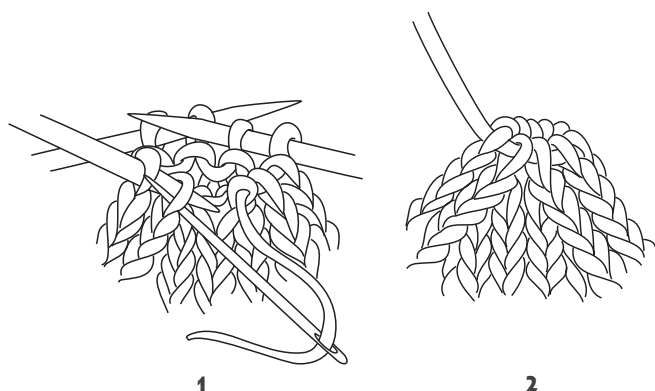


Bind-Offs

Gathered Tip

This bind-off is an easy way to finish the toe of top-down sock.

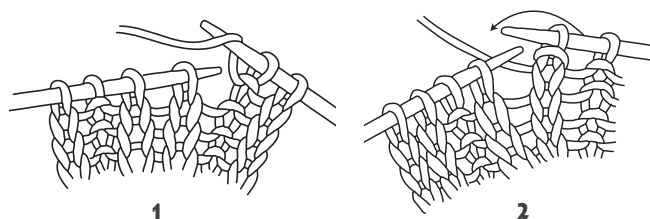
Cut the yarn, leaving a 10" (25.5 cm) tail. Thread the tail on a tapestry needle, then draw the needle through all of the remaining stitches (**Figure 1**) once (or twice for a sturdier join) and pull the yarn tight to close the hole (**Figure 2**). Insert the tapestry needle through the center of the hole and weave in the loose end on the wrong side.



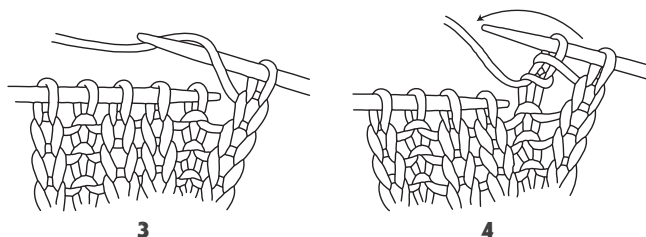
Jeny's Surprisingly Stretchy Bind-Off

This flexible bind-off technique works well at the cuff of a sock.

To Collar a Knit Stitch: Bring working yarn from back to front over needle in the opposite direction of a normal yarnover (**Figure 1**), knit the next stitch, then lift the yarnover over the top of the knitted stitch and off the needle (**Figure 2**).



To Collar a Purl Stitch: Bring working yarn from front to back over needle as for a normal yarnover (**Figure 3**), purl the next stitch, then lift the yarnover over the top of the purled stitch and off the needle (**Figure 4**).



To begin, collar each of the first two stitches to match their knit or purl nature. Then pass the first collared stitch over the second and off the right needle—one stitch is bound off.

*Collar the next stitch according to its nature (**Figure 5**), then pass the previous stitch over the collared stitch and off the needle (**Figure 6**).

Repeat from * until one stitch remains on the right needle. Cut the yarn, leaving a 6" (15 cm) tail, then pull on the loop of the last stitch until the tail comes free.

