

Guidelines For 4-H Knitting / Crochet Projects



The 4-H Knitting/Crochet Project enables youth to develop knowledge and skills necessary to create clothing they enjoy wearing. 4-H members can progress through skill levels at their own rate.

	SUGGESTED PROJECTS	KNITTING KNOWLEDGE	SUGGESTED YARN	CROCHETING KNOWLEDGE	RECOMMENDED NEEDLES
C L O V E R B U D S	<p>It is best to start with small projects that can be finished quickly while motivation is high.</p> <p>Bean bag Hat Headband Necktie Dishrag Pot holder Small purse or Small bag Caterpillar toy</p>	<p>casting on garter stitch - all knit stockinette stitch - knit and purl) binding off sewing seams sewing in ends making a gauge swatch</p>	<p>Worsted weight Acrylic Wool Blend</p>	<p>chain single crochet half double crochet slip stitch</p>	<p>wooden (aluminum are okay but tend to be slippery)</p> <p>sizes 6, 7, or 8.</p>
	<p>It may be wise to avoid: Very small needles, fingering weight yarn, lace patterns, slippery needles, large projects like afghans and shawls.</p>				
N O V I C E	<p>It is best to start with small projects that can be finished quickly while motivation is high, but a senior novice may do well with a longer project.</p> <p>Scarf Hat Belt Necktie Purse Placemat Potholder Dishrag Bag A simple vest</p>	<p>casting on garter stitch (all knit) stockinette stitch (knit and purl) binding off sewing seams sewing in the ends making a gauge swatch</p>	<p>Worsted weight Bulky weight Acrylic Cotton wool Blend.</p>	<p>chain single crochet half double crochet slip stitch</p>	<p>Wooden (aluminum are okay but tend to be slippery)</p> <p>sizes 6, 7, or 8 (for worsted weight yarn)</p> <p>sizes 9, 10, 10 1/2, or 11 (for bulky yarn).</p>
	<p>It may be wise for a novice to avoid: Very small needles, fingering weight yarn, decorative designer yarns, lace patterns, slippery needles, and large projects that require accurate knitting gauge like sweaters.</p>				

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I N T E R M E D I A T E	Hat Scarf Mittens Socks Vest Bag Shawl Slippers Sweater They can be felted, and/or embellished with beads, buttons, and trims.	Intermediates should choose a project that includes novice skills plus three more of the following techniques: Circular knitting Increasing Decreasing All over pattern I-cord Pockets Stripes Cables Bobbles Lace Buttonholes Modify a pattern	Intermediates should choose a project that includes novice skills plus three more of the following techniques: Double crochet Triple crochet Shell stitch Granny squares Picot stitch Stripes Cables Bobbles Lace Buttonholes Modify a pattern
	Avoid: patterns that are too simple for this level and taking on a project with too many new challenges at once.		
A D V A N C E D	Jacket Sweater Lace shawl Lace collar Hat Mittens Scarf Hat-mitten-scarf set Socks Vest Purse Bag Backpack Gloves. They can be felted, and/or embellished with beads, buttons, and trims. Combining knit and crochet skills in one project is encouraged	Advanced level should choose a project that includes novice skills plus four or more of the following advanced techniques: Circular knitting Increasing Decreasing All over pattern I-cord Pockets Intarsia Fair Isle design Stripes Cables Bobbles Lace Buttonholes Modify a pattern Fine thread Create your own design	Advanced level should choose a project that includes novice skills plus four or more of the following advanced techniques: Double crochet Triple crochet Double triple Shell stitch Granny squares Picot stitch Small hook size Stripes Cables Bobbles Lace Buttonholes Modify a pattern Fine thread Create your own design
	Avoid: patterns that are too simple for this level and taking on a project with too many new challenges at once.		