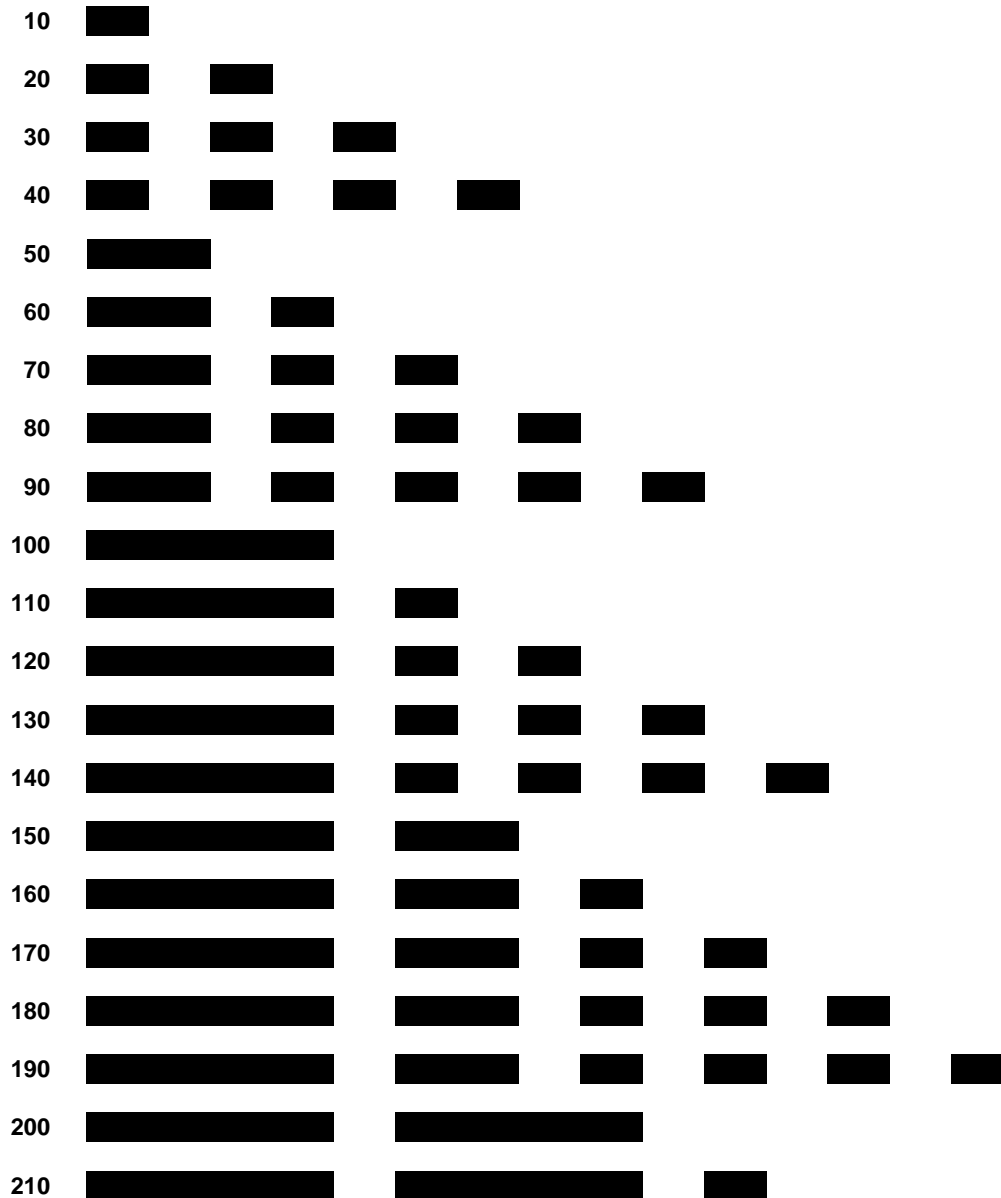# Line Marking Scheme for Spools and Reels

Each pip is 0.5" long (approx 1cm). So 50' pips are 1.0", and 100' pips are a full 2". Spacing is up to you.

Bigger pips are always on the side of the line that is closest to the beginning (loose end) of the line,
so you can always tell which way to the line's start should you come across it mid-line.
Obviously this means things could be confusing for the first 40', but that's something I can live with.

I also put one knot at every 50' mark, and two knots at every 100' mark.

I don't actually mark beyond 200', but could if I wanted. It gets progressively more obnoxious beyond 200'.

It's a PITA to do this to a line, but once it's done, you're done for a loooong time except for spot touchups.

With marks every 10', this could be used for measuring with reasonable accuracy +/- 5'.
(Bearing in mind longer distances could mean more line stretch and thus more error)