

## The Sliding Picot Gauge

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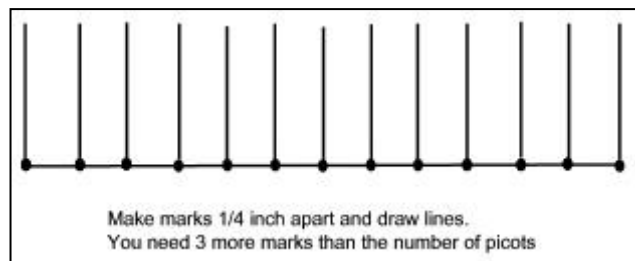
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Patterns with graduated picots can be challenging. Sometimes the steps of commercially available picot gauges are too far apart for gradually changing picots. Making the picots free hand can be difficult, especially if there is more than one set of picots that need to match. I made up the sliding picot gauge to come to the rescue. It is designed to be made to order for the project at hand, for whatever size and number of picots you need. You can draw them on stiff paper, such as the back of old greeting cards, etc., or make them on your printer using cover stock paper.

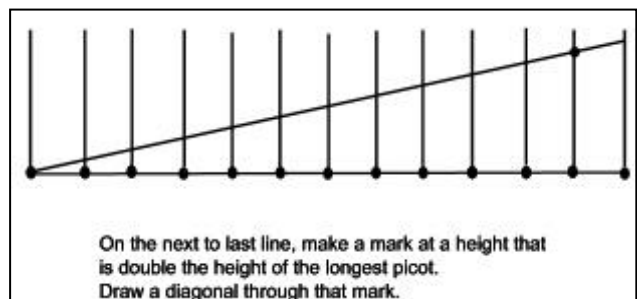
### Making the Gauge:

#### To draw:

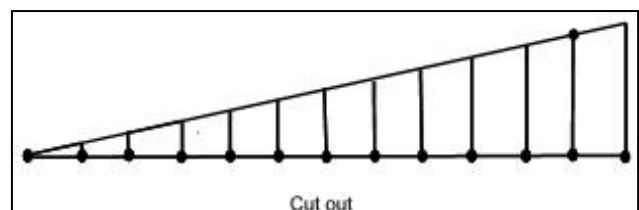
Count the number of graduated picots and add 3. Make that many marks 1/4 inch apart, and extend the lines upward. (If you prefer metrics, you can make the marks 1/2 cm apart.)



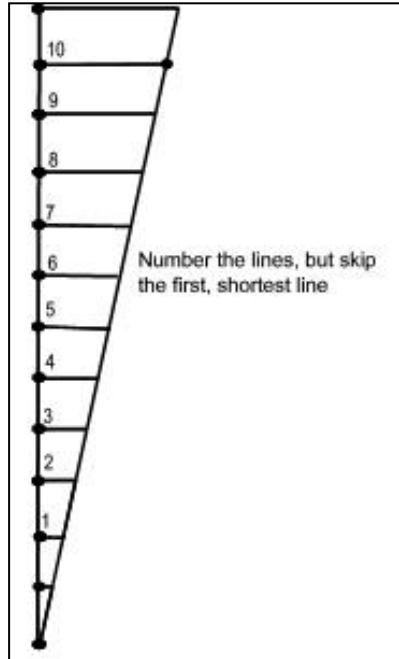
On the next to last line, mark it at twice the height of the longest graduated picot. Draw a diagonal line from the baseline of the first line, through the height mark you just made and onward to the last line.



Cut out the triangle shape.

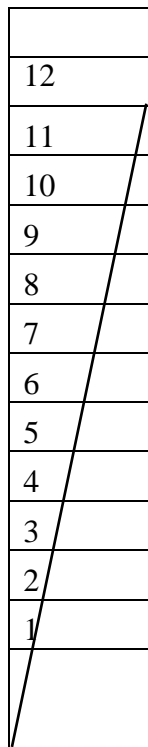


Number the marks, but skip the first one, since it is usually too small to use.



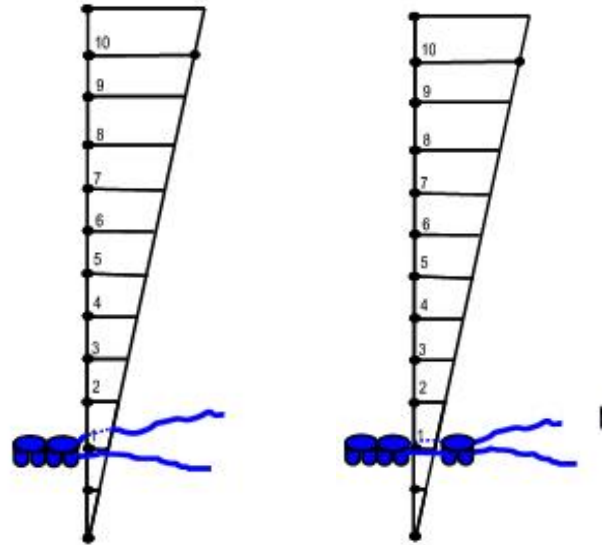
**To print on your computer:**

Or, the really easy way... Print out page 4 of this file on card stock paper. That will give you a page full of templates. Choose how many rows you need, and draw your diagonal for the width using a ruler, and cut out.

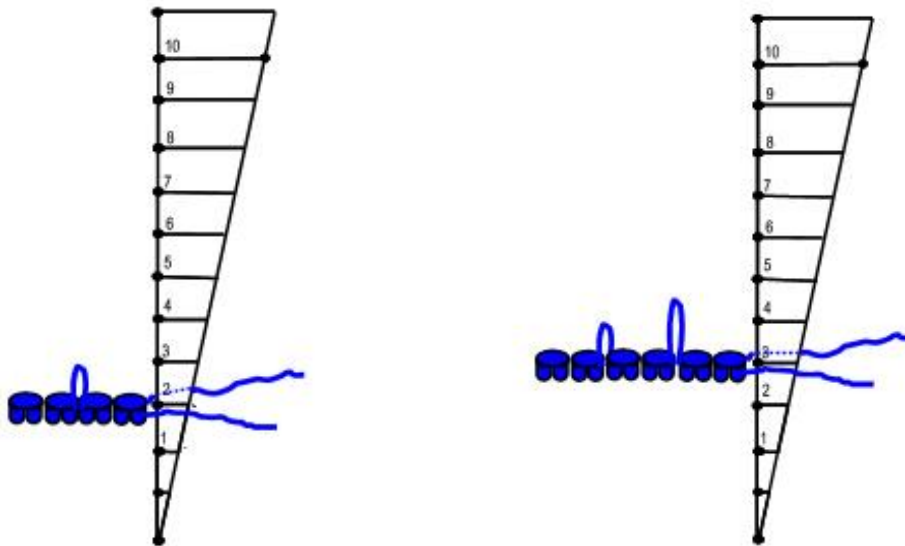


**To use the gauge:**

Cut out and use as a vertically held picot gauge. For increasing size graduated picots, begin with the 1 line at the level of the thread. Hold the picot gauge *vertically* behind the core thread. Make the next stitch so that the thread passes around the gauge.



Then for each successive picot, hold the gauge with the next line level with the thread. For decreasing picots, start with the widest line, and then use the next lower line for each picot.



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