

BUYING YOUR **1st** CROCHET HOOK

the first of many...

Let's talk about hooks, baby

SHAFT

The length of the shaft determines how many times you can wrap yarn around the hook. You may prefer a longer or shorter shaft depending on how you hold the hook.

HEAD

Features a pointed or rounded top to help you push it through existing stitches

HANDLE

The handle houses your remaining fingers. If you have arthritis or hand pain, you may prefer a comfort or ergonomic handle.

GRIP

These little indents give your thumb (and maybe your pointer finger) a place to rest.

THROAT

Hooks vary in the openness of the throat, which affects how the yarn slips through the hook

Hook Type & Material

Steel

Good Things: Perfect for lace or fine crochet

Bad Things: Sometimes painful to hold

Aluminum

Good Things: Easy to find, durable, inexpensive and great with most yarns

Bad Things: Can be clunky, heavy, or cold

Plastic

Good Things: Inexpensive, preferred by some individuals with hand pain because of their flexible nature

Bad Things: Their flexible nature, breakable

Bamboo

Good Things: Comfortable to hold

Bad Things: More delicate and expensive than other hooks

Rosewood / Birch

Good Things: Smooth, warm, and so pretty

Bad Things: \$\$\$, fear of breaking them

Hybrid

Good Things: Combine one type of head with an ergonomic grip for the best of both worlds

Bad Things: \$\$\$, pieces may separate

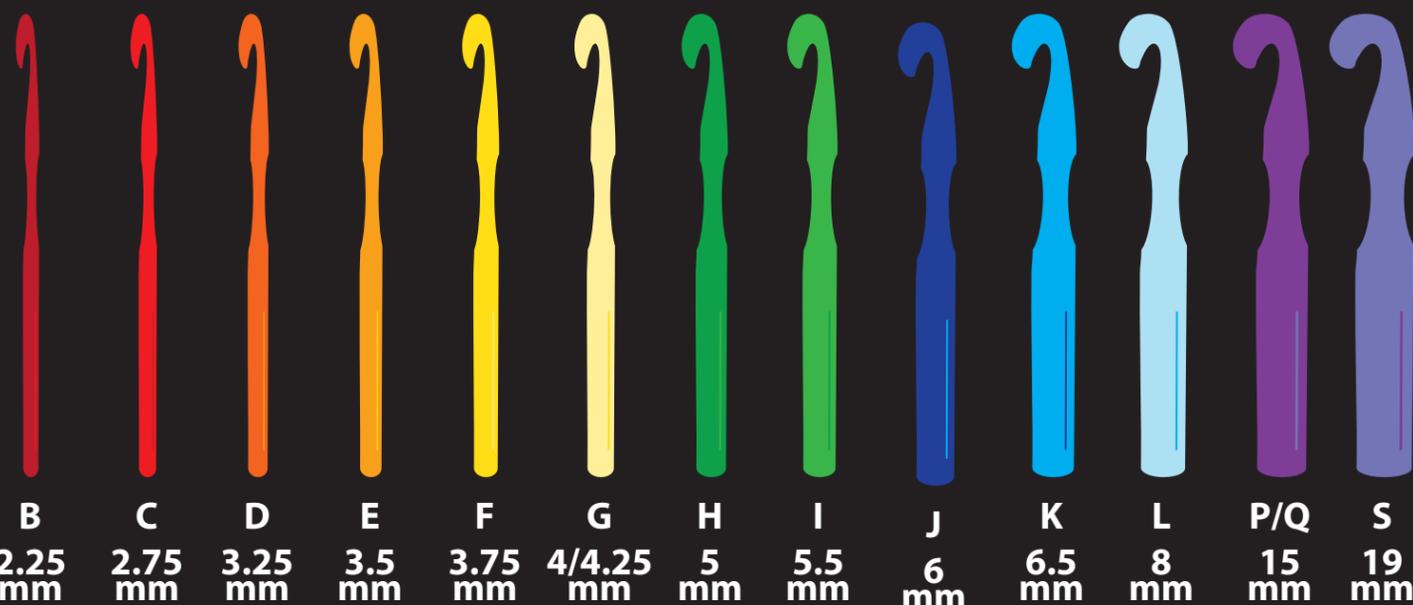


Let's talk about you & me

When it comes to hook preference, everyone's different. If you can, make friends with another crocheter who can let you give their hooks a spin. My favorite hook is a gold metal hook with a bamboo handle, but I also use metal & vintage plastic hooks regularly. Your preference may be totally different.

U.S. Hook Sizes

(source: Craft Yarn Council of America)



What size do I need?

The best hook size to start with is the one suggested in your pattern or on the yarn ball band. If you can, also buy one size smaller and one size larger. Try a gauge swatch with each and see which you like best and which best matches the suggested measurements. The measurement in millimeters refers to the width of the shaft. Small hooks (for lace and crochet thread) are numbered, regular hooks (the type you'll use most often) are lettered.



Have questions or want to share your hook tips?

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