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# KNITTING & CROCHET TOOLS



GET IN THE LOOP ON  
*Crochet Hooks, Knitting  
Needles, Yarn & More!*



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## YARN WEIGHTS

Knitting and crochet patterns are designed with a certain weight of yarn in mind, so it's important to buy the right type! Need some help? Labels for all kinds of yarn, from super fine to jumbo, include a number that indicates its weight (thickness)—the higher the number, the bulkier the yarn.

Super  
Fine

Fine

Light

Medium

Bulky

Super  
Bulky

Jumbo

# KNITTING NEEDLES

## ALUMINUM

**B:** Aluminum

**C:** Double Pointed Aluminum

Durable, sleek and versatile, aluminum needles (B & C) make for faster stitching because of their smooth surface and sharply pointed tip. Because this needle can make it easier to drop stitches, reach for it when you have a little bit of experience under your belt.

## WOOD

**E:** Double Pointed Birch

**G:** Bamboo

Needles made out of wood (E & G) are beginner friendly and perfect for those who like to knit slowly. The surface of these needles has a bit more traction, making it less likely for stitches to slide off.

## PLASTIC

**A:** Circular **D:** Jumbo

**F:** Acrylic

Plastic needles (A, D & F) are ideal for those just testing out the knitting waters—they're lightweight, easy to use and offer a surface that's in the sweet spot between aluminum and wood.



## YARN NEEDLE

Picture a traditional sewing needle but add a larger eye, blunt end and plastic design—enter: the yarn needle! This tool weaves in ends or joins two pieces together when the project is complete.

## CROCHET HOOKS

**A. Bamboo hooks** offer a softer and warmer feel in the hand than aluminum.

**B. Birch hooks** are fantastic for preventing yarn from sliding.

**C. Afghan hooks** are used specifically for Tunisian crochet work.

**D. Jumbo hooks** pair well with bulkier yarns or roving.

**E. Luxury ergonomic hooks** are comfortable in the hand and include decorative accents.

**F. Plastic hooks** are lightweight, making them great for beginners.

**G./K. Ergonomic hooks** are the same as their luxury counterparts, minus the decorative details.

**H. Light-up hooks** illuminate stitches in darker yarn colors.

**I. Aluminum hooks** can be used in many ways because of their high versatility.

**J. Steel hooks** support crochet thread or very fine yarn patterns.

**L. Acrylic hooks** are easy to maneuver due to their flexible plastic material.



## CABLE NEEDLE

A cable needle allows you to insert twists into a pattern by crossing two groups of stitches over one another. Use this needle to create any combination of corded and braided textures—perfect for wow-worthy sweaters, hats and blankets.





## JUMBO NEEDLES ▲

Want to create a plush-as-can-be project that knits up quick? Get some jumbo needles and super bulky yarn to create larger-than-life, super-cozy designs.

*Tip: Use jumbo needles with a lighter weight yarn for a looser, more webbed effect.*

## CIRCULAR NEEDLES ▶

These connected needles make large round and flat projects a cinch! Think of knitting in the round with circular needles like taking a train: You knit around and around in a big loop and don't "get off" until you reach your "destination" (casting off).



## TOOL SIZES

These swatches were made with the same yarn and number of rows, but check out the effect different sized needles and hooks can have!

*Rule of thumb: For more space around a stitch, go larger with the tool—for more condensed rows, size down.*

## DOUBLE POINTED NEEDLES

When your in-the-round project is too small for the long cords on circular needles, double pointed needles come to the rescue! Sold in packs of five, these needles are specialized to knit small tubular pieces like socks, sleeves and gloves.





## ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES

### A. *Knit Tally Counters:*

Use these to guarantee an accurate final product by keeping track of stitches, rows or yardage.

### B. *Ring Stitch Markers:*

Slip these on and off your project as needed to indicate where a round starts or at intervals to avoid counting stitches. They come in lots of colors, so you can use a variety to mark whatever's important to you.

### C. *Crochet Hook Grips:*

They're available in a set of six sizes, so you can easily slide them around any hook to keep your hands comfortable.

### D. *Point Protectors:*

Use these to keep your stitches from slipping off your needles when you put your project down. They'll also help prevent snags or other accidents, especially when you're knitting on the go.