
CREAM CITY YARN

Gauge Swatch

Instructions

If you registered for a class at Cream City Yarn, you may have been asked to knit a gauge swatch. This handout will help you complete that homework. *First*, determine if you will be knitting a flat swatch or a swatch in the round. Generally, you can make the swatch that best matches how you'll knit the pattern. *Next*, follow the instructions for the weight of yarn you'll be using for your project. *Finally*, block and measure your swatch.

KNITTING A FLAT SWATCH

Supplies Needed:

- Yarn Required For Class
- Needles Suggested by Pattern

For Fingering or Sport Weight Swatch:

Cast on 40 stitches

Row 1 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 2 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 two more times (3 garter stitch ridges total)

Row 3 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 4 (WS): knit 3, purl 34, knit 3

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 - 17 times

Row 5 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 6 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 two more times (3 garter stitch ridges total)

Bind off all stitches.

For DK or Worsted Weight Swatch:

Cast on 30 stitches

Row 1 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 2 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 two more times (3 garter stitch ridges total)

Row 3 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 4 (WS): knit 3, purl 24, knit 3

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 - 14 times

Row 5 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 6 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 two more times (3 garter stitch ridges total)

Bind off all stitches.

For Bulky Weight Swatch:

Cast on 20 stitches

Row 1 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 2 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 1 & 2 two more times (3 garter stitch ridges total)

Row 3 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 4 (WS): knit 3, purl 14, knit 3

Repeat Rows 3 & 4 - 7 times

Row 5 (RS): knit all stitches

Row 6 (WS): knit all stitches

Repeat Rows 5 & 6 two more times (3 garter stitch ridges total)

Bind off all stitches.

Continue with instructions for blocking your swatch...

SWATCH IN THE ROUND

Supplies Needed:

- Yarn Required For Class
- Needles Suggested by Pattern. NOTE:
You will be doing this swatch on Double
Pointed Needles (DPNs), Magic Loop, or
2 Circular Needles

For Fingering or Sport Weight Swatch:

Cast on 56 stitches. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches.

Rounds 1- 40 (RS): knit all stitches
Bind off all stitches.

For DK or Worsted Weight Swatch:

Cast on 48 stitches. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches.

Rounds 1- 30 (RS): knit all stitches
Bind off all stitches.

For Bulky Weight Swatch:

Cast on 40 stitches. Join for knitting in the round, being careful not to twist your stitches.

Rounds 1- 20 (RS): knit all stitches
Bind off all stitches.

**Continue with instructions for blocking
your swatch...**

BLOCKING YOUR SWATCH

Supplies Needed:

- Ruler or Tape Measure
- Small Bowl with Cool Water
- Towel

Measure your swatch before & after blocking. You'll know what your target stitch count is while you're knitting your project so you can make adjustments as needed.

Block swatch by placing it in a small bowl of cool water for 30 min. Discard water and gently squeeze out excess water from your swatch. Place on a clean towel and gently roll to remove as much water as you can. Lay flat to dry. Please note that it may take up to 12 hours to dry.

Once your swatch is dry, measure your swatch on a flat surface. Use your ruler to count the number of stitches in a row (horizontally) over 4 inches. Next, measure the number of rows (vertically) over 4 inches. Write these numbers down and compare them to your pattern. Make adjustments as needed.

Helpful Tip:

Are you knitting lace, cables, color work, or textured stitches in your project? Try including a portion of the chart in another swatch. Not required, but it can be helpful!