

# Shopping List for Beginners



## Help, I dont know what I need to buy!

Deciding to learn crochet is exciting, but knowing what to buy as a beginner can be daunting! This quick guide has been compiled though research with participants at our crochet group to help you buy the things you will need to start on the right foot.

This guide is split into two parts:

- **Essential purchases** – things that you absolutely will need to start with
- **Optional extras** – those little additional things which make life easier

## Essential Items

	Item	Description
1	Crochet Hook 6mm	Can be made of any material, but when you start to crochet a 6mm is best as you will naturally have tight tension
2	Double Knitting Yarn	A good quality Double Knit in a neutral or pastel colour will be best as it won't split when you are working with it. Avoid dark colours like navy, black or burgundy as you will find it difficult to see your chains/ stitches
3	Small Scissors	To cut your yarn to length or when finishing
4	Stitch Marker	Can be just a paperclip, but you will need something to hold the loop of your work or mark locations as you work.
5	Tapestry/Yarn Needle	Large Needle used to thread yarn. Childrens needles also work as they are large and made of plastic.



## Optional Extras:

- **Full hook size range** – from the small steel sizes to around 10mm range
- **Hook Bag** – for storage and organisation
- **Tape Measure** – for checking the size of items
- **Stitch Counter** – for counting rows as you go, can be the ones used for knitting or electronic
- **Blocking board and T-pins** – for blocking your work to make it an even size