English to American Knitting Terms.

English	American	
Tension	Gauge	
Cast Off	Bind Off	
Stocking Stitch	Stockinette Stitch	
Moss Stitch	Seed Stitch	

Yarn Weights and Typical Uses

UK Weight	US Weight	Needle Range	Typical Use
1,2 & 3 ply	Cobweb, Light Fingering, Lace	2-3.5mm	Lace work, socks, baby clothes
4 ply	Fingering, Sportweight, Baby	3-4mm	Baby clothes, socks, lightweight tops
Double Knitting (DK)	Light Worsted Weight	3.5mm-4.5mm	Very commonly used for most garments
Aran	Worsted, Fisherman's, Afgan or Aran weight	4-5.5mm	Warm thick jumpers
Chunky	Chunky, Rug or Bulky Weight	5.5mm-7mm	Chunky garments
Super Chunky	Super Bulky, roving weight	7-12mm	Great for soft furnishings like cushions or blankets

This is a rough guide. If you aren't able to use the exact yarn recommended by a pattern, knitting a tension square (gauge swatch) is very important. (I know you want to get stuck into the project — but very disappointing if it doesn't fit after hours of knitting.....) There are variations within the weights depending on manufacturer. Not all DK are the same!

Knitting Needle Conversion Chart

Metric Sizes	Imperial Sizes	US Sizes
2mm	14	0
2.25mm	13	1
2.75mm	12	2
3mm	11	_
3.25mm	10	3
3.5mm	_	4
3.75mm	9	5
4mm	8	6
4.5mm	7	7
5mm	6	8
5.5mm	5	9
6mm	4	10
6.5mm	3	10 ½
7mm	2	_
7.5mm	1	_
8mm	0	11
9mm	00	13
10mm	000	15
12mm	_	17
16mm	-	19
19mm	_	35
25mm		50