Creative Spaces

Yarn Weight Conversions

USA	UK	Australia	Germany	m/100g	Wraps Per Inch See note below	Recommended knitting needle size, mm	Recommended crochet hook size, mm	Other terms used
0 or Lace	1 ply				40+ wpi	1.5 - 2.5	1.5 - 2.5	Single, Cobweb, Thread, Zephyr
0 or Lace	2 ply		2 fadig (ply)	600-800	30-40 wpi	1.5 - 2.5	1.5 - 2.5	
1 or Super Fine	3 ply	3 ply	3 fadig	400-480	20-30 wpi	2 - 3	2.25 - 3.5	Light Fingering, Sock, Baby
1 or Super Fine	4 ply	4 ply	4 fadig	400-480	14-24 wpi	2 - 3	2.25 - 3.5	Fingering, Sock, Baby
2 or Fine		5 ply	6 fadig	300-400	12-18 wpi	3 - 4	3.5 - 4.5	Sport, Baby, 3-ply (obsolete American)
3 or Light	DK (Double Knit) or 8 ply	8 ply		240-300	11-15 wpi	4 - 4.5	4.5 - 5.5	Light Worsted
4 or Medium	Aran, Triple Knit (rare)	10 or 12 ply		120-240	9-12 wpi	4.5 - 5.5	5.5 - 6.5	Worsted, Afghan, Fisherman, 4-ply (obsolete American)
5 or Bulky	Chunky, Double Double Knit (rare)	12 or 16 ply		100-130	6-8 wpi	5.5 - 8	6.5 - 9	Craft, Rug
6 or Super Bulky				Less than 100	5-6 wpi	>8	>9	Roving

Wraps Per Inch One way of determining the weight of an unknown yarn is to use the wrapping method. Wrap the yarn around a large needle or a ruler. Make sure the yarn lies flat. Push the yarn together so there are no gaps between wraps. Smooth it out so it is neither too loose nor too tight. Measure the number of wraps per inch (2.5 cm). For better accuracy, measure the wraps at the centre of your yarn sample.

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