



Handy Hints: Determining Yarn Weight & Gauge

Determining Yarn Weight for Donated or Leftover Yarn:

Since so many of us use donated or leftover yarn for our w4w projects, we don't always know what weight a particular yarn might be. Using wraps per inch (wpi) can help us figure out the type of yarn we have.

Take a pencil and wrap yarn around it so that there are no overlaps or spaces. When the wrapped yarn measures 1 inch, count the number of wraps. Use the following chart to determine what kind of yarn you have.

<u>Wraps per Inch</u>	<u>Knit Gauge</u>	<u>Name</u>
	(4 Inches/10 cm)	
14	28 sts	Fingering/Sock
12	24-26 sts	Sport
11	22 sts	DK
9	20 sts	Worsted
8	18 sts	Aran
7	14-15 sts	Bulky
5-6	8-12 sts	Super Bulky

For a more detailed chart and description try this link: <http://www.woolfestival.com/articles/wpi.htm>

Needle Size and Gauge Check:

If you want to check your gauge with a swatch, try this clever method to help you determine needle size.

Thirty Stitch Swatch

<http://knitaway-one.blogspot.com/2012/05/30-stitch-swatch-magic.html>