

A SOFT START & END TO THE I-CORD BINDOFF

HOW TO WORK AN I-CORD BO WITHOUT VOLUME AT BEGINNING AND END

This tutorial showcases how to produce an i-cord bind off with a thin and discreet start and ending, that does not have much volume at the cord when it flows out of the fabric and back to it.

In this way the points where the i-cord begins and finishes are not too visible in the finished garment.



SOFTLY STARTING THE I-CORD

1



Cast on 1 stitch with knitted CO, as follows: [Knit one stitch and without pulling the loop off the left hand needle (LHN), put the just knitted stitch back onto the LHN.]

2



Slip newly CO stitch to right hand needle (RHN).

3



Knit next stitch, but don't pull it off the needle and leave the loop still on LHN

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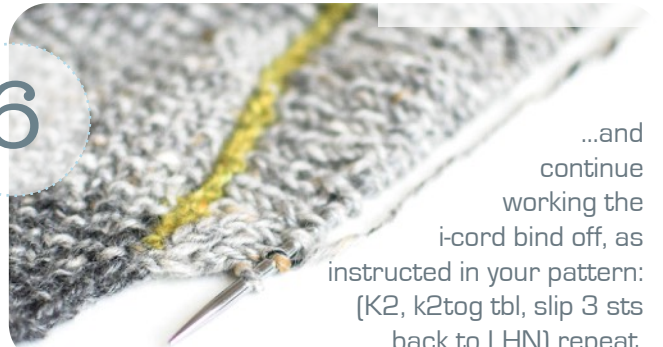
Now decrease the loop left on LHN together with the next stitch, by working a k2tog tbl through both of them

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Finally slip all 3 sts back onto LHN to begin working an i-cord BO with them...

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...and continue working the i-cord bind off, as instructed in your pattern: [K2, k2tog tbl, slip 3 sts back to LHN] repeat.

DISCREETLY ENDING THE I-CORD BO

1



After having finished working all stitches with the i-cord bind off and arriving to the last 3 sts left on the LHN...

2



Work your preferred left leaning decrease over the first 2 sts (like a ssk, k2tog tbl or Lk2tog)

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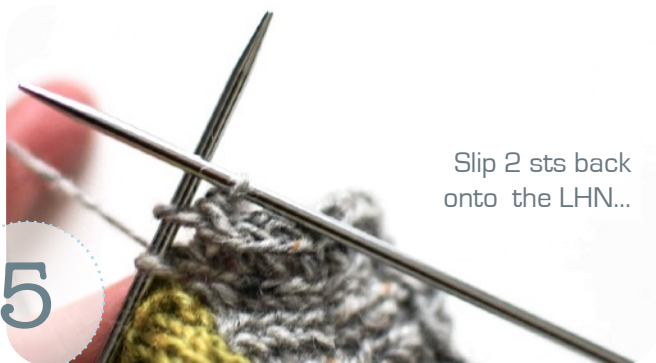
...and slip next stitch
purlwise with yarn in
back.

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Now pick up and
knit one stitch next
to the last stitch of
the LHN.

5



Slip 2 sts back
onto the LHN...

6



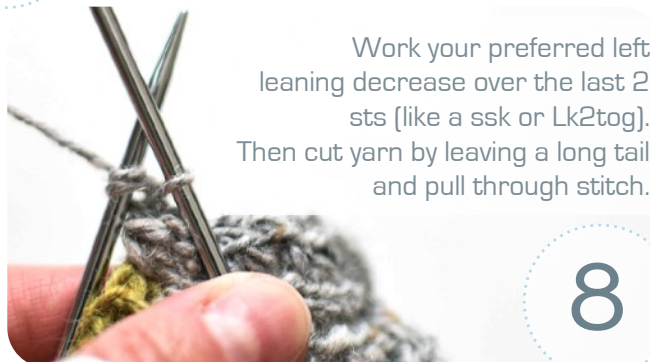
... and knit these 2 sts
together through the
back loop.

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Now there are only
2 stitches left on
the needle.

8



Work your preferred left
leaning decrease over the last 2
sts (like a ssk or Lk2tog).
Then cut yarn by leaving a long tail
and pull through stitch.

SEWING THE ENDS IN

Put the yarn end on a blunt tapestry needle to sew
neatly in place.

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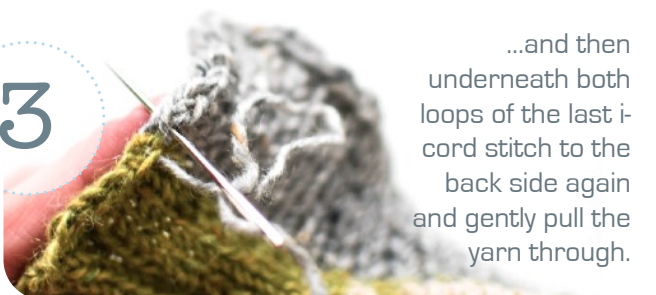


Coming from the
wrong side of the
work towards the
right side, pass
the tapestry
needle under
both loops of the
next stitch and
pull through...

1



3



...and then
underneath both
loops of the last i-
cord stitch to the
back side again
and gently pull the
yarn through.

4



Whichever way
you choose to
finish, do keep in
mind to sew the
tail in place
without pulling too
much, to not
distort the
stitches