

## Perfect Your Knitting: Tension Workshop - Homework

Three homework swatches. (Two are very small!) A wool blend yarn is preferred for these, as it responds to blocking better. Use a solid, light tone, color for these swatches - that will make seeing the stitches easier. We will be self-assessing your tension with these.

Swatch 1: Using size 7 or 8 needles, and worsted weight yarn, cast on 20 sts and work in garter stitch, knitting every row. Work for 20 rows. Bind off. Label swatch with a tag as "knitted". Do not block.

Swatch 2: With same yarn and needles, cast on 20 sts and work in garter stitch, this time purling every row. Work for 20 rows. Bind off. Label swatch with a tag as "purlled". Do not block.

Swatch 3: Cast on 28 sts and work 2x2 rib (k2, p2) for 2". Working first and last 10 sts in Stockinette st (knit one row, purl one row), begin working the following cable over the center 8 sts:

Row 1 and 3 (RS): P2, k4, p2.

Row 2 and all WS rows: K2, p4, k2.

Row 5: P2, 2/2RC, p2.

Row 6: Rep Row 1.

Rep Rows 1-6.

(2/2RC: Place 2 sts onto cable needle and hold to back. K2, then k2 from cable needle.)

Work as est for 4", ending with a Row 3. Bind off. Block this swatch by submerging in lukewarm water, letting sit for 20 minutes. Remove from water, roll in towel to remove excess water gently, lay flat to dry, trying to unroll the selvedges edges as best you can. You may pin the swatch if you wish. Take care not to stretch the swatch as you block it.