

Knitting in the Round with the Magic Loop Technique

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Materials: one circular needle, at least 32" long (40" is the most versatile) that is the appropriate size for your yarn weight.

Abbreviations:

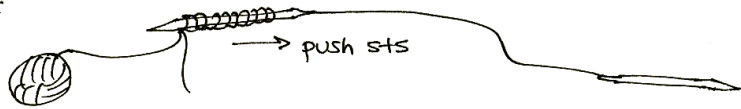
PM: Place marker (*on* a stitch, not on the needle)

BOR: Beginning of round

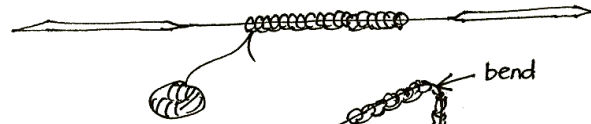
NB: Yarn ball indicates position of WORKING YARN

Preparing to knit (casting on):

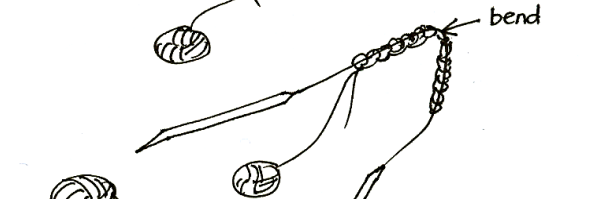
1. Cast on the total number of sts for your project onto one needle-tip.



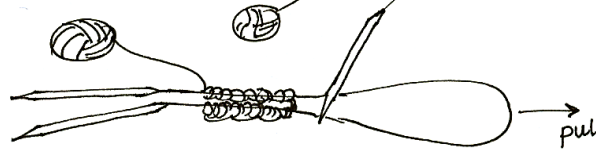
2. Push these sts onto the cable.



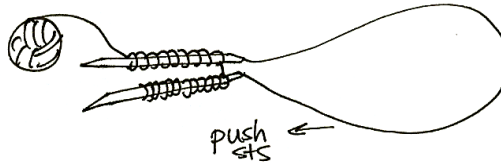
3. Count half the sts, and bend the cable at this halfway point.



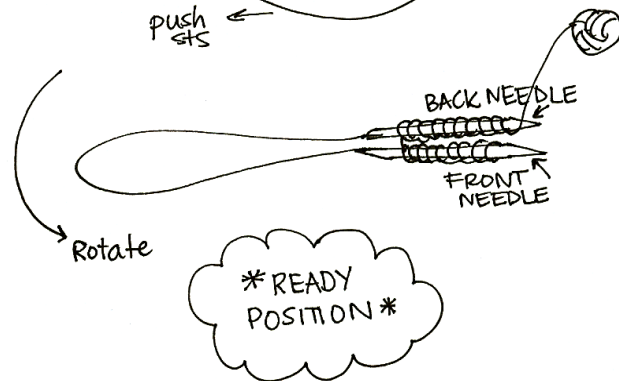
4. Pull a loop of cable out from between the sts at this point.



5. Push the two halves of sts onto the tips of the needle.

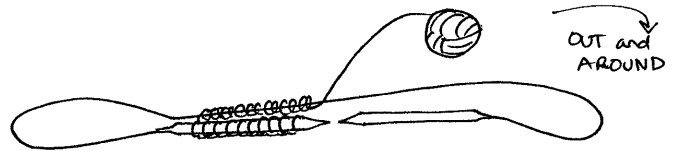


6. Rotate the needle so the tips are facing to the RIGHT. Orient them so that the WORKING YARN is coming OFF THE BACK NEEDLE. **THIS IS "READY POSITION."**

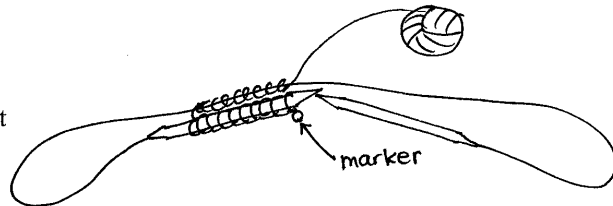


Knitting in the round:

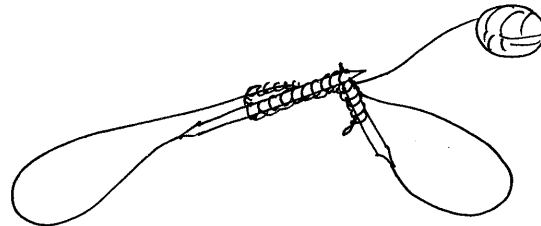
1. Pull the BACK needle out and to the right, and turn it back to face the left needle tip. Leave an equal loop of cable on each side. The needle tips should be facing each other.



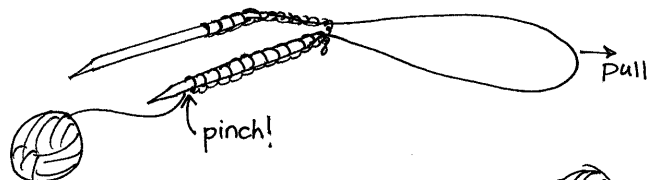
2. Making sure the working yarn is BEHIND the left needle, work the first st on the left needle. This joins the work in the round. PM to indicate BOR.



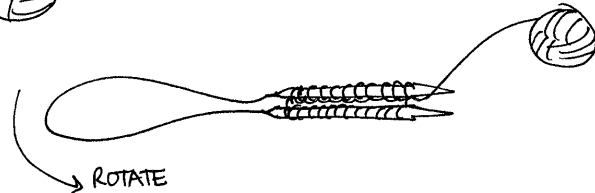
3. Work across all sts on the left in whatever pattern your instructions call for (ribbing, St st, etc.). In our demonstration we will simply knit.



4. Drop the now-empty left-hand needle. Pinching the tip of the right needle (so your sts don't escape), pull the loop of cable so that the sts come to the needle tip.



5. Rotate your work so that you are in "READY POSITION," i.e. the needle-tips are facing to the RIGHT and the WORKING YARN is coming off the BACK NEEDLE. You have completed half a round!



Repeat steps 1-5 of "Knitting in the round." You have completed a full round using the Magic Loop technique! Pat yourself on the back and Keep Going!



Video Help!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cB1s50røfgø>