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Elastic Cast-off

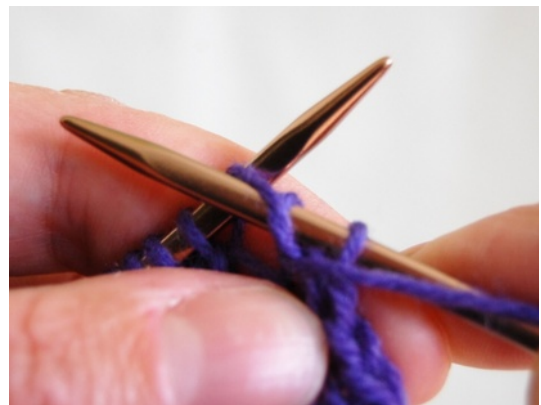
This is a brilliant way to cast (or bind) a ribbed portion of knitting. Unstretched I think it looks a little unsightly yet this is ribbing we're talking about, and it's meant to be stretched. And when stretched this cast-off comes into it's own.

It can also be used on stocking stitch or garter stitch or infact any stitch pattern, as the knit and purl aspects can be intertwined as needed. You don't even need an even number of stitches!

For this tutorial I've used the order of stitches for a 1x1 rib but feel free to work them in the order needed for your project.



1. Work the first stitch of the cast-off as you find it – i.e. if you need to knit it to keep it in pattern then knit it.



2. Presuming we're working a 1x1 rib, the 2nd stitch is normally a purl, so purl the next stitch (if the next stitch is a knit stitch jump to step 6)



3. You'll now have the 2 sts on your right hand needle.



4. Insert your left needle through both stitches, taking it behind the right needle.



5. And then purl these 2 sts together, leaving the resulting stitch on the right hand needle.



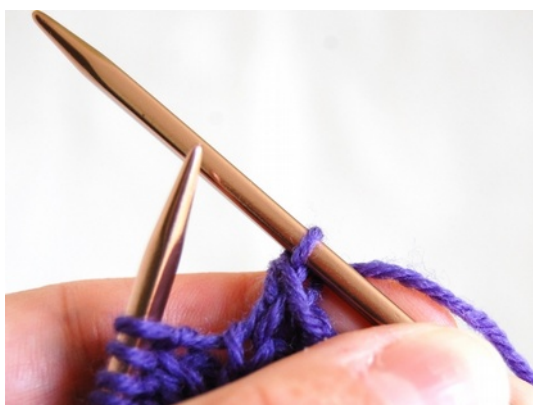
6. If the next stitch is a knit stitch, knit it and leave the stitch on the right hand needle.



7. You will now have 2 sts on the right hand needle.



8. Insert the left handle needle through both of these stitches, taking it in front (on top of) of the right hand needle



9. Knit these 2 sts together, and because of the position of the needles they'll be knit together through the backs of the loops.



10. Continue to work these steps depending on the order of your stitches as you see them. For a 1 x 1 rib you would repeat steps 2 to 9 until all the stitches have been cast off.

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