



CROCHET YARN Substitution Cheat Sheet

CHOOSE THE PERFECT REPLACEMENT YARN WITH CONFIDENCE.

1 MATCH THE YARN WEIGHT

	Lace	(0)
	Fingering	(1)
	Sport	(2)
	• DK	(3)
	• Worsted / Aran	(4)
	• Bulky	(5)
	Super Bulky	(6)

Start here! Yarn weight has the biggest impact on the size of your project.

2 COMPARE FIBRE CONTENT



Different fibres behave differently. Choose one with similar qualities for the best results.

3 CHECK THE YARDAGE



- Compare metres / yards, not just grams!
- More yardage = thinner yarn

Two 100g balls may not be the same thickness.

4 COMPARE HOOK SIZE



- Similar hook recommendations = better match
- Big differences = less likely to be a good substitute

Check the label on both yarns.

5 MAKE A GAUGE SWATCH



- Essential for garments
- Highly recommended for hats & fitted items
- Saves time and yarn!

A small swatch now can save a remake later.

6 THINK ABOUT DRAPE



- Should it be structured or flowing?
- Bamboo & silk drape more than cotton or acrylic

Drape changes the look and feel of your project.

7 CHECK STITCH DEFINITION



- Smooth yarns show texture & cables well
- Fuzzy yarns soften stitch detail

Choose a yarn that lets your stitches shine.

8 CHECK CARE INSTRUCTIONS



- Machine washable?
- Hand wash only?
- Dry flat?
- Tumble dry?

Match the yarn to how the project will be used.

9 CONSIDER THE PROJECT



- Blanket
- Garment
- Toy / Amigurumi
- Bag / Accessory
- Home Décor

Different projects have different needs.

10 USE A YARN COMPARISON TOOL



- Yarns.com – compare yarns by weight, fibre, yardage & more
- Ravelry – see what other makers have used

Great tools to help you find the closest match.

Helpful Reminder

A successful yarn substitution matches more than just the yarn weight.

- ♥ Weight
- ♥ Fibre
- ♥ Yardage
- ♥ Hook Size
- ♥ Gauge
- ♥ Drape
- ♥ Stitch Definition
- ♥ Care Instructions
- ♥ Project Purpose



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