

GERMAN SHORT-ROWS

QUICK, EASY AND ALMOST INVISIBLE SHORT-RROW METHOD

Short-rows allow you to produce a 3D shaping in knitted fabric (for shoulder shaping or the heel of a sock for example). One can also make a rounded, wider part in one division of a project for decorative

purposes, usually by using contrasted yarn for different sections.

The technique presented in this tutorial (called "Verkürzte Reihen" in German) is a very quick and simple method to work short-rows.



On a knit row:
Work to the instructed stitch of the pattern.



Turn work to the WS...



Slip the next stitch
purlwise with the yarn
in front...



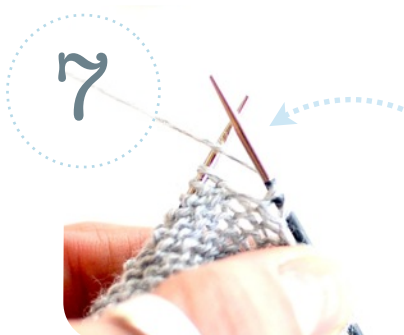
...and start pulling the
yarn over the top of
stitch and needle
towards the back.



The stitch will start to
look distorted while the
yarn is pulled to the
back, creating two
loops out of the same
stitch.



In this way a "double-
stitch" (ds) has been
made out of the slipped
stitch.



While keeping a tight
tension, pass the yarn
between the needles
to the front of the
work again.

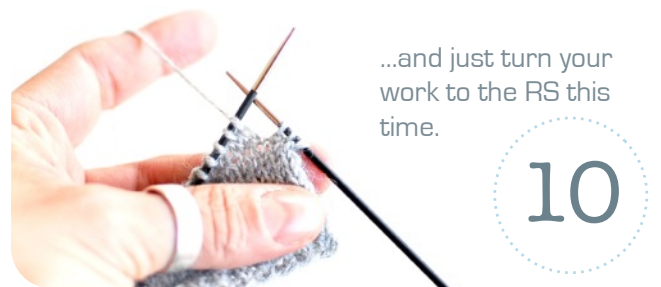
Keep the yarn taut
when purling the next
stitch, so that the ds
remains firm & neat.



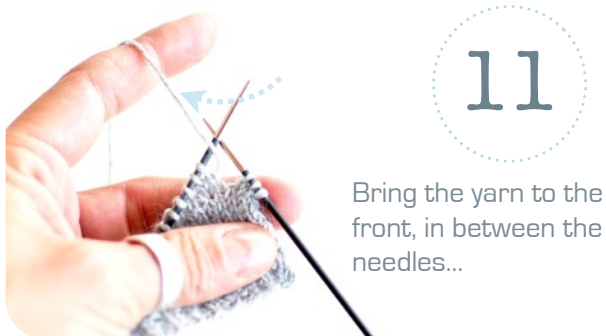
Continue working with a
tighter tension for the next 1
to 2 purlled stitches, then
work to the next instructed
stitch as usual.



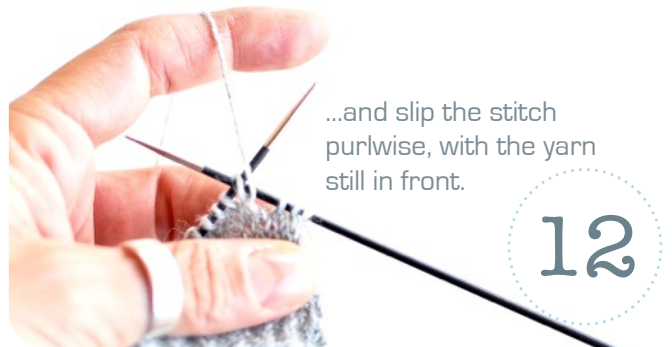
On a purl row:
Again, work to the
instructed stitch...



...and just turn your
work to the RS this
time.



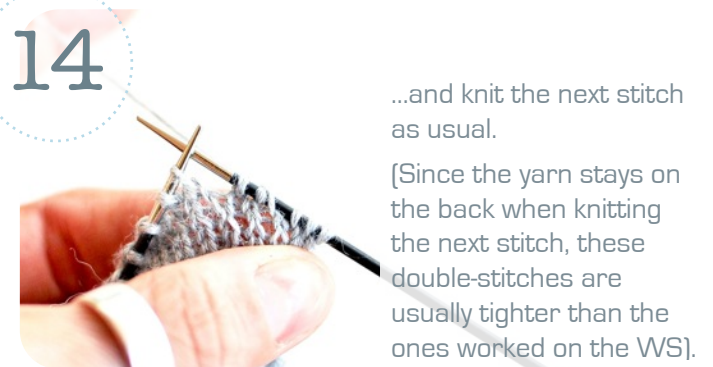
Bring the yarn to the
front, in between the
needles...



...and slip the stitch
purlwise, with the yarn
still in front.



Pull the yarn over the
needle to the back, to
create a ds out of the
slipped stitch as
before.



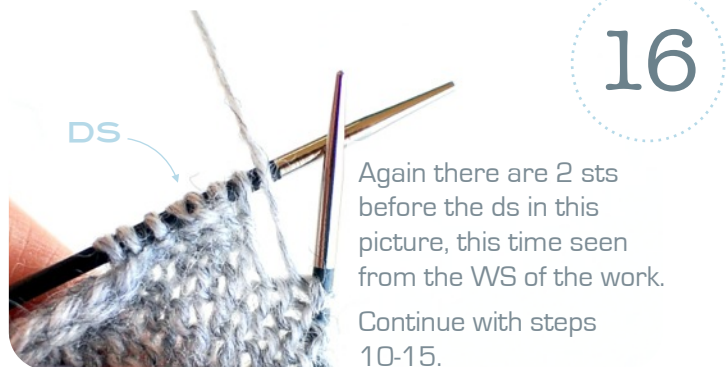
...and knit the next stitch
as usual.

[Since the yarn stays on
the back when knitting
the next stitch, these
double-stitches are
usually tighter than the
ones worked on the WS].



Continue knitting until
the instructed sts
before the ds [in this
sample I worked until 2
sts before the ds].

Then work steps 1-8
again.



Again there are 2 sts
before the ds in this
picture, this time seen
from the WS of the work.

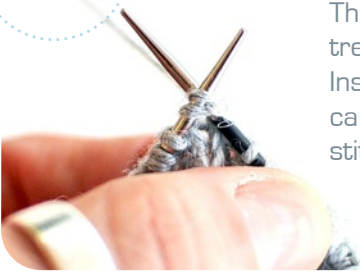
Continue with steps
10-15.

Continue working back and forth in this fashion until
all the short-rows are finished.



When you want to
work the double-
stitches on a RS, knit
to the ds as
instructed.

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The two loops should be treated as a single stitch: Insert the needle knitwise carefully into the double-stitch...

...and knit both loops together (like in a k2tog).

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Continue working the ds for the remaining RS row in the same manner...

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In this close-up of the worked double-stitch you can see that it almost looks like a normal knit stitch.

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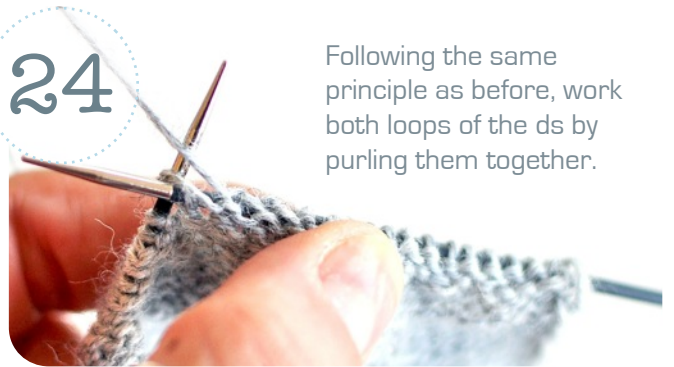


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Turn work to the WS and purl to the next double-stitch.

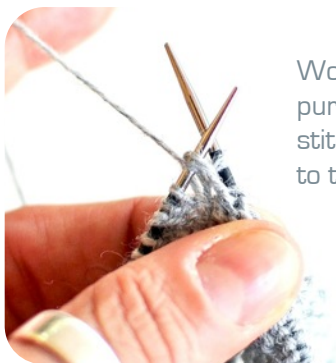
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Following the same principle as before, work both loops of the ds by purling them together.

Work all the WS and purl the ds as one stitch, when you come to them.

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While still visible on the WS, the turning points of these short-rows remain quite small and discreet.



On the RS this technique produces nearly invisible, neat short-row sections.

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