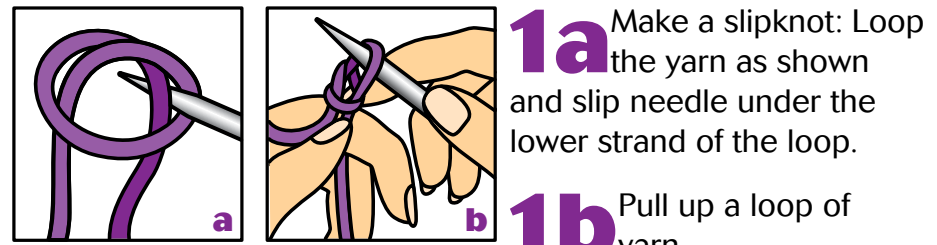


# Warm Up America One Square at a Time!

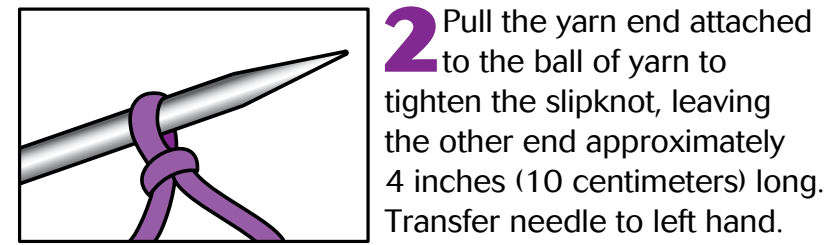
## Casting On



**1a** Make a slipknot: Loop the yarn as shown and slip needle under the lower strand of the loop.



**1b** Pull up a loop of yarn.



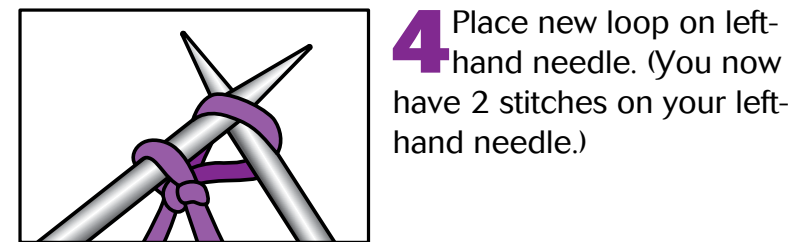
**2** Pull the yarn end attached to the ball of yarn to tighten the slipknot, leaving the other end approximately 4 inches (10 centimeters) long. Transfer needle to left hand.



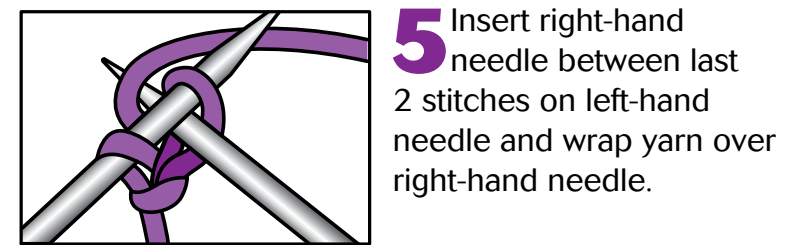
**3a** Insert right-hand needle through slipknot and wrap yarn over right-hand needle.



**3b** Pull loop through slipknot.



**4** Place new loop on left-hand needle. (You now have 2 stitches on your left-hand needle.)



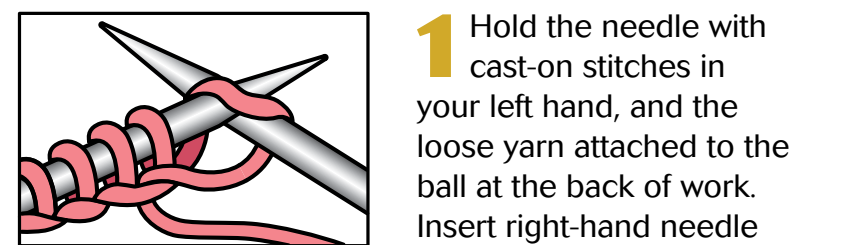
**5** Insert right-hand needle between last 2 stitches on left-hand needle and wrap yarn over right-hand needle.



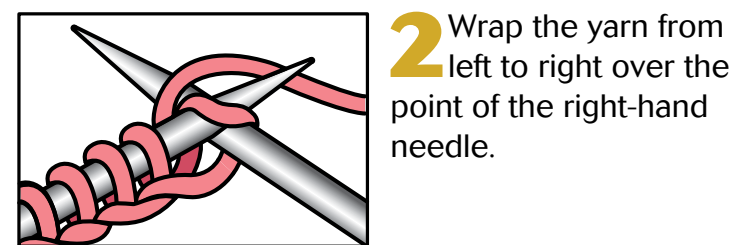
**6** Pull loop through. Place this new loop on left-hand needle beside last stitch. (You now have 1 more stitch on left-hand needle.) Repeat steps 5 and 6 until required number of stitches has been cast on left-hand needle.



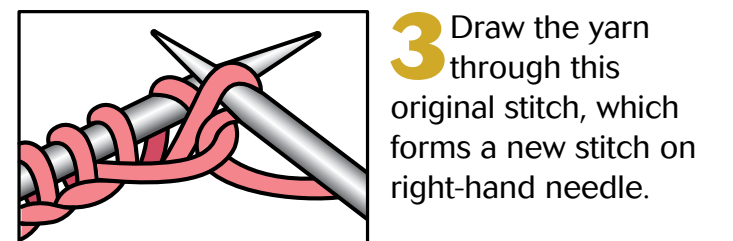
## Knit Stitch



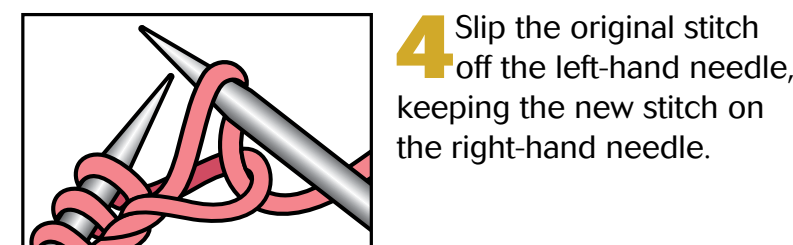
**1** Hold the needle with cast-on stitches in your left hand, and the loose yarn attached to the ball at the back of work. Insert right-hand needle from front to back of the first stitch on the left-hand needle.



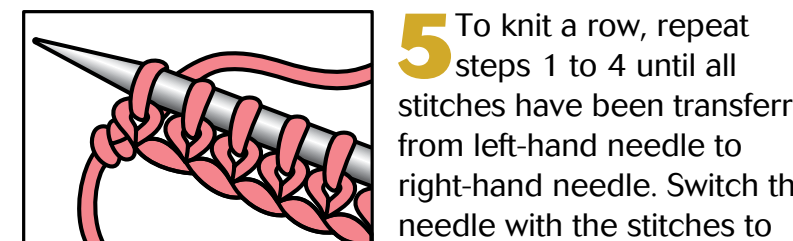
**2** Wrap the yarn from left to right over the point of the right-hand needle.



**3** Draw the yarn through this original stitch, which forms a new stitch on right-hand needle.

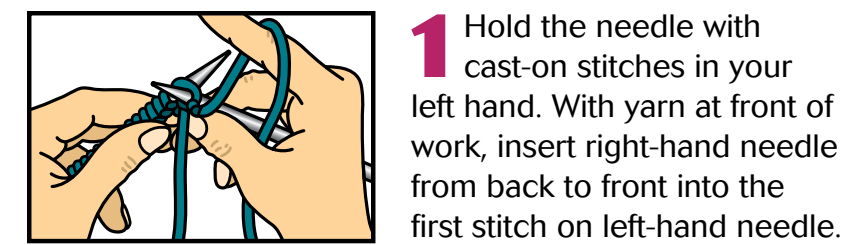


**4** Slip the original stitch off the left-hand needle, keeping the new stitch on the right-hand needle.

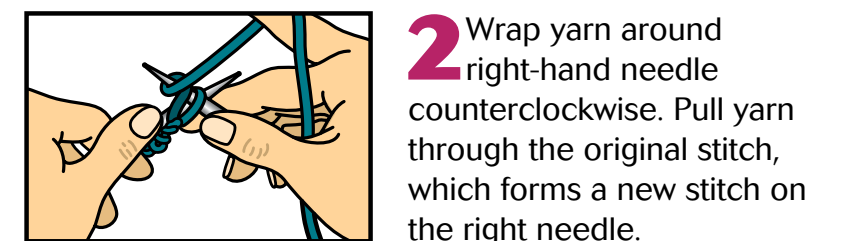


**5** To knit a row, repeat steps 1 to 4 until all stitches have been transferred from left-hand needle to right-hand needle. Switch the needle with the stitches to your left hand and you are ready to knit the next row.

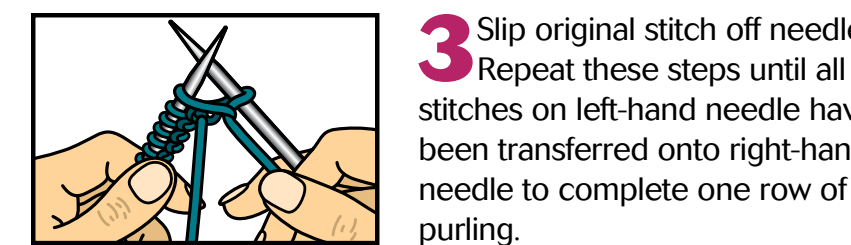
## Purl Stitch



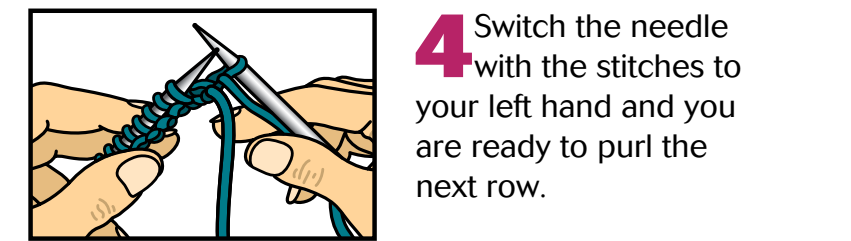
**1** Hold the needle with cast-on stitches in your left hand. With yarn at front of work, insert right-hand needle from back to front into the first stitch on left-hand needle.



**2** Wrap yarn around right-hand needle counterclockwise. Pull yarn through the original stitch, which forms a new stitch on the right-hand needle.

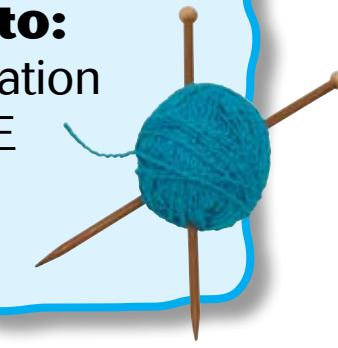


**3** Slip original stitch off needle. Repeat these steps until all stitches on left-hand needle have been transferred onto right-hand needle to complete one row of purling.



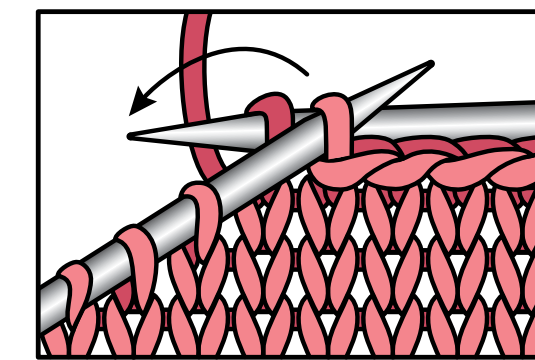
**4** Switch the needle with the stitches to your left hand and you are ready to purl the next row.

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## Binding Off

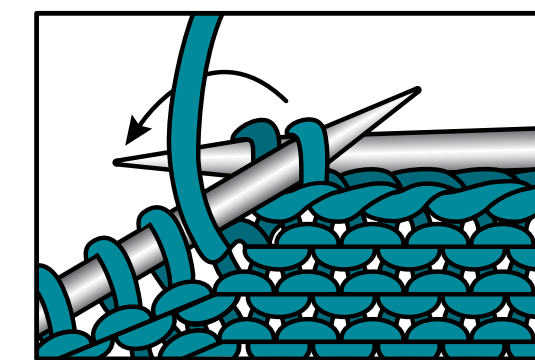
### Using Knit Stitch (Knitwise)



**K**nit the first 2 stitches. Using left-hand needle, lift first stitch over second stitch and drop it off between points of the 2 needles. Knit the next stitch; repeat until all stitches from left-hand needle have been worked and only 1 stitch remains on the right-hand needle. Cut yarn (leaving enough to weave in end) and thread cut end through stitch on needle. Draw yarn up firmly to fasten off last stitch.

## Binding Off

### Using Purl Stitch (Purlwise)



**P**url first 2 stitches. Using left-hand needle, lift first stitch over second stitch and drop it off needle. Purl next stitch; repeat until all stitches from left-hand needle have been worked and only 1 stitch remains on the right-hand needle. Cut yarn (leaving enough to weave in end) and thread cut end through stitch on needle. Draw yarn up firmly to fasten off last stitch.

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