



How to Choose Crochet Hooks

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Check the ballband on your yarn to find the recommended size hook or needles to make your project.

Tips

Crochet hooks can also be used to pick up dropped knit stitches and to join knitted pieces together.

Choosing your crochet hook...

Crochet hooks may appear to all look the same, but there are several important distinctions to be aware of when choosing your crochet hook.

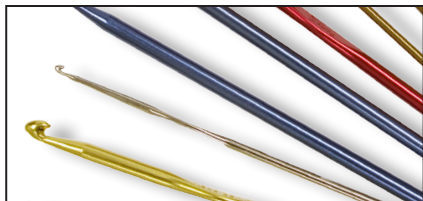
There are two common types of heads on crochet hooks, the tapered head and the inline head. The Boye® tapered head has a slight point so it enters the yarn loops easily and smoothly. The inline head, which is the same width as the shaft of the hook, is blunt so it may require more pressure to move it through tight stitches. Which type you choose is a matter of personal preference and may be influenced by the yarn you are using.

Crochet hooks may be made of a variety of materials.

Steel is commonly used for the very fine hooks needed for thread crochet. The small size of the head demands a sturdy material that will not easily bend or break.

Aluminum is the most widely used material for crochet hooks. It is sturdy, smooth and well-priced. They are a good general purpose choice because all yarns will move quickly and smoothly over their highly polished finish.

Wood and Bamboo are good for slippery yarn. They are warm to the touch and smooth. Look for a bamboo or wood hook that has a thumb rest for maximum comfort. Bamboo and wood hooks are usually a bit more expensive than plastic or metal. Lovely exotic wood hooks have a wide range of prices.



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