

Gauge

Gauge swatch will use approximately 30 yards.

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When a pattern lists the gauge, sometimes called tension, it is referring to the number of stitches per square inch of knitting. It is often given as a 4 x 4" square. It is really important that you are getting the gauge listed in the pattern so that your finished item fits properly.

The gauge for this project is 13 stitches and 19 rows = 4" in Stockinette Stitch

How to Check Gauge

Take the number of stitches per 4" (13 in this case) and add 10. $13 + 10 = 23$. That is how many stitches you want to cast on to accommodate for a garter stitch edge, and a few extra stitches to make your measuring accurate.

Directions

Cast on 23 stitches (leave a 23" tail for a long tail cast on)

Garter Edge:

Knit 3 rows.

Stockinette Stitch Pattern:

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit 3, purl to last 3 stitches, knit 3.

Rep Rows 1 & 2 until the Stockinette Stitch portion of your swatch measures 4.5-5".

Garter Edge:

Knit 3 rows.

Bind off.

Measure your swatch

Measure the center 4" of your swatch horizontally: _____ stitches

Measure the center 4" of your swatch vertically: _____ rows

What if my gauge doesn't match?

If you have too many stitches: Try loosening your tension, or try a larger needle.

If you have too few stitches: Try tightening your tension, or try a smaller needle.

