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.

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

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

- **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.

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

- **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.

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