Crochet Gauge Swatch Worksheet

Measure your gauge, compare it with the pattern and choose your hook.

How to measure gauge

1. Crochet a swatch at least 5 in (13 cm) square in the stitch your pattern uses, with the yarn and hook you plan to use.

2. Block or rest the swatch the way you will treat the finished piece, then lay it flat without stretching.

3. Place a ruler across the middle, away from the edges. Count stitches over 4 in (10 cm), including half stitches.

4. Turn the ruler and count rows or rounds over 4 in (10 cm).

5. Compare with the pattern. More stitches than the pattern: try a larger hook. Fewer stitches: try a smaller hook.

Swatch log

Swatch	Yarn	Hook (mm)	Stitch	Sts / 4 in	Rows / 4 in	Notes
A						
B						
C						
D						

Pattern gauge

Pattern asks for: _____ stitches and _____ rows over 4 in (10 cm), with a _____ mm hook

My swatch: _____ stitches and _____ rows over 4 in (10 cm), with a _____ mm hook

Size check (optional)

Stitches per inch = stitches over 4 in ÷ 4. Width a pattern row will make = stitches in the row ÷ stitches per inch.

Stitches in the row: _____ ÷ my stitches per inch: _____ = width: _____ in

Amigurumi: patterns often use a smaller hook than the yarn label for a firm fabric where stuffing does not show. If your pattern gives no gauge, aim for stitches with no visible gaps. Online: forfunly.com/tools/crochet-gauge-calculator