

HOW TO PICK UP & KNIT

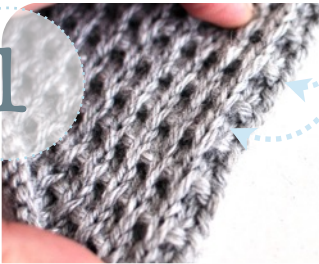
ADDING STITCHES TO THE EDGES OF KNITTED FABRIC

In this tutorial we are going to add stitches to the edge of a knitted piece. The new direction of the knitting will be worked at a 90° angle to the rest of the fabric.



I usually prefer to pick up stitches with a needle size at least one size smaller than my project, to keep the first row of loops neat and tidy.

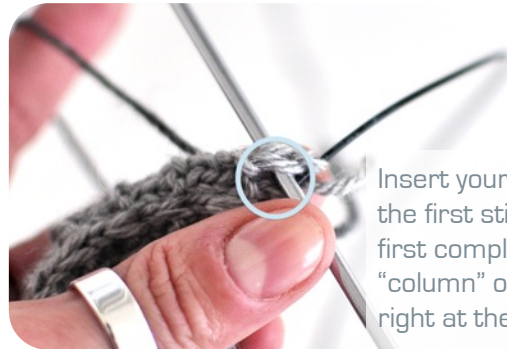
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Take a close look at your edge: you can see the outermost edge stitch and the first column of complete stitches right next to it. These are the stitches we will work in the following steps.

I usually work into a complete stitch and not into the looser edge stitch - this produces a neater "seam".

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Insert your needle into the first stitch of the first complete "column" of stitches, right at the edge...

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Fetch the yarn and pull it through the stitch.

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Continue with the stitch right next to it, in the same manner.

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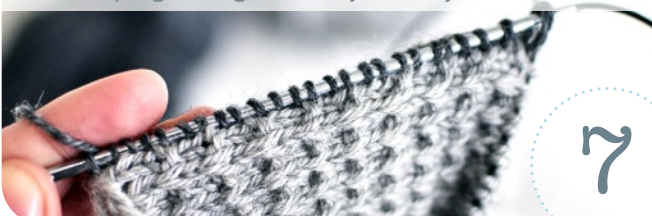
Now skip the next stitch and insert the needle into the following stitch (in this tutorial we are working 2 sts out of 3 rows).

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Pull your yarn through and continue working in this fashion (picking up and knitting 2 sts and skipping every 3rd stitch) until the end of the edge.

When you have finished picking up and knitting all edge stitches your work should look like this: Neat loops growing vertically out of your fabric.



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The WS of your work will have a chain-like "seam", like the one in the picture.

To continue your work change to the needle size specified in the pattern and work the WS.