Types of Yarn

**Natural Fiber Yarns**
- **Alpaca**
  - Alpaca yarn is an animal fiber that looks and feels silky and soft.

- **Angora**
  - This animal fiber is fluffy, soft, and silky and sourced from the Angora rabbit.

- **Camel**
  - This is a lightweight and temperature-regulating animal fiber spun from the hair of adult and baby camels.

- **Cashmere**
  - Sourced from the Cashmere goat, the benefit of this animal fiber is that it has impressive insulating qualities without bulkiness.

- **Cotton**
  - Cotton is a popular plant fiber. It is soft, strong, and the most commonly used natural fiber in textiles.

- **Linen**
  - This plant fiber is made from flax. It’s a luxurious yarn that is great at absorbing moisture while remaining cool.

- **Hemp**
  - When formed into yarn, hemp is a bit coarser than most but it softens over time.

- **Mohair**
  - From the Angora goat, this animal fiber is commonly blended with wool as it is very fine on its own.

- **Silk**
  - Silk is an animal fiber that is known as the “Queen of Fabrics” since it has ties to royalty and is incredibly strong for its weight.

- **Wool**
  - Made from sheep fleece, this is a very popular animal fiber. Wool is nonflammable, affordable, and long-lasting.

**Synthetic Fiber Yarns**
- **Acrylic**
  - One of the most popular synthetic fibers in crochet, acrylic has a feel similar to wool. It is warm but lightweight and soft to the touch.

- **Bamboo**
  - Though plant-based, bamboo is often considered semi-synthetic as it goes through a chemical process to form yarn. It's fast-growing and naturally antibacterial.

- **Nylon**
  - Popularly known as a silk replacement, this fully synthetic fiber is highly resilient and can be made shiny or dull in appearance.

- **Rayon**
  - Rayon is a semi-synthetic fiber because it is made from wood or plant cellulose fibers that then go through a chemical process to form the textile.

- **Polyester**
  - This synthetic fiber is often blended with natural fibers to help reduce shrinking and add strength.

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