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Joining as you knit

In some situations, you need to join stitches to the side of a piece of knitting, for example to add a front band to a cardigan or vest.

It is necessary that selvedge stitches have been worked on the first part of your knitting.
Selvedge stitches: Slip the last stitch of each row purlwise, with the yarn in front. Knit the first stitch of each row through the back loop.

- 1.) Slip the last stitch purlwise, with the yarn in back.
- 2.) Pick up the selvedge stitch with the left needle.



- 3.) Put the slipped stitch back on the left needle.
- 4.) Knit the two stitches together.



In the wrong-side row, knit the stitch as usual.

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The seam is nice and firm and looks neat.
The following photo shows the wrong side of the work:



Alternative version

As an alternative, pick up only the front half of the selvedge stitch (in step 2):
The seam will be looser, and the wrong side looks different, as shown on the photo below:



Have much fun with your needlework!

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