

Best Yarns

FOR CROCHET BLANKETS

a quick guide by HanJan Crochet

Blankets are often the go to project for beginners and experienced hands alike but have you thought about the little things that could lift yours to the next level? I thought I'd share my best yarn for crochet blankets to help you discover the things I've learnt over the years as both a designer and maker.

WHAT YARN IS BEST FOR CROCHETING BLANKETS?

I'm always being asked - what is the most recommended yarn for crochet blankets?

Now this question is not necessarily a tricky one to answer but the best yarn for the blanket you choose to make depends on a few things.

My top 5 things to think about that will help us are:

1. Who is the blanket for?
2. How will it be used?
3. What fibre would you like to make it in?
4. What colours would you like to use for your blanket?
5. What is your yarn budget?

Once you've thought about those things you'll be much closer to finding that perfect yarn for your blanket and be ready to start yarn shopping!

WHAT SIZE OR WEIGHT YARN IS BEST TO USE?

You can use absolutely any weight of yarn to crochet a blanket. However, the weight of the yarn will mostly be dictated by the pattern you choose so that's the best place to start I think.

You can switch out yarn weights with blankets especially easily if they are a simple stitch repeat but I can tell you from experience that the designer will have experimented so that you don't have to!

With that in mind, let's have a look at all the categories of yarn weights (as set by the Craft Yarn Council [yarn weight system](#)) from Category 1 fingering weight all the way to category 7 jumbo weight yarns because blankets come in all shapes, sizes and yarn weights!

On the next page I'll lay out my favourite option in each weight with some pattern ideas and inspiration too!



My Best Yarns For Crochet Blankets

quick reference guide

YARN WEIGHT



CATEGORY 1

Sock, Fingering, Baby

SUGGESTION 1

Stylecraft Special 4ply



100% acrylic
422m/100g

SUGGESTION 2

Stroll

75% Fine Superwash
Merino Wool, 25% Nylon,
211m/50g

SUGGESTION 3

Sirdar Snuggly 4ply

155% nylon, 45% acrylic
226m/50g



CATEGORY 2

Sport, Baby

Brava Sport



100% acrylic
273yds/100g

Andean Treasure

100% Baby Alpaca
110yds/50g

Heatherly

100% Baby Alpaca
110yds/50g



CATEGORY 3

DK, Light Worsted

Paintbox Simply DK



100% acrylic
276m/100g

Mellowspun DK

100% acrylic
260m/100g

Swish DK

100% fine super wash
Merino wool,
123yds/50g



CATEGORY 4

Worsted, Aran

Brava Worsted



100% acrylic
208yds/100g

Color Theory

100% acrylic
246yds/100g

Rowan Pure Wool

100% wool
219yds/100g



CATEGORY 5

Chunky, Craft, Rug

Paintbox Simply Chunky



100% acrylic
136m/100g

Billow

100% Pima Cotton
120yds/100g

Cascade 128 Superwash

100% Merino wool
117m/100g



CATEGORY 6

Super Bulky, Roving

Thick and Quick



86% Acrylic, 10% Wool, 4%
Rayon
106yds/100g

Sirdar Adventure

80% acrylic, 20% Wool
116yds/100g

Mill House Super Bulky

100% acrylic
90yds/170g



CATEGORY 7

Jumbo, Roving

Bernat Blanket Yarn



100% polyester
32yds/300g

Tuff Puff

100% wool
44yds/100g

best Aran cotton yarn!

Paintbox Cotton Aran

100% cotton
85m/50g



Blanket Pattern Inspiration

some great patterns to try!



[Billow Patchwork Blanket](#)



[Zigzag Baby Blanket](#)



[Strawberries and Cream Blanket](#)



[Super Alexa Blanket](#)



[Oyster Shells Blanket](#)



[Criss Cross Blanket](#)



[Rainbow Splash Blanket](#)



[Cleo's Cloud Blanket](#)



[Broadquay Blanket](#)

More About HanJan

I am delighted to have been able to share these ideas with you!

Being creative has always been so important to me and being able to do it as a full time career is beyond anything I could have dreamed of.

My mission is to support everyone and anyone in achieving anything they'd like to with crochet through writing, designing and teaching. I'd be honoured if you'd like to join me in my adventures!



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