

Yarn weights and the appropriate US crochet hook or knitting needle sizes

Yarn labels recommend needle or hook sizes, but they are not always accurate or true to gauge.

Note: For best results in your project with multiple skeins or colors – hat, scarf, afghan, baby blanket, etc. – use the same yarn brand, yarn weight, yarn fiber content, and yarn with the same care instructions.

Yarn weight	Brand name	Crochet hook size (US)	Knitting needle size (US)
<p>1 – fine, lace weight</p> <p>Usually consistent across the brands in weight (heaviness/thickness)</p>	<p>Paton’s</p> <p>Superior</p> <p>Premiere</p> <p>Debbie Norville</p>	<p>B, C, or D</p> <p>(do not use a thread hook or a steel)</p>	<p>1, 2, 3, or 4</p> <p>The smaller the needle, the tighter the stitches – less drape and firmer fabric.</p> <p>The larger the needle – size 4 for example – the looser the stitches for softer fabric.</p>
<p>2 – fine, fingering yarn, light DK weight, sock yarn</p> <p>Bernat, Premiere Debbie Norville Serenity, and Paton’s usually run true to weight/thickness.</p> <p>Red Heart and Vanna’s Glamour (Lion Brand) run a bit heavy/thick.</p>	<p>Bernat</p> <p>Paton’s</p> <p>Red Heart</p> <p>Vanna’s Glamour (Lion Brand)</p>	<p>D or E for Bernat, Premiere Debbie Norville Serenity, and Paton’s</p> <p>E or F for Red Heart</p> <p>F or G for Lion Brand</p>	<p>3 for Bernat and Paton’s</p> <p>4 for Red Heart</p> <p>4 or 5 for Lion Brand</p>
<p>3 – baby yarn, DK weight, sport weight</p> <p>Bernat, Premiere, and Paton’s run true to weight/thickness.</p> <p>Lion Brand, Red Heart, and most store brands run light.</p> <p>Vanna’s Choice baby yarns run heavy/thick.</p>	<p>Bernat Softee Baby</p> <p>Paton’s</p> <p>Lion Brand Baby Soft</p> <p>Red Heart</p> <p>store brands (Michael’s, Hobby Lobby, Joann’s)</p> <p>Vanna’s Choice baby yarn</p>	<p>F, G, or H for Bernat and Paton’s</p> <p>E or F for Lion Brand, Red Heart, and store brands</p> <p>G or H for Vanna’s Choice baby yarn</p>	<p>5 or 6 for all brands (except Vanna’s Choice baby yarn)</p> <p>7 or 8 for Vanna’s Choice baby yarn</p>
<p>4 – worsted weight</p> <p>Simply Soft Caron and Caron Paints are a lighter weight worsted weight yarn – more like a 3.5 weight than a 4 weight. Most store brands run lighter weight, too.</p>	<p>Simply Soft Caron</p> <p>Caron Paints</p>	<p>G or H</p>	<p>6 or 7</p>

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4 – worsted weight Caron One Pound Runs true to weight.	Caron	I or J	8, 9, or 10
4 – worsted weight Bernat, Paton’s, Lion Brand Wool-ease and Fisherman’s yarns run true to weight and heaviness/thickness.	Bernat Paton’s Lion Brand Wool-ease Lion Brand Fisherman’s	I or J	8, 9, or 10
4 – worsted weight Lion Brand Amazing runs thin and lighter weight.	Lion Brand Amazing	F or G	4, 5, or 6
4 – worsted weight Vanna’s Choice (Lion Brand) Runs heavy/thick – closer to a 5 weight than a 4 weight.	Vanna’s Choice (Lion Brand)	J or K	9, 10, or 10.5
4 – worsted weight Debbie Norville Everyday Debbie Norville Bliss	Premier	H, I, or J	6, 7, or 8
4 – worsted weight – cotton yarns	Lilly Sugar ‘n Cream Bernat Handicrafter	H, I, or J	6, 7, or 8
5 – thick or bulky – heavier than worsted weight	Bernat Lion Brand Tweed Stripes Lion Brand Unique Lion Brand Homespun	J, K, or L	9, 10, 10.5, or 11
6 – chunky Usually labeled Thick and quick, Jiffy, or Chunky.	Bernat Jiffy Bernat Blanket (very thick baby yarn)	K, L, or N	10, 10.5, 11, or 13

Provided for your information by Teresa C. Butler. Chart is based upon my experience. Range of hook and needle sizes because everyone’s gauge is different – some work loosely and others tightly.

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