

# GUIDE TO GAUGE



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## PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE OF GAUGE

The purpose of gauge is so you can achieve the same or correct size that is indicated within a pattern.

If you decide to substitute the yarn used within the pattern gauge can be extremely important because even though another yarn might be the same weight it may not work up exactly the same as the yarn the pattern calls for.

It is still important to work up a gauge swatch even if you are using the exact same yarn and hook size that the pattern calls for. Your tension when you crochet may be very different from the pattern designers tension.

## WHAT IF YOUR GAUGE IS DIFFERENT?

When you have fewer stitches and rows than what is stated in gauge then work another swatch in a smaller hook size

When you have more stitches and rows than what is stated in gauge then work another swatch in a larger hook size

## OTHER GAUGE NOTES

- Gauge is most important for garments and accessories
- Most gauge swatches are measured in 4 inches/10 centimeters
- Most gauge swatches will state within the pattern what stitch was used to achieve gauge
- Always chain more than the stated number of stitches in gauge and work a few more rows than what is stated as well

## SWATCH:

a small sample of fabric intended to demonstrate the look of a larger piece

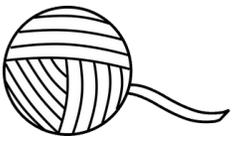
## GAUGE:

the number of stitches and rows per inch/centimeter in a pattern

## EXAMPLE:

Glacial Peak V Scarf  
Yarn: Weight #3 Lion  
Brand Mandala  
Hook: US Size (I/9) 5.5mm  
Gauge: 14 sc & 15 rows =  
4"/10 cm





## REGULAR GAUGE EXAMPLE

Example on page 1 gauge states 14 sc and 15 rows will equal 4 inches/10 centimeters using I hook and weight #3 yarn.

To create a gauge swatch you will use the same hook size and yarn called for. Then chain more than the number of stitches stated. Chain approximately 18 for this example. Then work a few extra rows than what is stated. When finished, measure 4 inches and count how many rows and stitches are within those 4 inches. If your gauge is off then adjust the hook size by using the rules above under 'What if gauge is different?'



## CHEAT GAUGE EXAMPLE

Now onto the little trick to make a cheat gauge swatch where you don't have to work up an entire square.

Using the same example on page 1, chain a few more than the number of stitches stated. Now only work half the number of rows called for. Work up 8 full rows for this example. On the next row only work half way across the row and then turn. So, work 8 stitches across, stop and turn. Begin working the rest of the rows and a few extra than what gauge calls for. Then measure 4 inches and count how many rows and stitches are within those 4 inches. If your gauge is off then adjust the hook size by using the rules above under 'What if gauge is different?'

