

# Understanding Grafting

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## Supplies:

- Light colored DK or worsted weight yarn
- Needles to match yarn
- Tapestry needle

## Purpose of homework:

During class we will graft a variety of stitch patterns. To optimize use of class time, please knit the swatches in advance.

## Instructions:

Each stitch pattern will need 2 separate swatches to graft together. All swatches should be left as live stitches still on the needles - **DO NOT BIND OFF ANY STITCHES**. Leave approximately 18" of tail on each swatch for grafting and so that if an additional row needs to be knit, yarn is available.

Swatch organization will be helpful. If you own lots of needles, feel free to knit the pair of swatches for each stitch pattern on an individual set of needles using a separate strand of yarn for each swatch. If you don't own that many needles, you can either park the live stitches on waste yarn or use one or two long circular needles to store the swatches. However you choose to store the swatches, order them on the needles so that both swatches of that stitch pattern are accessible on a needle tip at the same time. We will work with the two stockinette swatches first, the two ribbing swatches second, the two garter stitch swatches third, and the seed stitch swatches fourth. See pictures below for how I've organized my swatches.

### Stockinette Stitch Swatches:

Cast on 20 stitches using any method. Work approximately 2" in stockinette (RS: Knit, WS Purl) ending with a wrong side row then break the yarn leaving an 18" tail. Exact length of the swatches isn't important but be sure to knit enough that rolling won't be a pest.

### Ribbing Swatches:

Cast on 22 stitches using any method. Work approximately 2" of length as

RS: \*K2, p2, repeat from \* to last 2 stitches, k2.

WS: \*P2, k2, repeat from \* to last 2 stitches, p2.



End with a wrong side row then break the yarn leaving an 18" tail. Exact length of the swatches isn't important.

#### Garner Stitch Swatches:

Cast on 20 stitches using any method. Work approximately 2" in garter stitch (knit all stitches on both sides) ending with a wrong side row then break the yarn leaving an 18" tail. Exact length of the swatches isn't important.

#### Seed Stitch Swatches:

Cast on 21 stitches using any method. Work approximately 2" in seed stitch:

RS and WS: \*K1, p1, repeat from \* to last stitch, k1.

End with a wrong side row then break the yarn leaving an 18" tail. Exact length of the swatches isn't important.

#### Total swatches:

- Two stockinette swatches (shown in blue)
- Two 2x2 rib swatches (shown in pink)
- Two garter swatches (shown in cream)
- Two seed stitch swatches (shown in gray)

Grafting lace will be discussed and demonstrated but lace knitting will not be taught in depth. If you already know how to knit basic lace, you are welcome to work along with the demo. To work along, bring a crochet hook similar in size to your needles, light to medium colored yarn and a contrasting waste yarn in a similar weight. A lace stitch pattern will be provided.

