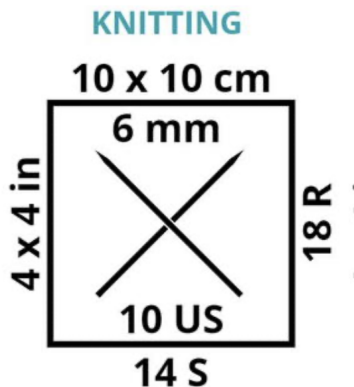


How many Stitches to I need for my first scarf Project?

Well that really depends on how big your yarn and needles are and how wide you would like your scarf to be.

The following is a quick and easy calculation you can do to figure out how many stitches to cast on for your first scarf project. It assumes that you will be using a plain all knit stitch called garter stitch. It will give you an approximate size for your finished scarf width. There are variables that change from knitter to knitter and yarn to yarn that cannot all be accounted for in one calculation but this is a good place to start.

Step One: Check your yarn label for something called "Gauge". The gauge (which is another word for tension) will indicate how many stitches (often shown in the abbreviation "Sts" or "S") can be knit over 4 inches (10cm) or sometimes over 1 inch (2.5cm) with the recommended needle size.



Here is an example of how the gauge might appear on your label. This label shows that there are 14 stitches knit over 4 inches (10cm), with a US10 (6mm) needle.

The calculation I will be giving you will probably not be as accurate if you are not using the needle size indicated on the gauge.

Step 2: Find out your stitches per inch (or per cm)

of stitches per 4 inches (10cm) ÷ 4 (for inches) or 10 (for cm)

Eg: $14 \div 4 = 3.5$ stitches per inch

$14 \div 10 = 1.4$ stitches per cm

Step 3: Multiply your gauge over 1 inch or 1 cm by how wide you would like your scarf to be. Stitches per inch (or cm) x desired width of scarf = number of cast on stitches

Eg: for a 8 inch wide scarf - 8×3.5 stitches = 28 stitches to cast on

For 20cm wide scarf - 20×1.4 stitches = 28 stitches to cast on

Hope this helps!

Good luck with your scarf project.

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