yarn weight System

Categories of yarn, gauge ranges, and recommended needle sizes

Yarn Weight
Symbol &
Category
Names

















	INGILIES								
	Type of Yarns in Category	Lace, 10 count	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 / 10cm	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

Source: Craft Yarn Council's www.YarnStandards.com

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.

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