–13 | M–13 to Q | Q and larger |

* GUIDELINES ONLY: The above reflect the most commonly used gauges and needle or hook sizes for specific yarn categories.

** Lace weight yarns are usually knitted or crocheted on larger needles and hooks to create lacy, openwork patterns. Accordingly, a gauge range is difficult to determine. Always follow the gauge stated in your pattern.

*** Steel crochet hooks are sized differently from regular hooks—the higher the number, the smaller the hook, which is the reverse of regular hook sizing.

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