

# HOW TO WORK SIMPLE CROSSED STS

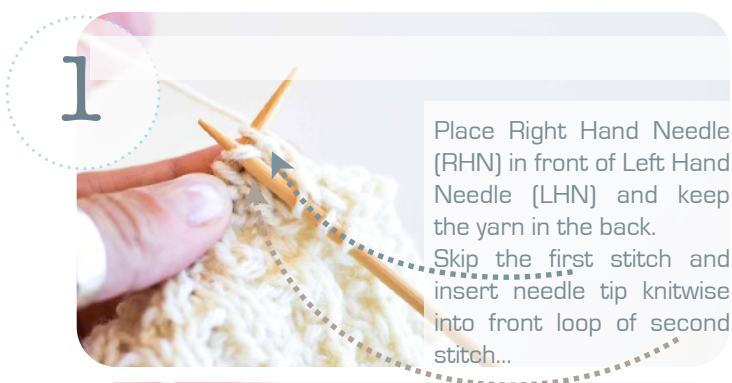
BY KNITTING THE STITCHES INSTEAD OF USING A CABLE NEEDLE

This tutorial showcases how to work some basic 2-stitch cable crossings.

Of course it is always possible to cross sts traditionally, with a cable needle or without (In this case cross right would mean that the first stitch would be held at the back and cross left would mean that it should be held at the front, while crossing the sts).

I do prefer to twist them in the way described in this tutorial, not only because I find them quicker to work, but especially because they produce a much more elastic fabric, since this way adds more length of yarn to each crossing.

This is why in the final fabric the twisted stitches are laying more relaxed and not as tight as their cabled counterparts.



**1**

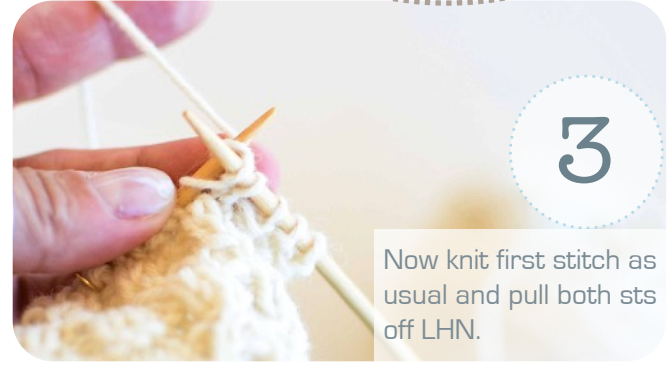
Place Right Hand Needle (RHN) in front of Left Hand Needle (LHN) and keep the yarn in the back. Skip the first stitch and insert needle tip knitwise into front loop of second stitch...



**CR // CROSS RIGHT**

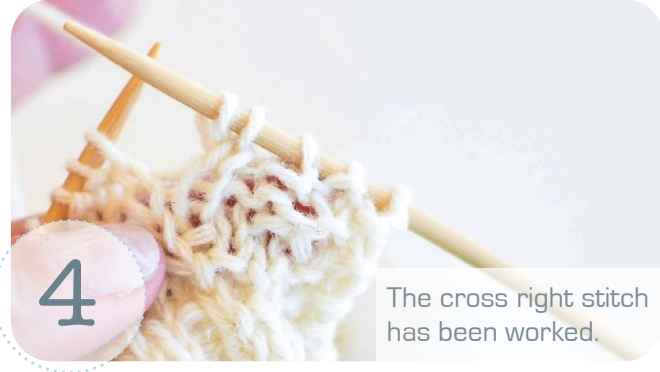
**2**

... and knit second stitch as usual but leave it on the LHN.



**3**

Now knit first stitch as usual and pull both sts off LHN.



**4**

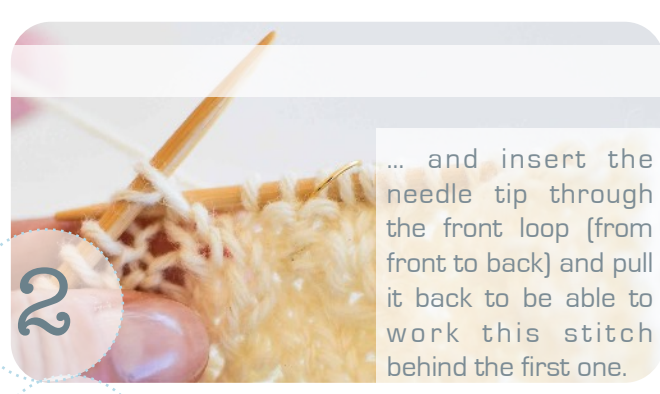
The cross right stitch has been worked.



**1**

**CL \ CROSS LEFT**

With RHN behind LHN, and yarn in back, skip the first stitch and reach from behind, in between the first and the second stitch...



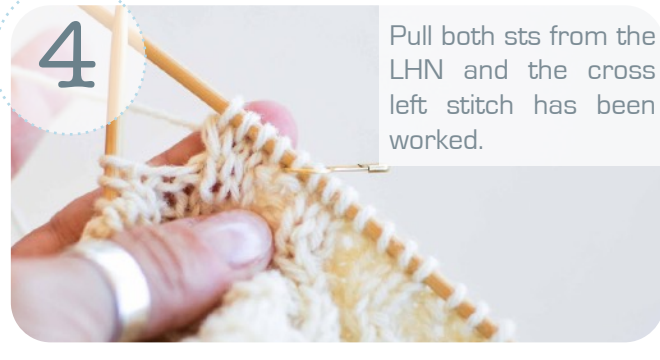
**2**

... and insert the needle tip through the front loop (from front to back) and pull it back to be able to work this stitch behind the first one.



**3**

Knit this second stitch but leave it on the LHN and then knit the first one as usual.



**4**

Pull both sts from the LHN and the cross left stitch has been worked.

## CR+PURL -/ CROSS RIGHT AND PURL



Start as with CR on page 1:  
With RHN in front of LHN k  
into second stitch and skip  
the first one....

1



... then bring yarn  
to front and purl  
the first stitch and  
only then pull both  
loops of needle.

2



3

And the CR+purl has  
been worked.

## PURL+CL \- PURL AND CROSS LEFT



1

With RHN behind LHN  
and yarn in front, skip  
first stitch and insert  
needle tip into second  
stitch purlwise....

[Note that in this picture the  
yarn is kept at the back, but  
it needs to be at the front of  
the RHN.]



2

...catch the loop with the  
tip and bring it to back of  
the LHN (hold stitch with  
finger while twisting the  
right needle tip upwards  
and then under the LHN  
to the back)

[Note that in this picture the  
yarn is kept at the back, but  
it needs to be at the front of  
the RHN.]



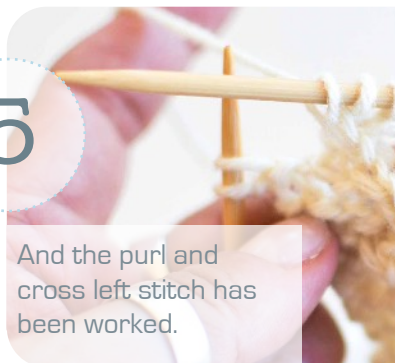
Now work a purl stitch  
into this loop....

3



4

...leave the stitch on  
the LHN and knit  
into the first stitch.



5

And the purl and  
cross left stitch has  
been worked.

