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Crochet Threads and Yarns - How They Work with Gauge

One of the first thing one needs to do when getting a new crochet thread, is to make a "Test Swatch". Most manufactures have a recommended size of either a crochet hook or knitting needles for each type of thread/yarn used. That is where you start, using either the manufacturer recommendations, or the hook/need called for in your pattern.

Each sample will tell you what thread/yarn is used, and hook and/or knitting needle has been used. When the swatch is complete, the height and width of each sample is recorded.

Single Crochet Swatch

Chain 26

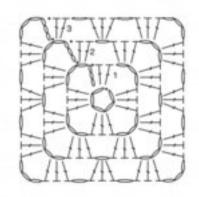
Row !; Sc in 2nd ch from hook, and in each chain to end of row, ch 1, turn. (25 sts)
Row 2: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn. (25 sts)
Rows 3- 15: Repeat row 2.

Half Double Crochet Swatch

Chain 27 **Row 1:** Hdc in 3rd ch from hook, and in next 24 ch sts to end of row, turn. (25 sts) **Row 2:** Ch2 (counts as Hdc), hdc in next 24 ch sts, ch 2, turn. (25 sts) **Rows 3-7:** Repeat row 2

Double Crochet Swatch

Chain 28 Note: Ch 3 counts as dc **Row 1:** Dc in 4th ch from hook, and in next 24 ch sts, ch 3, turn (25 sts) **Row 2**: Dc in 2nd st, and in next 24 dc, ch 3, turn. (25 sts) Rows 3 - 7: Repeat Row 2



Double Crochet in the Round

Use Granny Square Diagram & magic ring in place of ch 5

Rnd 1: Form Magic Ring, ch 6, 3 dc, ch3, 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 3, 2 dc, join with 3rd st of first ch 6.

Rnd 2: ch 6, 3 dc in same space, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc in next corner, ch 2), repeat once, ending with 2 dc in last corner, join in 3 rd ch of first ch 6.

Rnd 3: SI st to corner, ch 6, 3 dc, ch 2, (3dc in next ch 2 space, ch 2, 3dc, ch 3, 3 dc in next corner) repeat 2 more times, 3 dc, ch 2 in next ch 2 space, 2 dc in next corner, join with sI st in 3rd ch of first ch 6. Fasten Off.