



crest stitch worksheet

The pattern gauge is given as 24 sts and 37 rows = 4" [10 cm] in Crest Stitch, after washing and drying. Due to the way that linen fabric softens and becomes more supple with washing and wearing, the gauge for the unwashed (working) fabric—especially the row gauge—can be quite different from the finished fabric gauge. After washing and drying a few times, the stitches will have elongated slightly, the row gauge will be a little more open, and the fabric will have grown a bit in length.

To help predict the final garment measurements, and in particular the depth of the armholes, it can be helpful to keep track of the before and after measurements of your swatch. These can later be used to calculate finished measurements for the sweater.

working fabric gauge

stitches per 4" [10 cm] _____

rows per 4" [10 cm] _____

finished fabric gauge

stitches per 4" [10 cm] _____

rows per 4" [10 cm] _____

Once you have the working and finished gauge numbers, use them to calculate how much your fabric will change with washing and wear. Divide the working row gauge by the finished fabric row gauge. The resulting number is the percentage of fabric change. To find a piece's finished depth, multiply any unblocked depth measurements by the percentage of change.

percentage of change

working row gauge _____ ÷ finished row gauge _____ = _____%

finished depth

depth of piece _____ x percentage of change _____ = _____