

NUMBER OF STITCHES TO FIT ON A CIRCULAR NEEDLE*

sts to 10cm (4in)	40cm (16in)	60cm (24in)	80cm (32in)	100cm (40in)	120cm (47in)	140cm (55in)	150cm (60in)
12	48-90	72-162	96-234	120-306	144-378	168-450	180-486
14	56-105	84-189	112-273	140-357	168-441	196-525	210-567
16	64 - 120	96-216	128-312	160-408	192-504	224-600	240-648
18	72-135	108-243	144-351	180-459	216-567	252-675	270-729
20	80-150	120-270	160-390	200-510	240-630	280-750	300-810
22	88-165	132-297	176-429	220-561	264-693	308-825	330-891
24	96-180	144-324	192-468	240-612	288-756	336-900	360-972
26	104-195	156-351	208-507	260-663	312-819	364-975	390-1053
28	112-210	168-378	224-546	280-714	336-882	392-1050	420-1134
30	120-225	180-405	240-585	300-765	360-945	420-1125	450-1215
32	128-240	192-432	256-624	320-816	384-1008	448-1200	480-1296
34	136-255	204-459	272-663	340-867	408-1071	476-1275	510-1377
36	144-270	216-486	288-702	360-918	432-1134	504-1350	540-1458

CHOOSING THE LENGTH OF CIRCULAR NEEDLE TO BEST SUIT YOUR PROJECT

Circular needles are measured from tip to tip, and so the length of the needle includes both needle points and the connecting tube. This is useful to know if you use interchangeable needles as the cables are sold in various lengths, but the actual length of cable is that measurement minus the length of the needle points.

The key things to remember when choosing the length is you cannot use a needle that is longer than the diameter of the tube of knitting (if knitting in the round) is too short to accommodate the number of stitches you have

*The upper limit of stitches given is the absolute maximum you can fit on a needle. Circular needles can hold up to 3 times the length of the cable only i.e. needle length minus the length of both the tips. However with bigger projects knitted flat (such as a blanket) the bulk of the knitted fabric you are producing also needs to be taken into account, so you would want to allow more length for this and opt for a longer needle.