

Crochet Q & A

Answers to some common questions

What is Gauge?

Gauge is the number of inches per inch and rows per inch as the result of using a specific yarn and hook size. Gauge can differ from person to person so there is usually a swatch in the pattern. Example: 20 inches and 5 rows

Crochet a swatch then measure it with a ruler. If the measurement is correct then you are ready to start your project! If not then you need to switch your hook size. If it's too big go down a hook size, if it's too small go up a hook size.

Is gauge important?

For clothing items gauge is very important. It is a must-do before starting large project such as a sweater to make sure it will fit when your done. It is not really important for items such as a blanket or washcloth, Not all patterns have a gauge.

What is a WIP?

WIP stands for work in progress. It refers to the current project you are working on

What does FROG mean?

When someone says they had to frog something it means they made a mistake in the pattern and now have to "rip out the stitches" to go back and fix it. It's a play of words from the sound a frog makes "ribbit, ribbit (rip it, rip it)".

What does Cal mean?

Cal refers to a crochet-along where crocheters from all over work on the same project at the same time and "crochet along" together.

What does HOTH mean?

Hot Off The Hook. Refers to a completed crochet project. This is a slang term.

What is c2c crochet?

c2c crochet refers to corner to corner crochet. This is a technique where you start at one corner of a project (usually a blanket) and crochet to the other corner.

What size hook goes with what size yarn?

Look at the yarn label when you purchase your yarn. There it will say what size hook will work best with the yarn. The yarn fiber, yarn weight and washing instructions are also on the label.