Seamless Cables Tutorial Judith A Helms

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Although I will be writing up this pattern in the future, I decided to do this tutorial so that you might be able to apply it to your projects .

This swatch practice will allow you to learn the technique I used to connect the proper stitch loops to accomplish the seamless cable design in this pattern.

Once you have the technique mastered you will find you can use it to do Intarsia patterns in anything that requires working in the round.

It works for me-give it a try!

Happy knitting -

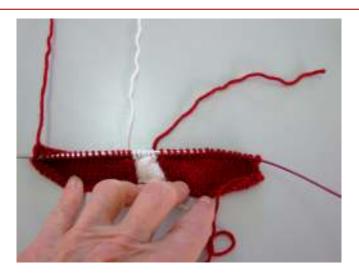
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Swatch Practice-Seamless Cables

Notes: for this swatch I used 40 sts, however, if you feel it would be easier to work with more on your needle-go for it. I used a 40 inch #6 circle needle and sports yarn for this swatch. You can use anything you have handy to practice with.

For this project you need to use **"long" strands** (3-5 arms lengths). DO NOT ATTEMPT THIS WITH BOBBINS OR BUTTERFLIES.

I used the magic loop method to knit in the round. You can use DPN's if you like.



*For the first 8 rows we will be working back and forth to simulate working on the should of a next down pattern

Seamless Cables Swatch Instructions

Cast on 40 sts of MC.

Row #1 - Knit 17. With CC knit 6 stitches for Cable Panel. With new long strand of MC, knit 17. Turn.

Row #2 - Purl 17. With CC work cable panel, k 1, p 4, k 1. With MC purl 17. Turn

Row #3 - Knit 17. Work cable panel, p 1, slip 2 sts onto cable holder, k 2, k 2 off holder, p 1. Knit 17. Turn.

Row #4 - Work row #2. Turn.

Row #5 - Knit 17. Work cable panel-p 1, k 4, p 1. Knit 17. Turn.

Row #6 - Work row #2. Turn.

Row #7 - Work row #5.

Row #8 - Work row#2. Turn.

Row #9 - Work row #3 (Cable cross). **STOP!** Now you should be at the place where I took the photo above. Break off the yarn tail of the strand to the right of the cable panel. Temporarily secure the strand to any close purl bump on the back of the work.



Row# 9 cont-

Slide your work onto the cord of the needle and set up for knitting in the round, making sure that you leave at least 4 stitches to the left of the cable panel on the front needle tip.

Now continue knitting around until you reach the right side of the cable panel.



Next, place a marker on your knitting. As you can see I placed a coiless pin on the bottom edge.

Now pull the yarn to the front between the needle tips. Thread the end of this strand into a yarn needle.

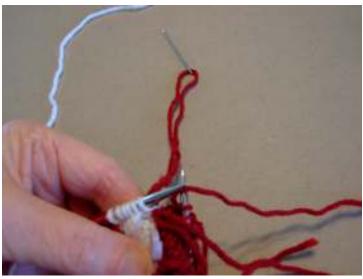


Stick the tip of the yarn needle into the loop of the adjacent stitch of the cable panel as shown.

You will notice that it has a red strand already coming out of it which swings to the right.



At left is another view of the move.



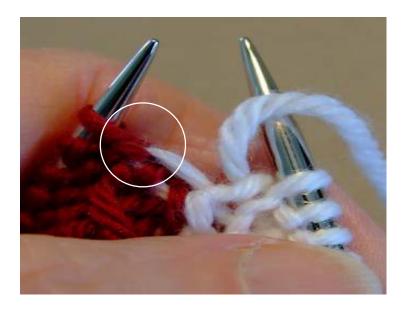
Next, pull the yarn through and to the back of your work.



Turn your work to the back and remove any slack, and begin purling back around as you start Row #10.

Purl around to the cable panel, work cable panel -k 1, p 4, k 1.

STOP!!



When you reach the end of Row #10, you will be back to where we will connect the stitches before making the turn.

As you can see in the white circle to the left, a strand of the white yarn coming out of a red loop and to the right.

We will be sticking our needle into that <u>same</u> <u>loop</u>.

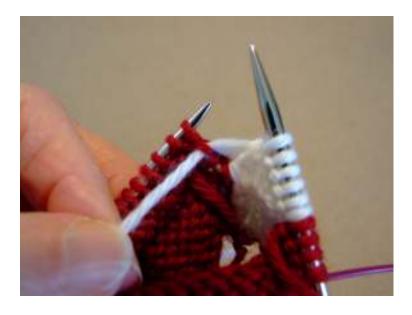


To begin the process, bring your yarn between the needle tips and to the back.

You are now going to insert your threaded strand into the same (red)loop going from right to left as shown.



At left is another view



Pull the yarn through, and adjust the tension.

Begin row #11. Working cable panel- p 1, k 4, p 1. With MC knit around to right side of cable panel.



At left is a photo of partially completed row #11.



Once the row#11 is complete, you will be back at the marker, and ready to repeat the process again.



Just as before pull the strand through to the front., Thread the end and slip it into the loop, pulling the yarn to the back of the work.

* You can also use a small crochet hook to grab the strand.



Once the yarn is in place, you will be ready to begin Row #12.

Row #12 is a repeat of row #10.

Row #13 - Repeat row #11.

Row#14 - Repeat row #10.

Row #15 - Work cable cross as before in row #3. Knit around to marker.



From here you can either bind off the stitches, run a piece of yarn through the stitches, or work some more rows for practice. It's your choice.

At left is a photo of the finished swatch, minus the bind off.



You will note that if you look at the back, the joining side loops are identical to those you did when working the original rows back and forth.

How cool it that!!!!



Here is a photo of the joined underside of the sleeve.