



Knitting Tensions/Gauge

We recommend that you knit a tension swatch before you start on any new yarn. This may save you a lot of time and trouble later. A swatch should be at least six inches (15 cm.) square, and blocked before you measure it. I put a wet washcloth on the top of my sample and leave it to dry. Don't iron acrylic yarn or you may melt it. **10 cm. (4 inches)**

Crochet

Usually comes in sizes 5, 10, 20, 30, and 40.

Lace/3ply Fingering

32 stitches and 40 rows to 10 cm. Using a 3 _ mm (US 3) needle.

4ply Fingering

28 stitches and 36 rows to 10 cm. Using a 3 _ mm (US 3) needle. In the US the term 4-ply is used for Knitting Worsted. Check your pattern carefully to determine which yarn you need.

Sport Weight

24 stitches and 34 rows to 10 cm. Using a 3 _ mm (US 5) needle. Some yarns such as Astra knit up as Sport weight or a DK. It is possible to interchange these two weights by using a 4 mm (US 6) needle. But check your tension first.

Double Knitting (DK)

22 stitches and 30 rows to 10 cm. Using a 4 mm (US 6) needle.

Aran

18 stitches and 24 rows to 10 cm. Using a 5 mm (US 8) needles. Some knitters' use Knitting Worsted instead, but check your tension carefully first.

Knitting Worsted

20 stitches and 26 rows to 10 cm. Using a 4 _ mm (US 7) needles

Chunky

15 stitches and 20 rows to 10 cm. Using a 6 mm (US 10) needle. In the UK what is referred to as a chunky is what North Americans call a Bulky. Check that tension.

Bulky

14 stitches and 19 rows to 10 cm. Using a 6 mm (US 10) needle

Washing your knitted garment

Most acrylics and super wash wools can be machine washed as per label. Always wash with care. After I have knit or crocheted a project I wash the item by hand and spin dry on gentle cycle in my washing machine, then I block the item flat on a towel or flannel sheet depending how large the item is, then let dry. I figure that after I have put all that time into making the item I want it to look good as long as possible. Good luck on your next project!