

Knitting and Purling to Create a Rib Knit

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Lesson 3: Knitting and Purling to Create a Rib Knit A good rib knit fabric can be very difficult to find, especially if you are looking for a particular color, so we thought weâd show you how to knit one yourself. A rib knit provides an elasticized edging, and is made by alternating between knit stitches and purl stitches.

Step 1



Once you have enough stitches cast on to the left hand needle (it varies depending on wrist size) you will start knitting a rib knit. We are making a 2 x2 rib knit (two knit stitches and two purl stitches), so you should have a multiple of 4 stitches cast on.

Step 2



With the stitches on your left hand needle, go through the top loop just like you have been doing. Pull the new loop through.

Step 3



Now instead of putting the new loop on to the left hand needle, you are going to slip the stitch you just went through up and off the top of the left hand needle.

Step 4



Do the same thing for the next stitch. This is the knit stitch.

Step 5



Now we are going to purl stitch. Bring the tail from the back to the front of the needles.

Step 6



To purl, go through the loop, but instead of going behind the left hand needle, go in front of the left hand needle

Step 7



Bring the yarn up, over and behind the right hand needle

Step 8



Pull the loop through.

Step 9



Slip the stitch you just went through up and off the top of the left hand needle.

Step 10



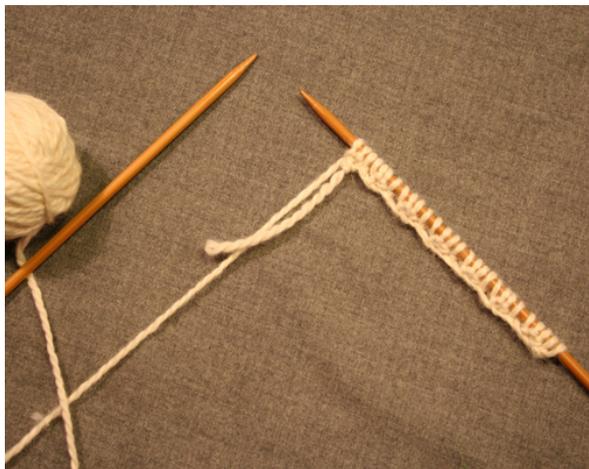
Repeat.

Step 11



Bring the yarn back behind the needles. And repeat steps 2-10 until all the stitches are on the right hand needle.

Step 12



Here is what it looks like to knit and purl. Move the needle with all the stitches to the left hand and, continue. Since you have knit on a multiple of 4 stitches, repeat, knit 2, purl 2, etc. Once you have created the desired width of a rib knit you are going to cast off.

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