The Spaced out Applied I-Cord
## Adding a stretchy i-cord edge to knitted fabric without any puckering

In this tutorial an i-cord edging is applied directly onto the side edge of a knitted fabric.

This applied i-cord can be worked either as shown by picking up new sts, or also on live sts that need to be cast off (by omitting the pick up step).

The "spaced-out" method shown here **addresses tightly knitted applied i-cords** that might pucker the fabric, or i-cord edgings worked with a finer yarn and a smaller gauge than the original piece.

1 You will need two double pointed needles (DPN) and yarn of the same weight or thinner than your project.
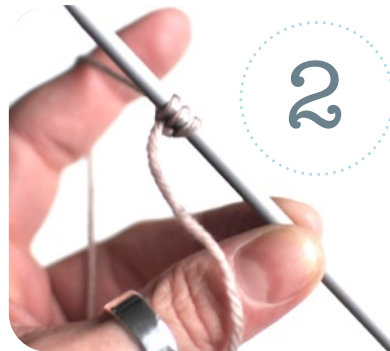
2 Cast on 3 sts with your preferred method and the yarn for the i-cord edge on the DPN.
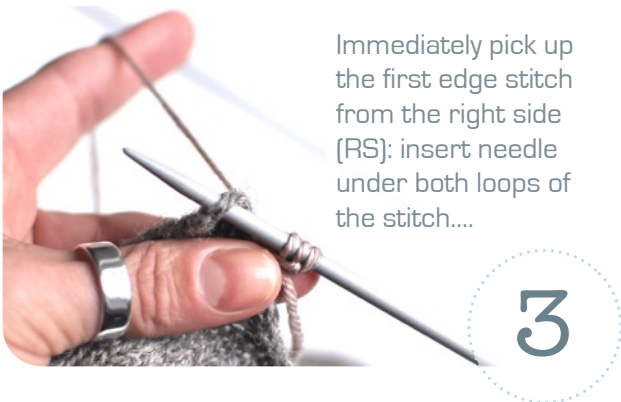
3 Immediately pick up the first edge stitch from the right side (RS): insert needle under both loops of the stitch....

4 ...and knit it by pulling the yarn through. Now there are 4 sts on the DPN.

5 Push the needle, so that the stitches are positioned on the other end and ready to be worked on the RS.

6 Knit the first two stitches normally...

7 ... and knit the next two stitches through the back loop (k2tog tbl), by inserting the needle from behind to fetch the yarn as shown.

8 Pick up and knit the next stitch as in step 3 and 4 and push the needle to the other side again.

Repeat steps 6-8 once more and then steps 6-7 again.

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If you work with a **tighter gauge** than the main project, or with a a **finer yarn** you might need to space the i-cord out more.

To achieve this work the next row as a classic i-cord:
Without having picked up a new stitch push the needle back...

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...and knit all 3 sts normally off the needle. The 4th row has been worked without being attached to the main fabric and will stretch the i-cord out to the same length as the edge.

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Only now, after having worked the classic i-cord on the 4th row pick up a new stitch as before.

For the spaced out applied i-cord work steps 6-8 twice, step 6-7 once and step 9-11 once and repeat until the end.

If you don't need to work the spaced-out method just repeat steps 6-8 until the end.

Either bind off the last 3 sts or graft them together if worked in the rnd.

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unattached, classic i-cord rows

Depending on how you knit, the first stitch of the classic i-cord rows might be tighter than the others.

The classic i-cord rows aren't visible anymore but allow for a stretchier i-cord bind off.

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There is an easy fix to this: Just pull on the tighter stitch at the front with the DPN to get some slack there.

You can adapt the frequency of occurrence of the classic i-cord rows to your own knitting style and work them sooner or later than every 4th row.

If on the other hand you wish to cast off "live stitches" with an i-cord edge, you'd need to cast on 3 sts with your working yarn at the beginning and then follow the instructions of step 5-10 (without picking up any new stitches) by k2tog tbl the last i-cord stitch with one of the stitches of your project.