



Yarn Fiber Cheat Sheet

TL Yarn Crafts

MODERN  CROCHET INSPIRATION



Plant-Based Yarn:

Cotton

Best Projects

Dishcloths, summer tops, market bags
& baby items



Pros Durable, breathable,
absorbent, easy to find



Care Instructions Machine wash /
machine dry (may shrink)



Cons Can stretch, heavy
when wet, low stitch memory



Characteristics Smooth, matte, cool
to the touch



Plant-Based Yarn:

Linen

Best Projects

Summer garments, shawls, home goods



Pros Strong, softens with use, crisp stitches



Care Instructions Machine wash cold / air dry



Cons Stiff at first, wrinkles, pricier



Characteristics Crisp, airy, drapey, slight sheen



Plant-Based Yarn: Bamboo/Viscose

Best Projects

Lightweight, shawls, baby clothes, lacy projects



Pros Soft, shiny, drapey,
feels luxe



Care Instructions Hand wash / air
dry flat



Cons Splits, loses shape,
delicate



Characteristics Silky, fluid drape,
eco-friendly image



Animal-Based Yarn:

Wool

Best Projects

Sweaters, hats, mittens, blankets



Pros Warm, elastic,
water-resistant, common



Care Instructions Hand wash cool /
air dry flat (unless superwash)



Cons Can felt/shrink, itchy,
not vegan



Characteristics Springy, insulating,
slight fuzz



Animal-Based Yarn:

Alpaca

Best Projects

Scarves, wraps, cozy garments, luxury accessories



Pros Softer & warmer than wool, hypoallergenic



Care Instructions Hand wash cold / air dry flat



Cons Less elastic, can sag, higher cost



Characteristics Silky, fluffy halo, excellent drape



Animal-Based Yarn:

Mohair

Best Projects

Shawls, sweaters, held with other yarns



Pros Lightweight but warm,
fluffy halo



Care Instructions Gentle hand wash
cold / air dry flat



Cons Can be itchy, hard to
frog, delicate



Characteristics Airy, halo effect, luxe
texture



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