Skein is like a "ball" of yarn - How the company winds the yarn up determines what it's called.

Pattern Name: Felix Pullover Sweater

Yarn Weight Needed: Worsted Yardage Needed: 700 Yards

Istex Lettlopi (Icelandic Wool) Worsted Weight Yarn 109 yards per skein \$5.49 per skein

Malabrigo Rios Worsted Weight Yarn 210 yards per skein \$15.40 per skein

Hand-Dyed Yarn from Etsy Fingering Weight Yarn (hold double) 437 yards per skein \$26 per skein

Cascade 220 Fingering
Fingering Weight Yarn (hold double)
273 yards per skein
\$5.25 per skein

Example from a knitting pattern:

Yardage - 600 - 1000 yards (549 - 914 m)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

39 (43 ½, 48, 52 ½, 57)" around chest at underarm 21 (23, 24, 26, 27)" from right front cast on to right neck edge. Shown in size 43 1/3, worn with 7" of positive ease.

MATERIALS

650 (700, 850, 950,1050) yards Aran weight yarn
Shown here in Istex Léttlopi (100% wool; 109yd 100 m/50 g): 9427 'Rust Heather' 6 (7, 8, 9, 10) skeins.

LB HANDKNITS CHEAT SHEET FOR HOLDING YARN DOUBLE	
Original Yarn Weight	Held Double, Becomes
Cobweb	Light Fingering
Lace	Fingering
Heavy Lace	Sport
Light Fingering	DK
Fingering	DK
Sport	Aran
DK	Chunky
Aran	Super Chunky
Chunky	Super Chunky
Super Chunky	-