

Choosing Yarn and the Yardage

- ✿ Yarn Weights:
 - ✿ Lace & Fingering- Needles 0-3; 7-9 sts/in.; yds./oz: wool (200-220), cotton (150-180)
 - ✿ Sport and Shetland-Needles 3-5; 5 3/4-7 sts./ in.; yds./oz: wool (100- 120), cotton (75-90)
 - ✿ DK-Needles 5-7; 5 1/2 -6 1/2 sts./in.; yds./oz.: wool (55-65), cotton (45- 55)
 - ✿ Bulky- Needles 10-13 and up; 3 1/2 or less sts. in./ yds./oz.: wool (35-45), cotton (30-35)

- ✿ To measure the yardage in a “mystery” ball, wrap the yarn around the back of a chair. Measure one side of the chair and multiply by 2. Count how many times the yarn goes around the chair and multiply by that number.

- ✿ For a lacy look, knit any pattern in needles at least 4 sizes larger than the pattern requires. The larger the needle, the more open the lace will be.

- ✿ For an easy to measure an accurate swatch, cast on the number of stitches you will need for 4 inches plus 6 extra stitches. Knit 3 rows of garter stitch (knit every row) and then knit the 1st and last 3 sts. of every row in between the stitch you are using for the pattern. After you’ve knit 4 inches in the pattern, knit another 3 rows in the garter stitch. This will make the swatch lay flat.

- ✿ More on gauge: a larger needle makes fewer stitches in one inch and a smaller one makes more. The tighter the stitches, the smaller the swatch will be.

- ✿ Rule of 3: You need 3 times the length of the row in yarn to knit one row.

- ✿ To fit a sweater properly- measure the length of the armhole, the armhole to waist, etc. on a favorite sweater and adjust the measurements of the pattern accordingly.

- ✿ Yarn Weights- 2 strands fingering=1 strand sport
 - ✿ 2 strands sports= 1 strand worsted
 - ✿ 2 strands worsted= 1 strand bulky
 - ✿ 3 strands worsted= 1 strand superbulkyFeel free to combine two or more strands of different weight yarns to create your own custom yarn.