

**Needle-size info, provided by All Dolled Up Kits @ www.AllDolledUpKits.com. Please send questions & comments to AllDolledUpKits@Yahoo.com**

Knitting Needle Sizes											
US Sizes	Metric in mm (standard)		UK Sizes (& sometimes Canada, Australia)	Inches (mm/25.4)		1 yard (36") ÷ circumference (estimate of stitches/yard)*	Typical yarn weight for given needle size (\$WPI = wraps per inch)	Typical uses of this needle size	Comparable Crochet Hook Sizes		
	Diameter	Circumference (diameter × 3.14)		Diameter	Circumference				U.S.	UK (sometimes also Canada, Australia)	Metric diameter, in mm (standard)
0 <sup>7</sup>	0.50 mm	1.5708 mm		0.020"	0.062"	580.65	Superfine, e.g., lace weight, crochet thread (>22 WPI)	Doilies & other delicate lace work	-	-	-
0 <sup>6</sup>	0.75	2.3562		0.030	0.093	388.07			-	-	-
0 <sup>5</sup>	1.00	3.1416		0.039	0.124	291.06			10 steel	-	1.00mm
0 <sup>4</sup>	1.25	3.927	16	0.049	0.155	232.84			8 steel	-	1.25
000	1.50	4.7124	15	0.059	0.186	194.04			7 steel	-	1.50
00	1.75	5.4978		0.069	0.216	166.32			5 steel	-	1.75
0	2.00	6.2832	14	0.079	0.247	145.53				14	2.00
1	2.25–2.50	7.0686	13	0.089	0.278	129.36	Fine, e.g., Light Fingering & Fingering (19–22 WPI)	Jacquard knits, fine garments, baby garments, socks, lacy shawls & other lace work	B (1)	13	2.25
2	2.75	8.6394	12	0.108	0.340	105.84			C (2)	12	2.75
-	3.00	9.4248	11	0.118	0.371	97.02			-	-	-
3	3.25	10.2102	10	0.128	0.402	89.56	Light, e.g., Sport, D.K. (12–19 WPI)	Lightweight items, e.g., summer sweaters, baby blankets	D (3)	10	3.25
4	3.50	10.9956	-	0.138	0.433	83.16			E (4)	9	3.50
5	3.75	11.781	9	0.148	0.464	77.62	Worsted, Aran (10–12 WPI)	Almost anything, e.g., jacket, sweater, afghan	F (5)	9	3.75
6	4.00–4.25	12.5664	8	0.157	0.495	72.76			G (6)	8	4.00 to 4.25
7	4.50	14.1372	7	0.177	0.557	64.68			(7)	7	4.50
8	5.00	15.708	6	0.197	0.618	58.21	Bulky (& many novelty yarns) (8–10 WPI)	Winter garments & cold-weather blankets	H (8)	6	5.00
9	5.50	17.2788	5	0.217	0.680	52.92			I (9)	5	5.50
10	6.00	18.8496	4	0.236	0.742	48.51			J (10)	4	6.00
10½	6.50	20.4204	3	0.256	0.804	44.78			(10¼)	3	6.50
-	7.00	21.9912	2	0.276	0.866	41.58	Superbulky (<8 WPI)	Great for quickly knitting big projects (or small ones)	K (10½)	2	7.00
-	7.50	23.562	1	0.295	0.928	38.81			-	0	8.00
11	8.00	25.1328	0	0.315	0.990	36.38			L (11)	-	-
13	9.00	28.2744	00	0.354	1.113	32.34	Superbulky (<8 WPI)	Great for quickly knitting big projects (or small ones)	M/N (13)	00	9.00
15	10.00	31.416	000	0.394	1.237	29.11			N (15)	000	10.0
17	12.00–12.50	37.6992	0000	0.472	1.484	24.25			P (17)	0000	12.00–12.50
[18]	14.00–15.00	43.9824	-	0.551	1.732	20.79			Q (19)	00000	15.0
19	15.50–16.00	48.6948	00000	0.610	1.917	18.78			-	-	-
35	19.00	59.6904	-	0.748	2.350	15.32			S (35)	-	19.0mm
50	25.00 mm	78.54 mm	-	0.984"	3.092"	11.64			-	-	-

**About choosing the right needle size for your yarn.** How can you figure out which needle you should use for your yarn? Each thickness and texture of yarn has its own favorite needle size you can use to knit a firm, smooth, flexible, drapery fabric.

- Easiest: Find the yarn manufacturer's suggestion for needle size on the yarn's label.
- If you don't have a label, or the label doesn't specify, try this: Grab a knitting gauge (the index-card-size gizmo with all the holes and numbers!). Fold down the end of a strand of your yarn. Poke the doubled-up strand through a few different holes. Through trial and error, find the hole that works best — Goldilocks's not too big and loose, but not too small and tight.
- § No gauge? Grab a ruler, and place your yarn strand over the 1" mark. Twist up the ruler, slowly coiling your yarn around it. Gently smooch your yarn a little, so that the coils snuggle together in a friendly but not too pushy way. Stop when you get to the 2" mark. The number of times your yarn wrapped around the ruler between the 1" and the 2" marks are your — Ta-Da! — wraps per inch (WPI). If you peek in the 7<sup>th</sup> column of this table, you'll see a number for WPI, corresponding to a range of needle sizes to use. This will give you a good start. The rest is up to you. Try knitting with this yarn on various needles until you find the needle size you like for this yarn. If you know you're a tight knitter, start with the larger end of the size range. Loosey goosey? Start with the smaller end of the size range.

**A little more about choosing the right needle size.** Some very unpleasant people sometimes say, "You can never be too thin or too rich." Well, in knitting, that's totally wrong. Your needle can be too skinny for a given yarn. (I dare you to try knitting bulky yarn on a U.S. size 2 needle!) On the other hand, your needle can almost never be too fat for almost any yarn! Why not try using a U.S. size 50 needle with a superfine lacy yarn? You'll end up with a lovely lacy-looking fabric. Fat-needle-lovers unite!

**Also.** You're the boss! Read the information here as suggestions. Use what you like, and ignore the rest!

\* To roughly guess how many stitches you may get from 1 meter of yarn, divide 318 (1000 mm/ 3.14) by the needle's mm diameter.

Handy-Dandy Pocket Chart								
Needles I own (✓); Needles I want (☹)								
Knitting Needle Sizes		Straight		Circular			DPN (double-pointed)	
US	mm	7-10"	≥12"	29"	12-24"	≥32"	≤9"	≥10"
0 <sup>-7</sup>	0.50							
0 <sup>-6</sup>	0.75							
0 <sup>-5</sup>	1.00							
0 <sup>-4</sup>	1.25							
0 <sup>-3</sup>	1.50							
0 <sup>-2</sup>	1.75							
0	2.00							
1	≥2.25							
2	2.75							
3	3.25							
4	3.50							
5	3.75							
6	≥4.00							
7	4.50							
8	5.00							
9	5.50							
10	6.00							
10½	6.50							
11	8.00							
13	9.00							
15	10.00							
17	≥12.00							
19	≥15.50							
35	19.00							
50	25.00							

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