

First securely work in the ends of yarn along the edge of the steek. Be sure to close any gap that occurs between the steek and the first stitch of the row. Mark the center stitch of the steek by basting with yarn of a highly contrasting color. Make sure that most of the basting thread shows on the front so you can use it as your stitching guide. Set your sewing machine for a short stitch. Make two rows of machine stitching on each side of the center stitch. As you are stitching, make sure the knitted fabric does not pucker. It is better to stretch the fabric slightly.

After completing all four rows of machine stitching, cut your sweater on the basting line down the center of the steek, between the rows of machine stitching.

STITCH PATTERNS

Garter Stitch

When working circularly, alternately knit a round and purl a round. When working back and forth, knit every row.

Stockinette Stitch

When working circularly, knit every round. When working back and forth, knit the right-side rows and purl the wrong-side rows.

Abbreviations

BO	bind off
cn	cable needle
CO	cast on
k	knit
k1b	knit 1 in back of stitch
k2b	knit in back of next two stitches
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together
m1	make one increase by adding backward loop
p	purl
pm	place marker
p2sso	pass 2 slipped sts over
RS	right side
ssk	slip 2 stitches individually to right needle knitwise, slip left needle through front of stitches, and k2tog through back loops
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	stockinette stitch
WS	wrong side
yo	yarn over

