

Beginner Crochet Cheat Sheet

Keep it next to your yarn basket!

THE BASIC STITCHES (US TERMS)

ch	Chain The foundation of almost everything	
sl st	Slip stitch Joins rounds, moves across stitches	
sc	Single crochet Short and dense. Great for toys	
hdc	Half double crochet A little taller, quick and cozy	
dc	Double crochet Tall and airy. Granny squares!	
tr	Treble crochet Extra tall, lacy and fast	

Bars = stitch height. Turning chain: sc ch 1 · hdc ch 2 · dc ch 3 · tr ch 4

YOUR FIRST-PROJECT KIT

- ☐ 5 mm (H-8) hook
- ☐ Smooth, light-colored worsted yarn
- ☐ Scissors & a yarn needle
- ☐ Stitch markers (or a paperclip!)
- ☐ A cup of tea & some patience

US VS UK: THE BIG GOTCHA

US term	UK term
single crochet (sc)	double crochet (dc)
half double (hdc)	half treble (htr)
double crochet (dc)	treble (tr)
treble (tr)	double treble (dtr)
skip	miss

Same name, different stitch! Always check which terms a pattern uses. Granny Loops patterns use US terms.

PATTERN ABBREVIATIONS

Short	Means
beg	beginning
BLO / FLO	back / front loop only
ch-sp	chain space
dec	decrease
inc	2 sts in the same st
MR	magic ring
rep	repeat
rnd	round
RS / WS	right / wrong side
sc2tog	sc 2 together (decrease)
sk	skip
sp	space
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
yo	yarn over

Hooks, Yarn & Reading Patterns

The numbers you'll look up again and again

CROCHET HOOK SIZES

Metric	US	Good for
2.25 mm	B-1	Fine cotton, tiny toys
2.75 mm	C-2	Sock / fingering yarn
3.25 mm	D-3	Fingering & sport
3.5 mm	E-4	Sport, tight amigurumi
3.75 mm	F-5	Sport & DK
4 mm	G-6	DK yarn
4.5 mm	7	DK & light worsted
5 mm	H-8	Worsted: best first hook
5.5 mm	I-9	Worsted & aran
6 mm	J-10	Aran & chunky
6.5 mm	K-10½	Chunky
8 mm	L-11	Bulky
9 mm	M/N-13	Super bulky
10 mm	N/P-15	Super bulky blankets

YARN WEIGHTS

#	Name	Typical hook
0	Lace	1.5 to 2.25 mm
1	Super fine / fingering	2.25 to 3.5 mm
2	Fine / sport	3.5 to 4.5 mm
3	Light / DK	4.5 to 5.5 mm
4	Medium / worsted	5.5 to 6.5 mm
5	Bulky / chunky	6.5 to 9 mm
6	Super bulky	9 to 15 mm
7	Jumbo	15 mm and up

FLAT CIRCLE FORMULA

Rnd 1 6 sc in magic ring (6)
Rnd 2 inc in each st (12)
Rnd 3 *sc 1, inc* x6 (18)
Rnd 4 *sc 2, inc* x6 (24)
Rnd 5 *sc 3, inc* x6 (30)

HOW TO READ A PATTERN LINE

Rnd 3: *sc 1, inc; rep from * around. (18)

Repeat the part between the asterisks all the way around. The number in brackets is your stitch count.

1

Count often

Check the stitch count at the end of every round.

2

Mark round 1

A stitch marker in the first stitch saves frogging.

3

Swatch first

Make a small square to check your gauge before big projects.

4

Relax!

Tight hands = tight stitches. Breathe and loosen your grip.