



patternlibrary



Staff Projects

by *Interweave Knits* Staff



©Interweave Press LLC. Not to be reprinted. All rights reserved.

 **INTERWEAVE**, publishers of *Interweave Knits* magazine...join the online knitting community at KnittingDaily.com
Visit InterweaveStore.com/knittingpatterns for more great patterns!



CONEY ISLAND BAG

Eunny Jang

Finished Size 30½" circumference and 14" tall, not including strap.

Yarn Valley Yarns Greenfield (100% cotton; 88 yd [80 m]/50 g): gray, 4 skeins; natural (white) and sunflower (yellow), 3 skeins each. Yarn distributed by WEBS.

Needles Size 7 (4.5 mm): set of 4 double-pointed (dpn). Size 5 (3.75 mm): 16" circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Markers (m); tapestry needle.

Gauge One hexagon measures 5" at widest point.

NOTES

- Three color combinations are used in this bag: Gray base with yellow stripes (gray base); white base with gray stripes (white base); and yellow base with white stripes (yellow base).
- Base colors begin and end each hexagon. Each stripe is worked for two rounds; alternate colors every two rounds as you work hexagons.
- Almost jogless join: These hexagons use an easy method to hide the jog produced by knitting stripes in the round. Before knitting the first stitch of a new color, cross your yarns as for intarsia (new color behind old color), trapping the old color. Continue knitting stripe in rounds. Before changing colors again, tug gently on the old color strand to align the stripes.
- When changing colors within a hexagon, don't cut yarn; carry colors in a spiral up the wrong side of the hexagons, always twisting old and new yarns when changing colors.
- Work hexagons in numerical order following diagram. Cast on or pick up stitches as indicated.

BAG

Hexagon 1 (gray base): With gray and the knitted method (see Glossary), CO

90 sts. Distribute sts evenly over 3 dpn, placing markers (pm) at midpoint of each needle—15 sts to each side of m on each needle. Join in the rnd. (See Notes about color combinations and stripe patt.)

Rnd 1: Needle 1: *Ssk, knit to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog; rep from * on each needle—12 sts dec'd.

Rnd 2: Knit. Change colors.

Rep Rnds 1 and 2 five more times—18 sts rem; 6 stripes total, ending with a contrast stripe. **Next rnd:** (base color) *Sl 1, k2tog, pss0; rep from * to end of

gray base with yellow stripes

white base with gray stripes

yellow base with white stripes

rnd—6 sts rem. **Next rnd:** Knit. Cut yarns. Thread base color through rem sts and cinch to close. Secure tail to WS.

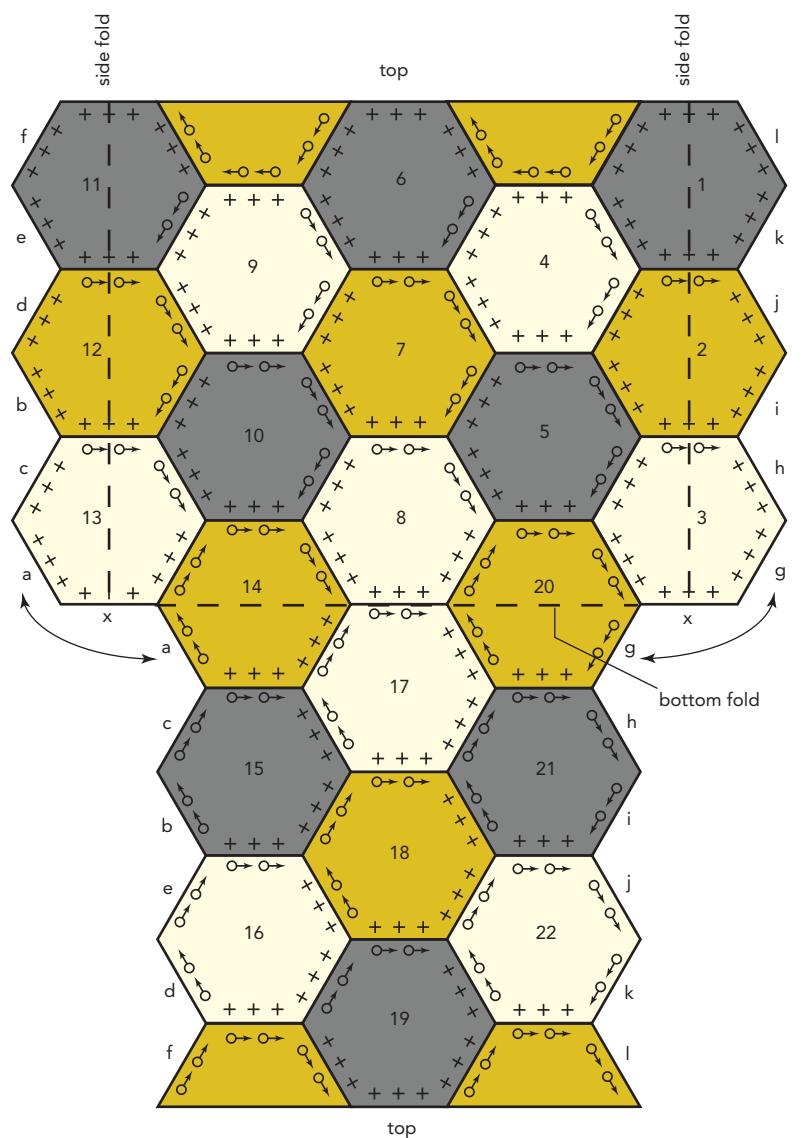
Hexagon 2 (yellow base): With yellow and the knitted method, CO 75 sts, then pick up and knit 15 sts along one side of Hexagon 1—90 sts. Distribute evenly over 3 dpn, pm at midpoint of each needle.

Join in the rnd and work as for Hexagon 1. **Hexagons 3–13:** Foll diagram, work 11 more hexagons, using a combination of picked-up sts and knitted CO sts to attain 90 sts for each hexagon. Each hexagon side is made up of 15 sts, so only pick up

white base with gray stripes

cast on 15 sts

pick up 15 sts in direction of arrow



15 sts per side when working from existing hexagons.

Hexagon 14 (yellow base): With yellow and the knitted method, CO 30 sts. Pick up and knit 15 sts along Side A of Hexagon 13 (see diagram), pick up and knit 45 sts along Hexagons 13, 10, and 8 (there will be a gap on Side X of Hexagon 13). Distribute sts evenly over 3 dpn, pm at midpoint of each needle. Join in the rnd and work as for Hexagon 1.

Hexagon 15: Foll diagram, work as for Hexagon 14, picking up sts so that Sides C and B match Sides B and C from Hexagons 13 and 12. The work is being forced to fold up into a pocket shape.

Hexagons 16–22: Cont to foll diagram, connecting as required to side hexagons.

Half hexagons: (Worked back and forth in rows.) With yellow, pick up and knit 15 sts along three sides of a "notch" along top edge of bag (see diagram), pm between each group of 15 sts (45 sts total). Purl 1 WS row.

Row 1: *Ssk, knit to 2 sts before first m; k2tog, sl m; rep from * to end—6 sts dec'd.

Row 2: (WS) Purl.

Change to white. Rep Rnds 1 and 2, changing colors every 2 rnds, until 9 sts rem. **Next row:** (base color) *Sl 1, k2tog, pss0; rep from * to end of row—3 sts rem.

Row 3: Purl. Cut yarns. Thread base color through rem sts and cinch to close. Work a half hexagon for each of three rem notches.

FINISHING

With gray and smaller cir needle, beg at top right-hand corner of Hexagon 1 or 11, pick up and knit 180 sts around top of bag (15 sts for each segment). Join in the rnd and work in garter st until band measures 1¼" from pick-up, ending with a purl rnd.

Next rnd: K15 (should be aligned over gray hexagon), BO 75 sts, k15 (should be aligned over gray hexagon), BO rem 75 sts—15 sts rem for each strap. Place one set of 15 sts on holder. **Strap: Next row:**

(RS) Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog—2 sts dec'd. Knit 1 row. Rep last 2 rows 2 more times—9 sts rem. Work in garter st until strap measures 20" from pick-up of top edging. **Next row:** (RS) K1, M1, knit to last st, M1, k1—11 sts. **Next row:** Knit. Rep last 2 rows 2 more times—15 sts. Use Kitchener st (see Glossary) to graft sts to 15 sts on other side of bag. Use white and backstitch seam (see Glossary) to sew gaps at Side X. Weave in ends and block as desired.

Eunny Jang is editor of *Interweave Knits*. She lives in a historic bungalow with lots of yarn, sewing supplies, and good food.



PICNIC BAG

Lisa Shroyer

Finished Size 12½" at widest point and 12" tall, not including straps.

Yarn Queensland Collection Pima Fresca (100% cotton; 146 yd [133 m]/100 g): #1 natural, #23 apricot (dark pink), and #3 blush (light pink), 1 skein each. Yarn distributed by Knitting Fever.

Needles Size 4 (3.5 mm): 24" circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Marker (m); tapestry needle.

Gauge 10 sts and 14 rows = 2" in St st.

FIRST HALF

With natural, CO 60 sts. This CO edge will be referred to again in several places; mark each end of CO if desired. Do not join. Beg with a purl row, work 4 rows in St st. Knit 1 WS row.

Ridge patt:

Rows 1, 3, and 5: (RS) Knit.

Rows 2 and 4: (WS) Purl.

Row 6: (WS) Knit.

Rep Rows 1–6 two more times, then rep Rows 1 and 2 once more. ***Turn corner:**

Row 1: (RS) K32, ssk, k1, turn.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 pwise with yarn in front (wyf), p5, p2tog, p1, turn.

Row 3: Sl 1 pwise with yarn in back (wyb), knit to 1 st before gap, ssk (1 st from each side of gap), k1, turn.

Row 4: Sl 1 pwise wyf, purl to 1 st before gap, p2tog (1 st from each side of gap), p1, turn.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 until all sts have been incorporated; last 2 rows will end with decs without a final k1 or p1 before turning. End with a WS row*—32 sts rem. Knit 1 RS row; do not turn. With RS still facing and working along left-hand selvedge of piece (ridge patt section), pick up and knit 14 sts from working row down to CO edge. Turn and

knit 1 WS row; do not turn. With WS still facing, pick up and knit 14 sts down 2nd selvedge, ending at CO edge—60 sts total. Work Rows 1–6 of ridge patt once, then rep Rows 1 and 2 once more. Rep from * to * to turn corner, ending with a WS row and 32 sts rem. Work 2 rows even in St st.

Strap base:

Row 1: (RS) Sl 1 pwise wyb, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—2 sts dec'd.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1 pwise wyf, purl to end. Rep last 2 rows 13 more times—4 sts rem.

Next row: Sl 1, k2tog, k1—3 sts rem.

Next row: (WS) Sl 1, p2. **Next row:** (RS) K3tog—1 st rem. Break yarn and fasten off last st.

SECOND HALF

The 2nd half is a mirror image of the first half, worked out from the CO of the first half. With dark pink and first half laid horizontally with strap base at right-hand side, beg at right-hand corner of CO edge of first half and picking up 1 st for every CO st, pick up and knit 60 sts. Do not join. Work as for first half, beg with 4 rows of St st just as for first half.

STRAP

With light pink and beg at top point of one strap base, working down one selvedge of strap base, pick up and knit 1 st for every st down shaped selvedge (19 sts), pick up and knit 12 sts along selvedges in V-split, ending at bottom of 2nd strap base, pick up and knit 19 sts up 2nd strap base, ending at top point—50 sts total. With RS still facing, use the backward-loop method to CO 100 sts, then carefully join work in the rnd, knitting first st at top of first strap base—150 sts total. Place marker (pm) for beg of rnd.

Rnds 1–3: Purl.

Rnds 4 and 6: Knit.

Rnd 5: Knit to base of V-split on body of bag (in line with CO edge/seam between halves), dec 1 st, knit to end.

Rep Rnds 1–6 once more, then rep Rows 1 and 2 once. BO all sts pwise. Work an identical 2nd strap on other side of bag.

FINISHING

Use ends to tack straps tog at top point of strap bases. Weave in ends. Block as desired.

Lisa Shroyer is an editor for *Interweave*. She enjoys an active life halfway between the mountains and the ocean in North Carolina.



LACE BEACH BAG

Anna-Liza Armfield

Finished Size About 43" circumference and 15½" tall, not including strap.

Yarn Berroco Mica (31% cotton, 26% silk, 23% nylon, 20% linen; 108 yd [100 m]/40 g); cinnabar (MC), 6 skeins; mushroom (CC), 1 skein.

Needles Size 6 (4 mm): 24" circular (cir). Size 4 (3.5 mm): straight and set of double-pointed (dpn). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Markers (m); tapestry needle.

Gauge 19½ sts and 36 rows = 4" in garter st on smaller needles; 17 sts and 28 rows = 4" in box st on larger needles.

NOTES

- The interior pouch has a flap, which is intended to be tucked in the pouch if needed to keep small items inside. The pouch is worked on straight needles using double knitting, which creates two layers of fabric at the same time, then the sides are separated, one side is bound off, and the flap is knit.

Stitch Guide

Box Stitch: (multiple of 4 sts)

Rnds 1 and 4: *P2, k2; rep from * to end.

Rnds 2 and 3: *K2, p2; rep from * to end.

Rep Rnds 1–4 for patt.

Fagoting Rib: (multiple of 4 sts)

Rnd 1: K1, *yo, ssk, k2; rep from * to last 3 sts, yo, ssk, k1.

Rnd 2: *Yo, k2tog, k2; rep from * to end. Rep Rnds 1 and 2 for patt.

CORD

With dpn and MC, CO 3 sts. Work I-cord (see Glossary) for 67". BO all sts.

INTERIOR POUCH

Note: All slipped sts are slipped pwise with yarn in back (wyb). With straight

needles and MC, CO 48 sts. **Next row:** *K1, sl 1; rep from * to end. Rep last row every row until piece measures 5" from CO. With 2 dpn, separate the sides of the pouch by slipping alternate sts onto front and back needles—24 sts each needle. Piece is now an open pouch. Turn pouch inside out with purl side facing. **Next rnd:** (WS) P1, BO 23 sts, knit to end—single purl ridge on knit side. Turn and work in rows as foll:

Row 1: (RS) Knit.

Row 2: (WS) Purl.

Rep last 2 rows for 1", ending with a WS row.

Row 1: (RS) K1, ssk, knit to last 3 sts, k2tog, k1—2 sts dec'd.

Row 2: (WS) Purl.

Rep last 2 rows until 8 sts rem, ending with a WS row. BO all sts.

SHOULDER STRAP

With straight needles and CC, CO 10 sts. Work modified box st as foll:

Row 1: *P2, k2; rep from * to last 2 sts, p2.

Row 2: *K2, p2; rep from * to last 2 sts, k2.

Row 3: Rep Row 2.

Row 4: Rep Row 1.

Rep Rows 1–4 until piece measures 26" from CO. BO all sts.

BASE

With MC and straight needles, CO 34 sts. Work in garter st until piece measures 14" from CO. BO all sts.

BODY

With MC, cir needle, and RS of base facing, *pick up and knit 58 sts along one long edge of base, 34 sts along one short edge; rep from * once—184 sts. Place marker (pm) and join in the rnd. Purl 1 rnd. Work Rnds 1–4 of box st (see Stitch Guide) twice, then rep Rnd 1 once more. Purl 1 rnd. Work in fagoting rib (see Stitch Guide) for 12"—piece should measure about 13½" from pick-up. Purl 1 rnd, knit 1 rnd, purl 1 rnd. Break yarn. Join CC and knit 1 rnd. Work Rnds 1–4 of box st twice. Place sts on waste-yarn holder.

FINISHING

Block all pieces. Once dry, lay body flat so base is folded in half lengthwise and all edges are even. Place marker or coil-less safety pin at the top of each side edge, along the fold, between sts. Count 5 sts from each side of each m and place

new m—10 sts total between m and 82 sts along sides between marked sections. To join strap, remove center m on one side. Snip waste yarn in the center of marked section and remove waste yarn to reveal 10 live sts. With CC, sew one end of strap to live sts. Rep on opposite side. Remove rem m. Remove waste yarn from 82 live sts on one side of bag and place sts on cir needle. Leave rem sts on yarn holder. Beg at base of strap, join MC and knit across live sts, then pick up and knit sts evenly along one side of strap. Pm and join in the rnd. Purl 1 rnd, then BO all sts pwise. Rep on opposite side of bag. Weave in ends. Sew pouch along purl ridge at top of flap inside of bag, below one end of strap. Thread I-cord through top row of yo's. Knot ends of I-cord.

Anna-Liza Armfield spends her time working, blogging, helping her friends fix their knitting problems, playing with her family, and avoiding housework.



SOW'S EAR COIN PURSE

Anne Merrow

Finished Size 5½" wide and 2¾" tall.

Yarn Filatura di Crosa Luxury (100% silk; 160 yd [145 m]/50 g); #25 dusty rose, 1 skein. Yarn distributed by Tahki Stacy Charles.

Needles Size 1 (2.25 mm): 24" circular (cir). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Stitch holder; 7" zipper (shown: Coats & Clark all-purpose plastic zipper in color almond rose); sewing needle and matching thread; ½ yd cotton fabric for lining.

Gauge 36 sts and 48 rows = 4" in St st.

Stitch Guide

Kfbf: Knit into front, back, and front again of same st—2 sts inc'd.

Attached I-cord:

Right edge: (3 sts on needle) *K2, sl 1 kwise, pick up and knit 1 st from selvedge edge, pssso; without turning, slide sts to the other end of the needle; rep from *.

Left edge: (3 sts on needle) *Pick up and knit 1 st from selvedge edge, pass first st on left needle over picked-up st, k2, without turning, slide sts to other end of needle; rep from *.

BAG

CO 5 sts. Do not join. Purl 1 row.

Row 1: (RS) Sl 1, right lifted inc (RLI; see Glossary), knit to last st, left lifted inc (LLI; see Glossary), k1—2 sts inc'd.

Row 2: (WS) Sl 1, purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 3 more times—13 sts.

Row 3: (RS) Sl 1, RLI, k5, kfbf (see Stitch Guide), knit to last st, LLI, k1—17 sts.

Row 4: (WS) Sl 1, purl to end.

Row 5: (RS) Sl 1, RLI, knit to center st, kfbf, knit to last st, LLI, k1—21 sts.

Row 6: Sl 1, purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 2 more times—29 sts.

Row 7: Sl 1, knit to center st, kfbf, knit to end—2 sts inc'd.

Row 8: Sl 1, purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 13 more times—57 sts.

Row 9: (RS) Sl 1, k2tog, knit to center st, kfbf, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—no change to st count.

Row 10: Sl 1, purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 4 more times.

Row 11: (RS) Sl 1, k2tog, knit to 1 st before center st, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, knit to last 3 sts, ssk, k1—4 sts dec'd.

Row 12: Sl 1, purl to end.

Rep last 2 rows 6 more times—29 sts rem.

Row 13: (RS) Sl 1, k2tog 6 times, sl 1, k2tog, pssso, ssk 6 times, k1—15 sts rem.

Row 14: (WS) Sl 1, ssp 3 times, p1, p2tog 3 times, p1—9 sts rem.

Next row: (RS) BO 8 sts; leave last st on needle. Use the knitted method (see Glossary) to CO 2 sts—3 sts on needle.

Work 3-st attached I-cord (see Stitch Guide) along selvedge from base back to CO edge, working I-cord over 2 of the CO sts. Place sts on a holder. Use the knitted method to CO 3 sts and work 3-st attached I-cord along selvedge edge from end to CO edge, including 2 of the CO sts. BO all sts. With RS facing, transfer 3 held sts to needle, pick up and knit 1 st in center st of body CO, pick up and knit 3 sts in BO of 2nd I-cord—7 sts.

Next row: (WS) Sl 1, purl to end. **Next**

row: Sl 1, ssk, k1, k2tog, k1—5 sts rem.

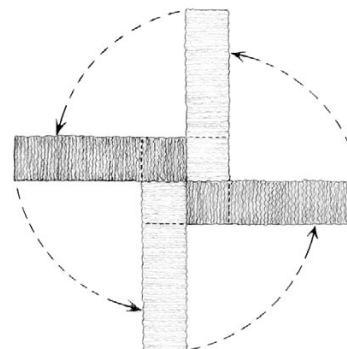
Next row: Sl 1, p4. **Next row:** Sl 1, sl 2, k1, p2ss0, k1—3 sts rem. Do not turn; slip sts back to right end of needle as for I-cord. Sl 2 sts tog as if to knit, p2ss0 rem st—1 st rem. Cut yarn and fasten off last st.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. Pin zipper in opening. With needle and thread, use a backstitch (see Glossary) to sew in zipper. Sew across the end of the zipper to make a new stop. Fold lining fabric in half with RS tog and lay purse flat on lining fabric.

Trace around outside of purse. Cut both layers of fabric ¾" from traced line. Sew around the edges, leaving a ¾" seam allowance and leaving the opening open. Place the lining inside the purse; if necessary, adjust the seam allowance to fit inside the purse. Sew again over the first line of sts. Press down the ¾" opening for the top. Sew the lining to the zipper tape.

Anne Merrow is an avid knitter, spinner, and quilter. By day she is a book editor for Interweave, as well as editor of the new eMag, Sockupied.



RECTANGLES

Make 4, 2 in each color. CO 18 sts. **Next**

row: Sl 1 pwise with yarn in back (wyb), knit to end. Rep last row until piece measures 18" from CO. BO all sts.

FINISHING

Seaming: Referring to diagram, place the CO edge of one color A strip perpendicular to one color B strip, aligned at the lower edge to form an "L" shape. Sew neatly in place, taking care not to stretch the CO edge. Rep with 2nd pair of strips. Align the 2 L shapes as shown, colors alternating, and join to form bottom of bag. Sew sides of strips tog, noting that the top right edge of each strip will protrude above the seam to form the upper edge of the bag. Weave in ends. **Braided cord**

(make 2): Measure out 2 lengths of each color, 56" long or desired length—4 strands total. Work a four-strand round braid (see Glossary), leaving several inches unworked on each end for finishing. Join braids to bag by threading ends through the points at the top edge from the WS. Secure by tying an overhand knot on the RS. Trim fringe to about 2". Secure the knots to the bag using a needle and thread.



SPIRAL MARKET BAG

Marilyn Murphy

Finished Size 18" circumference and 15" tall, not including straps.

Yarn Classic Elite Katydid (100% cotton; 90 yd [82 m]/50 g); #7310 Hinkley blue (A) and #7355 Penny Lane (B), 2 balls each.

Needles Size 6 (4 mm). Adjust needle size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions Tapestry needle; sewing needle and matching thread.

Gauge 22 sts and 44 rows = 4" in garter st.

GLOSSARY

INVISIBLE (PROVISIONAL) CAST-ON

Place a loose slipknot on needle held in your right hand. Hold waste yarn next to slipknot and around left thumb; hold working yarn over left index finger. *Bring needle forward under waste

yarn, over working yarn, grab a loop of working yarn (Figure 1), then bring needle to the front, over both yarns, and grab a second loop (Figure 2). Repeat from *. When you're ready to work in the opposite direction, pick out waste yarn to expose live stitches.

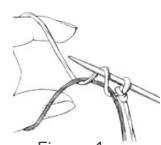


Figure 1

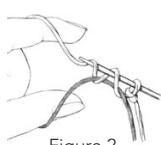


Figure 2

KNITTED CAST-ON

Place slipknot on left needle if there are no established stitches. *With right needle, knit into first stitch (or slipknot) on left needle (Figure 1) and place new stitch onto left needle (Figure 2). Repeat from *, always knitting into last stitch made.

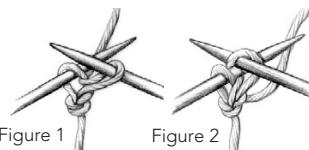


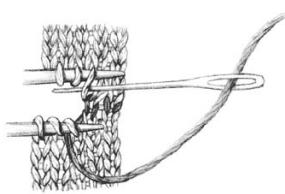
Figure 1



Figure 2

KITCHENER STITCH

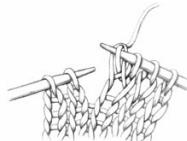
Step 1: Bring threaded needle through front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.
Step 2: Bring threaded needle through back stitch as if to knit and leave stitch on needle.
Step 3: Bring threaded needle through first front stitch as if to knit and slip this stitch off needle. Bring threaded needle through next front stitch as if to purl and leave stitch on needle.
Step 4: Bring threaded needle through first back stitch as if to purl (as illustrated), slip this stitch off, bring needle through next back stitch as if to knit, leave this stitch on needle.
Repeat Steps 3 and 4 until no stitches remain on needles.



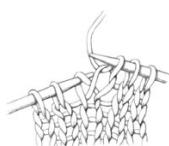
LIFTED INCREASE



Left Slant



Knit into the back of stitch (in the "purl bump") in the row directly below the stitch on the needle.



Right Slant

Insert left needle into back of the stitch below stitch just knitted.

Knit this stitch.



RISK-FREE TRIAL OFFER

interweave.com/go/kdiwk