

Picking Up Where You Left Off

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Take the mystery out of the essential knitting skill picking up stitches. Whether you're adding a button band, picking up for a seamless sweater project, or finally tackling that project that's been patiently waiting, this hands-on workshop will help you pick up where you left off - and keep on knitting!



MATERIALS

- Light colored DK or worsted weight yarn in at least 2 contrasting colors
- Knitting needles in a size appropriate for the yarn (I used US 7/4.5mm for my swatches)
- Tapestry needle

NOTES

All swatches should be knit and bound off but do not weave in the tails. Bring the contrasting color yarn to class to be used for picking up stitches.

Total swatches:

- Stockinette swatch
- 2x2 rib swatch
- Garter swatch
- Seed stitch swatch

ABBREVIATIONS

RS: Right side.

WS: Wrong side.

K: Knit.

P: Purl.

Inc: Increase - Any method, kfb, M1, or lifted increase will be fine.

BO: Bind Off - Use any preferred method.

Ssk: Slip, slip, knit - Slip 1 stitch knitwise, slip one more stitch knitwise. Slip these two stitches together, purlwise, back to the left-hand needle then knit them together through the back loop. 1 stitch decreased.



Instructions:

STOCKINETTE STITCH SWATCH:

Cast on 20 stitches using any method.

Stockinette Setup Row (WS): Purl all stitches.

Stockinette Row 1 (RS): K1, inc, knit to end of row.

Stockinette Row 2 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Repeat Stockinette Rows 1 and 2 until swatch measures approximately 2"/5cm, ending with a wrong side row. Work even in stockinette stitch for 1"/2.5cm.

Stockinette Bind Off Row (RS): BO 6sts, knit to end of row.

Stockinette Row 4 (WS): Purl all stitches.

Stockinette Row 5 (RS): K1, ssk, knit to end of row.

Repeat Stockinette Rows 4 and 5 until swatch measures approximately 2"/5cm from Stockinette Bind Off Row, then work Stockinette Row 4 once more. Bind off all stitches.

RIBBING SWATCH:

Cast on 22 stitches using any method.

Ribbing Row 1 (RS): *K2, p2, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, k2.

Ribbing Row 2 (WS): *P2, k2, repeat from * to last 2 stitches, p2.

Repeat Ribbing Rows 1 and 2 until swatch measures approximately 4"/10cm, ending with a wrong side row. Precise length of swatch isn't important but be sure to work enough to see the pattern clearly. Bind off all stitches.

GARTER STITCH SWATCH:

Cast on 20 stitches using any method.

Garter Stitch (RS and WS): Knit all stitches

Repeat Garter Stitch until swatch measures approximately 4"/10cm, ending with a wrong side row. Precise length of swatch isn't important but be sure to work enough to see the pattern clearly. Bind off all stitches.

SEED STITCH SWATCH:

Cast on 21 stitches using any method.

Seed Stitch with odd stitch count (RS and WS): *K1, p1, repeat from * to last stitch, k1.

Repeat Seed Stitch until swatch measures approximately 4"/10cm, ending with a wrong side row. Precise length of swatch isn't important but be sure to work enough to see the pattern clearly. Bind off all stitches.



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your homework! I can't wait to see you
in class.

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