

WHAT SORT OF CROCHETER ARE YOU?

Find out if you're a perfectionist, a completionist or an anarchist – then quiz your friends! Written by Tricia Fairburn



Q1. You're opening your latest yarn order when you realise you've bought two different dye lots of the same colour. The difference is subtle but noticeable on closer inspection. What do you do?

- A** Return the yarn, order a replacement and delay starting my project until I have the right colours.
- B** Change plans and make two smaller projects with the mismatched yarn.
- C** Start the original project anyway – if I didn't notice the dye lots initially then no one else will know!

Q2. Someone makes a rude comment on your latest project. How do you respond?

- A** Go home, cry, frog the whole thing and start over.
- B** Ignore them! What have they made recently?
- C** Talk at length about how I made it, until they regret ever having spoken to me.

Q3. Oh no! You've lost at yarn chicken and reached the end of the ball. What's your plan of action?

- A** Back away, then leg it to the nearest yarn shop to restock.
- B** Shrug and fasten off. The cropped look is in right now!
- C** Dive into your stash, join a completely different colour and keep going. Life is short and so is my yarn!

Q4. You're having difficulty understanding a pattern. What keeps you going?

- A** It has to make logical sense and I enjoy problem-solving.
- B** I want to finish this project so I can start the next one.
- C** Pure spite. I won't be defeated!

Q5. What happens to your projects once they're finished?

- A** ...Finished?
- B** They function as they should – as garments and homewares.
- C** Often they get frogged and turned into something new!

Q6. You spot the most beautiful yarn on sale but you don't know what you'd make with it. Do you buy it?

- A** Yes – but then it sits untouched in my stash for months. It's so pretty I can hardly bear to take the ball band off.
- B** No. It'll still be there when I'm done with my current WIP.
- C** Yes, and I'm so excited I ditch my current project and start browsing Ravelry. New beanie, here I come!

Q7. How do you feel about freehand/freeform crochet?

- A** How will I know if I'm doing it right?
- B** Is it faster than following a pattern?
- C** Whoa, I can crochet ANYTHING I WANT!

Q8. You're one stitch short. What do you do?

- A** Rip it back until I find the source of the error.
- B** Chain one (counts as a stitch) and keep going.
- C** Keep going with the wrong stitch count. No one will know!

Q9. Someone is watching you crochet. How do you feel?

- A** Self-conscious! They're putting me off.
- B** Flattered, but mostly focused on what I'm doing.
- C** Muah-ha-ha-ha... a new recruit!

Q10. What happens to your leftover yarn?

- A** I organise it in my stash.
- B** I give it to friends, donate it to charity, or sell it.
- C** It enters my stash (which is not organised), my next project – or the cat runs off with it.

Q11. Your yarn is getting tangled. What do you do?

- A** Put the kettle on and settle down to an untangling mission.
- B** Cut the yarn and rejoin. I've got a jumper to finish!
- C** I stubbornly keep going, hoping the yarn will magically untangle of its own accord. (Spoiler alert: it doesn't.)

Q12. And finally... why do you crochet?

- A** To make beautiful things and improve my skills.
- B** For the satisfaction of fastening off and weaving in the ends, knowing it's done.
- C** It's fun! I'm not fussed about the finished project.



THE PERFECTIONIST

Mostly A – The Perfectionist

You are a brilliant crocheter – but, as your own worst critic, you don't always know it. Your attention to detail sees you create some truly stunning projects and your friends marvel at your diligence. Sometimes your fear of failure means you procrastinate finishing, and you may favour the clean slate that comes with starting a new project. Be kind to yourself – every mishap helps you improve long term. In the meantime, don't forget to have fun!



THE COMPLETIONIST

Mostly B – The Completionist

You are a rare breed of crocheter, preferring to stay 'monogamous' to one WIP before starting anything new. You're a speedy hookster whose passion for crochet sees you finish projects even when the odds are stacked against you. No yarn? No problem! You're a great improviser who'll figure it out. However, you might benefit from slowing down and enjoying the journey. Remember, it's not all about the destination.



THE ANARCHIST

Mostly C – The Anarchist

You enjoy crochet just for the sake of it. You are unfazed by mistakes and may prefer to freehand or adapt patterns to suit you. In short, you don't play by the rules – and that's fine! You're a fun and engaging teacher who's keen to get more hooksters on board. Just be careful not to bombard them with your avant-garde techniques. Let them learn at their own pace, and when they're ready to get adventurous, they'll know who to turn to.