

KNIT KNEWS

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WELCOME to KNIT KNEWS ! This is the first issue, and it will be available FREE in the Yarn Dept.. Your questions and comments are appreciated.

DEAR MARILYN,

Is the Kitchener Stitch and Grafting the same thing?
Erma

Dear Erma,

Yes, the Kitchener Stitch and Grafting is the same stitch. It makes a nice finishing for shoulders. We used it in the 50's to finish the toe of our famous argyle socks. The stitch invisibly joins two pieces of knitting. Work as follows:

Leave the knitting to be joined on the needles.

Thread a wool needle with a 12" length of knitting yarn. Place the two pieces to be joined with right side facing and hold the knitting needles in the left hand.

*Pass the wool needle knitwise thru the first stitch on the front needle and slip the stitch off the knitting needle. Pass the wool needle purlwise thru the second stitch on the same needle, leaving the stitch on the needle.

Pass purlwise thru the first stitch on the back needle and slip the stitch off, then pass knitwise thru the second stitch on the same needle, leaving the stitch on the needle. Repeat from *.

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DEAR MARILYN,

How much would it cost and how long would it take to knit a simple Coton Mousse top?

Jane

Dear Jane,

Coton Mousse is a wonderful cotton boucle'. It would cost about \$35.00 to make a top with short sleeves. You could make it in a weekend. Happy Knitting!

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DEAR MARILYN,

What does the square symbol on the yarn label mean?
Alice

Dear Alice,

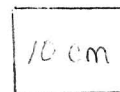
The square tells the gauge of the yarn. The square is 10 cm. or 4 inches. The number on the bottom is the number of stitches knitted to 4 inches.

For example the square to the right

is 4 inches and 20 sts. or,

5 stitches knitted to each inch.

Keep the gauge Alice!



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DEAR MARILYN,
How do you slip a stitch?

Connie

Dear Connie,

A slip stitch is made by transferring a stitch from one needle to another without working it. Always slip the stitch as if to purl or purlwise (pw) unless the directions specify otherwise.

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DEAR MARILYN,
What are Nancy Pants?

Jane

Dear Jane,

1. Nancy Pants are 100% cotton striped pants. Perfect for summer or that trip to Hawaii.

2. They have only an inseam so stripes will be straight on the outside.

3. The elastic waistband is perfect for relaxing.

4. I used Stretch and Sew Pattern 5245. Any pattern with only an inseam will work.

5. Call them Nancy Pants, or fun with stripes- They are Wonderful! Watch for Nancy Pants and Sea Sweater in the Yarn Dept.

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DEAR MARILYN,
Do you have any helpful hints for traveling with knitting?
Faye

Dear Faye,

I find round needles helpful. It's easy to lose one knitting needle. Round needles are easier to locate, and they don't stab the person next to you. Work up your gauge and pattern before your trip. Happy traveling with knitting!

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