

## **The Standard Yarn Weight System Handy Chart**

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Categories of yarn, wraps per inch or WPI, gauge ranges, and recommended needle and hook sizes will give you general starting place.

Remember: Many manufacturers have their own standard weights of yarn.

Please note: that a gauge range is difficult to determine, and following the gauge stated in your pattern is the best way to insure success. For instance- Lynn almost always goes down 2 needle sizes from the suggested in the pattern. She is a loose knitter and knows 2 sizes smaller is a good starting point. Learning to gauge saves time and head aches.

A Side note: Steel crochet hooks are sized differently from regular crochet hooks—the higher the number, the smaller the hook, which is the reverse of regular hook sizes.

**Chunky** Is heavier than Bulky, Can be roving

Knitting = 6–11 stitches per 4 inches on an 8 mm or 11 US needle or larger

Crochet = 5 -9 stitches per 4 inches on an 9 mm or M13 US needle or larger

**Bulky Weight** Less than 8 wraps per 4 inches - 400 to 700 yards per pound

Knitting = 12- 15 stitches per 4 inches on an 5.5 - 8 mm or 9 - 11 US needle

Crochet = 8-11 stitches per 4 inches on an 6.5— 9 mm or K–10 1/2 to M–13 US needle

**Aran Weight** 6 to 10 wraps per 4 inches - 700 to 1000 yards per pound

Knitting = 16-20 stitches per 4 inches on an 4.5 - 5.5 mm or 7- 9 US needle

Crochet = 11 - 14 stitches per 4 inches on an 5.5 - 6.5 mm or I–9 to K–10 1/2 US needle

**Worsted Weight:** 10 to 12 wraps per 4 inches - 900 to 1100 yards per pound;

Knitting = 16-20 stitches per 4 inches on an 4.5 - 5.5 mm or 7- 9 US needle

Crochet = 12 -17 stitches per 4 inches on an 5.5 - 6.5 mm or I–9 to K–10 1/2 US needle

**Double Knitting (DK):** 12 to 18 wraps per 4 inches - 1000 to 1400 yards per pound;

Knitting = 21 -24 stitches per 4 inches on an 3.75 - 4.5 mm or 5 - 7 US needle

Crochet = 11 - 14 stitches per 4 inches on an 4.5- 5.5 mm or 7 to I–9 US needle

**Sport Weight:** 18 to 24 wraps per 4 inches - 1300 to 1800 yards per pound

Knitting = 23 -26 stitches per 4 inches on an 3.25 - 3.75 mm or 3 - 5 US needle

Crochet = 16 - 20 stitches per 4 inches on an 3.5 - 4.5 mm or E4 - 7 US needle

**Fingering:** 24 to 30 wraps per inch - 1800 to 2400 yards per pound

Knitting = 27 -32 stitches per 4 inches on an 2.25 - 3.25 mm or 1 -3 US needle

Crochet = 21 - 32 stitches per 4 inches on an 2.25 - 3.5 mm or B1- E4 US needle

**Baby:** 30 to 36 wraps per inch - 2400 to 3000 yards per pound;

**Lace Weight:** 36 to 40 wraps per inch - 3000 to 6000 yards per pound

Lace weight yarns are most often knitted or crocheted on larger needles/ hooks to create the lacy patterns.

**Cobweb:** 40 or more wraps per inch - 6000 or more yards per pound;

**Zephyr** weight yarn is finer than Cobweb

**WPI** - Take a ruler and wrap your yarn around for 2". Divide that number by 2.

This will give you a wraps per inch number. DO NOT wrap too tightly – or overlap the yarn.