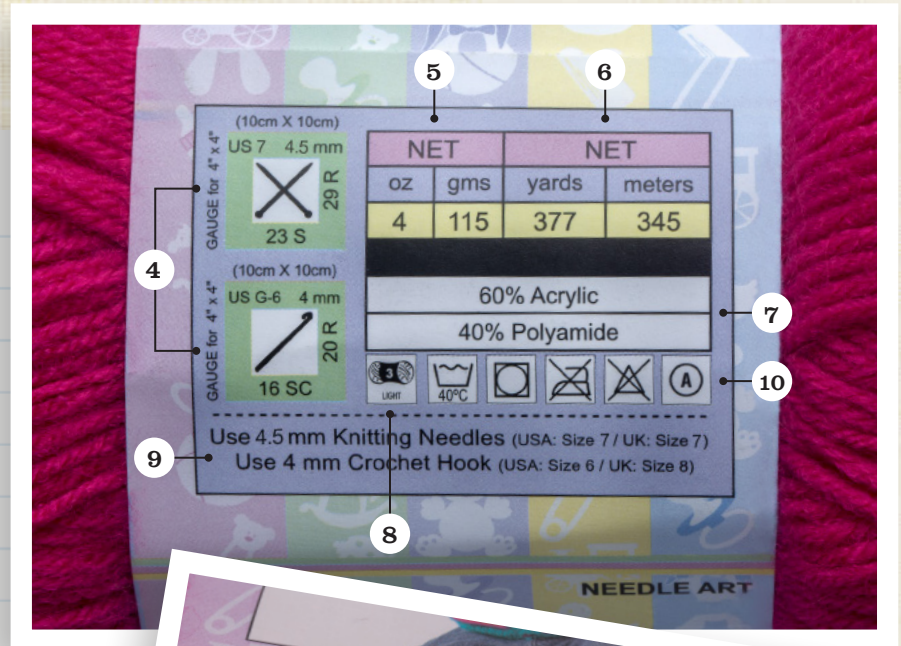




# How to Read a Yarn Label

Ever been confused by a yarn label? Here's a quick summary of the the hook/needle size, laundering instructions and gauges... so all that's left is to pick a project and get started!



## INFORMATION FOUND ON A YARN LABEL:

1. Color of yarn
2. Dye lot number
3. Manufacturing company information
4. Gauges for crochet and knit
5. Weight of skein in ounces and grams
6. Length of yarn in yards and meters
7. Fiber content
8. Weight of yarn (0 being lace weight and 6 being super bulky)
9. Recommended crochet hook and knitting needle sizes
10. Laundering instructions



## TIPS & TRICKS:

- Make sure all the yarn you buy for a project has the same dye lot number to ensure finished project is consistent in color.
- If project needs to be machine washable, be sure to check the laundering instructions before deciding on a yarn to use.
- Always take the time to check your gauge!

See next page for Laundering Instructions and Yarn Weight Scale.



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## LAUNDERING INSTRUCTIONS

	Washing instructions
	Bleaching instructions
	Machine drying instructions
	Ironing and pressing
	Dry-cleaning
	Hand washable
	Machine washable in lukewarm water
	Machine washable in hot water
	Do not machine wash
	Chlorine bleach per directions on label
	Do not use chlorine bleach
	Dry flat Do not use dryer
	Machine dryer
	Cool iron
	Warm iron
	Hot iron
	Do not iron
	Dry-cleanable with any solvent
	Dry-cleanable with any solvent except trichloroethane
	Dry-cleanable with fluorocarbon or petroleum solvents only
	Do not dry clean

## YARN WEIGHT SCALE

Yarn Weight Symbol & Category Names	Lace	Super Fine	Fine	Light	Medium	Bulky	Super Bulky
Type of Yarns in Category	Fingering 10 count crochet thread	Sock, Fingering, Baby	Sport, Baby	DK, Light Worsted	Worsted, Afghan, Aran	Chunky, Craft, Rug	Bulky, Roving
Knit Gauge Range* in Stockinette Stitch to 4 inches	33–40** stitches	27–32 stitches	23–26 stitches	21–24 stitches	16–20 stitches	12–15 stitches	6–11 stitches
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 mm and larger
Recommended Needle in U.S. Size Range	000 to 1	1 to 3	3 to 5	5 to 7	7 to 9	9 to 11	11 and larger
Crochet Gauge* Ranges in Single Crochet to 4 inch	32–42 double crochets**	21–32 stitches	16–20 stitches	12–17 stitches	11–14 stitches	8–11 stitches	5–9 stitches
Recommended Hook in Metric Size Range	Steel*** 1.6–1.4 mm Regular hook 2.25 mm	2.25–3.5 mm	3.5–4.5 mm	4.5–5.5 mm	5.5–6.5 mm	6.5–9 mm	9 mm and larger
Recommended Hook in U.S. Size Range	Steel*** 6, 7, 8 Regular hook B–1	B–1 to E–4	E–4 to 7	7 to I–9	I–9 to K–10½	K–10½ to M–13	M–13 and larger

\* The referenced information is recommended as the most widely used gauges and needle or hook sizes for the particular yarn category.

\*\* To create open, latticework designs, lace weight yarn projects typically lend themselves to larger needles and hooks. Therefore, a gauge range is difficult to determine, so always follow the gauge given in the pattern.

\*\*\* When it comes to steel crochet hooks, the higher the number, the smaller the hook, which is the opposite of regular hook sizes.