

KNITTING LACE WITH MERCER CROCHET COTTON

Knit your own household lace for edgings, mats, tablecloths, and chairbacks etc.

Begin with a coarse thread, such as #5 or #10 cotton, and remember to keep the working thread fairly tight.

A design which commences in the centre with a small number of stitches is constructed by casting on all the stitches onto one needle and then dividing them evenly onto three or four needles as required for the pattern on the first round of knitting.

1. CASTING-ON



With 2 Needles

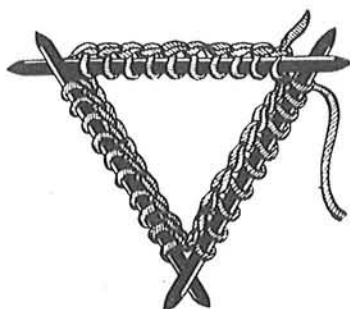
(a) Begin with a slip knot and put the needles into it as shown. *Pass the thread from the ball round and between the points of the needles.



(b) With the right hand needle pull through a loop.

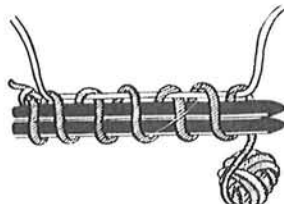


(c) Put this loop on to the left hand needle, slip right hand needle to back of left hand needle and continue from * in this way for the number of stitches required.

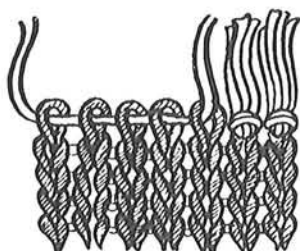


(d) This shows how to arrange the cast-on stitches for working in rounds.

Invisible Cast-On

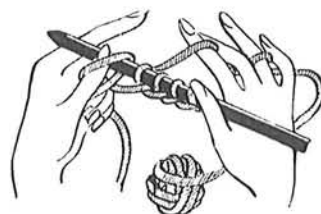


(a) This method of casting-on is used when no hard edge is required and when a fringe is to be added. Take a piece of thread and holding the two needles as shown wind the ball thread over and round these with the extra thread so that when one needle is withdrawn, the extra thread holds the loops and makes a foundation for the knitting.



(b) The foundation thread is being taken out to leave loops for fringe.

Thumb Method



Leave an end of the thread and make a slip knot. Pass the end over the thumb as shown and knit into the loop thus made. Draw out the thumb and repeat for the number of stitches required.

2. KNIT STITCH

The four stages of working a knit or plain stitch.



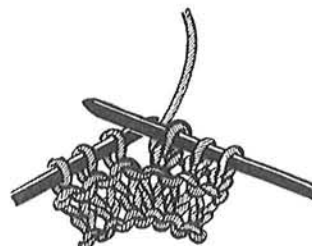
(a) Put the right hand needle into the loop under the left hand needle as shown.



(b) Pass the thread round and between the points of the needles.



(c) Pull a loop through on the point of the right hand needle. This makes the new stitch. Now slip old stitch from left needle.



(d) The new stitch is complete and the right hand needle is ready to be put into the next loop.

3. PURL STITCH



Put the right hand needle through the loop as shown. Pass the thread round the point of the needle and pull a loop through. Slip old stitch from left needle.

Knitting Needle Sizes:

No 12 = 2.75mm
No 13 = 2.25mm
No 14 = 2.00mm

Crochet Hook Size:

No 3 = 1.25mm
No 4 = 1.00mm
No 5 = 0.75mm