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Standard Crochet Abbreviations

approx	approximately
beg	begin, beginning
CC	contrasting color
ch	chain
cm(s)	centimeter(s)
cl	cluster
cont	continue, continuing
dc	double crochet
dec	decrease, decreasing
foil	following
g	grams
gp(s)	group(s)
hdc	half double crochet
inc	increase, increasing
LH	left-hand
lp(s)	loop(s)
m	meters
MC	main color
oz(s)	ounces
pat	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remains, remaining
rep	repeat
RH	right-hand
RS	right side
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl st	slip stitch
sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
t-ch	turning chain
tog	together
tr	treble
WS	wrong side
yd(s)	yards
yo	yarn over hook
*	repeat instructions following * as many times as necessary or until the end of the row
[]	repeat instructions within brackets as many times as indicated

Crochet Hook Sizes

U.S. Sizes	B/1	C/2	D/3	E/4	F/5	G/6	H/8
mm Sizes	2.00	2.50	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.50	5.00

U.S. Sizes	I/9	J/10	K/10.5	L/11	M/13	N/15	P/16
mm Sizes	5.50	6.00	7.00	8.00	9.00	10.00	11.50

Metric Conversions for Crocheters

1 inch	2.54 cm	multiply the number of inches you have by 2.54 to get centimeters, e.g. 10" x 2.54 = 25.4 cm
1 cm	.394 inches	multiply the number of centimeters you have by .394 to get the equivalent inches
1 foot	.3048 meters	multiply the number of feet you have by .3048 to get meters
1 yard	.9144 meters	multiply the number of yards you have by .9144 to get meters
1 meter	1.0936 yards	multiply the number of meters you have by 1.0936 to get yards
1 gram	.035 ounces	multiply the number of grams you have by .035 to get ounces
1 ounce	28.57 grams	multiply the number of ounces you have by 28.57 to get grams

REMEMBER! If you are substituting yarn in a pattern, it is the total YARDAGE that is important NOT the weight of the yarn!

For example, if the pattern calls for 10 50g/1.75oz (120m/131yds) balls of wool, you will need to buy at least 10 x 120m/131yds or 1200m/1310yds of the yarn you wish to use in order to have enough for your pattern.

Other Notes on Yarn

- All yarn should come with a ball band, which describes the yarn's fiber content, weight, yardage, recommended needle size, average gauge, washing instructions, color name and/or number, and dye lot. Keep these for reference in case you need to buy more of the exact color or need washing instructions later on.
- Be sure to **FIRST** wind any yarn sold as a hank into a ball before you start crocheting! Cut off the label, unwrap into the big loop, cut the knotted ends, and put your hank immediately around the back of a chair and begin winding the ball around your hand. Let the yarn unwind around the back of the chair and it won't have a chance to tangle with itself, creating a nightmare for you!



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Happy Crocheting!!

