

Step By Step Tutorial On How To Start Knitting The Easy Continental Way

Welcome to the world of knitting, a captivating craft that combines creativity, relaxation, and endless possibilities. Whether you're an absolute novice or eager to expand your knitting skills, this comprehensive guide will introduce you to the easy continental knitting method, empowering you to create beautiful knitted masterpieces with ease.



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What is Continental Knitting?

Continental knitting, also known as the "picking" method, is a popular knitting technique that involves holding the yarn in your left hand and using a single needle in your right hand to create stitches. This method is

particularly advantageous for beginners as it allows for greater control and precision, leading to even and consistent stitches.

Getting Started

Materials You'll Need:

1. Knitting yarn (worsted weight is recommended for beginners)
2. Knitting needles (size 8 or 10 US is ideal)
3. Scissors
4. Measuring tape or ruler

Casting On

1. Make a slip knot and place it on the left-hand needle.
2. Hold the yarn in your left hand, with the free end coming from the yarn ball.
3. Insert the right-hand needle into the slip knot from back to front.
4. Hook the yarn with the right-hand needle and pull it through the loop on the left-hand needle, creating a new loop.
5. Continue repeating steps 3 and 4 to cast on as many stitches as desired for your project.

Knitting the First Row

1. Hold the needles parallel to each other, with the cast-on stitches on the left-hand needle.
2. Insert the right-hand needle into the first stitch on the left-hand needle from front to back.

3. Hook the yarn with the right-hand needle and pull it through the stitch, creating a new loop on the right-hand needle.
4. Slip the old loop off the left-hand needle.
5. Repeat steps 2 to 4 for each stitch on the row.

Knitting Subsequent Rows

1. Turn the work around so that the purl side is facing you.
2. Insert the right-hand needle into the first stitch on the left-hand needle from back to front.
3. Hook the yarn with the right-hand needle and pull it through the stitch, creating a new loop on the right-hand needle.
4. Slip the old loop off the left-hand needle.
5. Repeat steps 2 to 4 for each stitch on the row.

Tips for Beginners

- Keep your tension even to create consistent stitches.
- Don't be afraid to make mistakes - they're part of the learning process.
- Start with small projects to build confidence.
- Practice regularly to improve your skills.
- Find a knitting community or online resources for support and inspiration.

Moving Beyond the Basics

Once you've mastered the basic stitches, you can expand your knitting horizons by learning new techniques and patterns. Some popular options include:

- **Ribbing:** Creates a stretchy and textured fabric.
- **Cable knitting:** Adds intricate patterns and depth to your creations.
- **Fair Isle knitting:** Involves working with multiple colors to create stunning motifs.
- **Lace knitting:** Produces delicate and airy fabrics.
- **Intarsia knitting:** Allows you to create colorwork and patterns without changing yarns.

Embarking on the journey of knitting opens up a world of creativity and satisfaction. By following this comprehensive guide, you'll gain the foundation to start knitting with confidence and ease. Whether you choose to keep your projects simple or delve into more advanced techniques, the possibilities are endless. Immerse yourself in the calming rhythm of knitting and let your imagination take flight.

Happy knitting!



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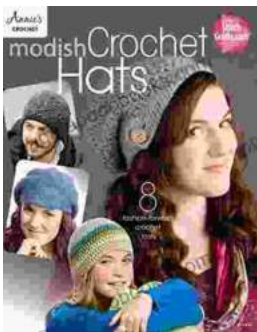
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