




Weaversbazaar Yarns for Knitting or Crochet?

Tension pieces were worked with the three grades of yarn to determine if the yarn would be suitable for use in knitted articles. The answer is a conditional 'yes' depending on the use of the finished article. Outer garments can be produced from the thickest yarn, 6/2, but none of the grades would really be suitable for garments being worn directly next to the skin as the texture is harsher, as would be expected for a worsted spun yarn. The finer grades need to be knitted on small needles and effectively knit as lace-weight but they do not drape as well as one might like for such a yarn.

However, any of them could be used alone or as multiple threads for soft furnishings such as cushions, for which they fabric the produce would be quite resilient. Interesting designs and colour combinations can be made by use of multiple threads and thicker needles. Based on this experience it is expected that the yarns can be used for crochet too and would behave more like conventional crochet cotton yarn, give firm structures and fabrics but would require more gentle washing than cotton.

Tensions achieved were as follows but are also dependent on the individual knitter and type of needles used, so please try your own sample before attempting to make anything.

Worsted wool	Needle size	Tension 10cm x 10cm	Texture
6/2	3mm	26 st x 32 rows	Firm and even
6/2	3.25mm	24 st x 30 rows	Looser and softer feel
8/2	3mm	28 st x 38 rows	Loose but harsh feel could use smaller needle
18/2	2.5mm	30 st x 40 rows	Loose not draping well, could use smaller needle

		
<p>6/2 tension square</p>	<p>8/2 tension square</p>	<p>18/2 tension square</p>