

Yarn Type	Gauge* stitches/inch	WPI	Pound	Needle size
Ultrafine, Lace weight	8+	18+	2600+	00-2 1.75-3mm
Fine, Fingering or Baby weight	6-8	16	1900-2400	2-4 3-3.5mm
Light or Sport weight	5.5-6	14	1200-1800	4-6 3.5-4mm
Medium aka DK weight	5.5	13	1100-1400	5-7 3.75-4.5mm
Heavy or Worsted	4-5	12	900-1200	5-7 3.75-4.5,,
Bulky	3-4	10-12	600-800	10-11 5.75-8mm
Very Bulky	2-3	8-12	<400	13-15 9-10mm

Anything finer than Ultrafine is considered cobweb, especially if it is single ply.

It is what beautiful Shetland shawls are made of, among other things.

Table in jpg form, click <http://www.germanangora.net/yarntable.jpg>

(From my blog)

As I speak with more and more knitters, spinners, weavers, and other yarn users, the question of yarn classification (size, girth, gauge, diameter, etc.) is seldom discussed. However, it makes a huge difference in your garment's design. Since we who spin often have yarns that don't easily conform to the industry's labels, I thought it might be helpful to post the following. To help identify what is what and what is not.

Most all my handspinning would fall into the "fine" category. It is a size that works well with almost all my knitting machines, but still easily hand knit. I'd like all my millspun yarn to be in the "Xtra fine" category, but I've had some miss the mark. When you are designing something, often the wraps per inch are a more useful term than yards per pound. In angora it is especially so, since the lighter, fluffier fibers will give you more length for the same diameter.

Happy knitting, and Happy holidays!