

Table 9: International Yarn Comparisons & Suggested Needle Size

- Diameter -		----- Yarn type -----			--Gauge--	--- Needle Size---		
wpc	wpi	UK	USA(+sts/in)	Australian	Sts/10cm	mm	UK	US
LACE WEIGHT YARNS								
10+	25+	Lace Wt	-	-	32+	1.0	18	00000
						1.25	-	0000
						1.5	16	000
						1.75	-	00
10	25	2-ply	-	-	32+	2.0	14	0
						2.25	13	1
BABY WEIGHT YARNS:								
7.5	20	3-ply	-	3-ply	32+	2.75	12	2
7.25	18	-	Ultrafine (8)	-	32+	3.00	11	-
FINE YARNS:								
6.5	16	4-ply	Fingering (7)	4-ply	28	3.25	10	3
MEDIUM YARNS:								
6.0	15	-	-	5-ply	26	3.5	-	4
5.5	14	Thin DK	Sportswt (6)	6-ply	24	3.75	9	5
5.0	13	DK	Heavy Sports/ 8-ply Light Worsted	-	22	4.0	8	6
HEAVY YARNS:								
4.75	12	Thick DK	Worsted Wt (5)	10-ply	20	4.25	-	6
4.5	11	Thin Aran	Heavy Worsted(4)	-	18	4.5	7	7
BULKY YARNS:								
4.0	10	Aran/Triple	Bulky (3)	12-ply	16	5.0	6	8
						5.5	5	9
3.5	9	Dble-dble	-	-	14	6.0	4	10
						6.5	3	-
CHUNKY YARNS:								
3.0	8	Chunky	Xtra Bulky (2) 14-ply	12		7.0	2	10.5
						7.5	1	-
						8.0	0	11
2.0	5	Xtra Chunky	-	-	10	9.0	00	-
						9.5	-	13
						10.0	000	15
JUMBO						19	Jumbo	35
						25	-	50

wpc = wraps per cm, wpi = wraps per inch

Comparisons are approximate and should be taken only as a starting point for determining the correct gauge and needle size for your pattern.

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