Row Gauge (# of rows per inch)
- Measure the length of the swatch between the garter rows exactly.
- Divide the row amount by the inch measurement.

Example: Swatch measures 4-1/4” long. 28 rows between garter rows.
28 divided by 4.25 = 6.59 rows to the inch.

Notes:
- Measure accurately; a ¼ st. per inch variation over 40 inches will change the pattern by a whole size.
- If there are more stitches per inch than the pattern requires, use larger needles until the pattern gauge is reached.
- If there are fewer stitches per inch than the pattern requires, use smaller needles until the pattern gauge is reached.
- To fine tune the gauge, try using a smaller needle to purl back with. Purl stitches may be looser or tighter than Knit stitches.
- Swatches for circular, stockinette stitch knitting must also be in the round or use a double pointed needle. Keep sliding the yarn to the right end of the needle, looping it across the back to knit again. With circular knitting, there will be no purling, so swatch must not contain the purl row which is often a different tension.
- Swatches for Fair Isle must be done in two colors.
- Yarn knit from cones has to be washed first or wash and dry swatch before measuring. Otherwise, the yarn will “full” and change the gauge.