

How to Graft Knitting Together

without taking it off the needles

Abbreviations:

Pways = Put the sewing needle into the stitch purlways and pull the needle all the way through.

Kways = Put the sewing needle into the stitch knitways and pull the needle all the way through.

RS = Right side of your work

WS = Wrong side of your work

Method:

Before beginning any grafting it is important to make sure you have your yarn in the correct place to begin.

Place your knitting on two needles with the points of the needles on your right, and the wrong sides of the knitting facing each other. Your yarn should also be on your right.

Cut your yarn, leaving a long piece to graft the sts together with. I usually leave 3 times the width of the knitting. Thread the yarn onto a *blunt* needle.

You are now ready to begin grafting.

For Stocking St:

First we need to set up the first two sts.

Put the sewing needle in the first st of the *front* knitting needle purlways and pull the yarn all the way through. Do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

Next put the sewing needle into the first st of the *back* knitting needle knitways and pull all the way through. Again, do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

You have now set up the first two stitches.

****** Now put the sewing needle into the first st of the *front* knitting needle *knitways* and pull the yarn all the way through. Drop the st off the knitting needle.

Put the sewing needle purlways into the next st on the front knitting needle and pull through. Do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

Put the sewing needle purlways into the first st on the back knitting needle and pull through. Drop the st off the knitting needle.

Put the sewing needle into the next st on the back knitting needle knitways and pull through. Do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

Rep from ** to the end of your row.

There! That was easy wasn't it? :)

For Garter St:

For a neat finish when grafting garter st you might like to finish after having just worked a RS row.

First we need to set up the first two sts.

Put the sewing needle in the first st of the *front* knitting needle knitways and pull the yarn all the way through. Do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

Next put the sewing needle into the first st of the *back* knitting needle purlways and pull all the way through.

Again, do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

You have now set up the first two stitches.

** Now put the sewing needle into the first st of the *front* knitting needle *purlways* and pull the yarn all the way through. Drop the st off the knitting needle.

Put the sewing needle knitways into the next st on the front knitting needle and pull through. Do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

Put the sewing needle knitways into the first st on the back knitting needle and pull through. Drop the st off the knitting needle.

Put the sewing needle into the next st on the back knitting needle purlways and pull through. Do not drop the st off the knitting needle.

Rep from ** to the end of your row.

As you can see, grafting garter st is the opposite of grafting st st.