

CROCHET GAUGE

Exact gauge is **essential** for proper size or fit. Before beginning your project, make the sample swatch given in the individual gauge instructions in the yarn, hook and stitch pattern specified.

After completing the swatch, measure it, counting your stitches and rows carefully.

If your swatch is larger or smaller than specified, make another, changing hook size to get the correct gauge.

If you have more stitches and rows per inch than specified, use the next larger size hook; if fewer, use next smaller size hook.

Keep trying until you find the size hook that will give you the specified gauge.

Once proper gauge is obtained, measure width of garment approximately every 3" (7.5 cm) to be sure gauge remains consistent.



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